



**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) 9 August 2020**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**Communion Antiphon:** O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

**Altar servers:** There are 30 pupils at the Parish School who would like to become altar servers. Already, a team of six has served at a recent school Mass. It would be wonderful if our young volunteers had the opportunity to serve at our weekend Masses – subject to their parents' cooperation, of course. Meanwhile, we really need some adult volunteers who could assist with the general organisation of the altar servers so as to enable this to happen. Ideally, two married couples could share the task. It would be appropriate for the husband(s) to be admitted as Acolytes. As with all parish voluntary tasks, the responsibilities would be subject to annual renewal, recognizing that from year to year individual and family circumstances can change. This is a great opportunity and we must respond to the enthusiasm of the children. If you are able to help, please let me know.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet at the Presbytery on Tuesday 11 August at 7.30pm. The PPC meetings always conclude no later than 9pm. Suggestions for items for the agenda are welcome.

**Our local branch of the Society of St Vincent de Paul** will also meet on Tuesday 11 August at 7.30pm at the home of the President, Maureen Robinson, at 4, Albion Street, Rozelle. Members and non-members are welcome. The main focus at the moment is adjusting the Society's welfare services and activities to the changing pandemic regulatory environment. Maureen may be contacted on 0414634206 and at [maureen.e.m.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.e.m.robinson@gmail.com)

**Pilgrimages to Balmain and Rozelle:** I would encourage some inter parish pilgrimages. After Sunday Mass at Rozelle (at the convenient hour of 10.30am – with plenty of free parking) there is always the possibility of lunch at one of the nearby hostelries – The Merton Hotel was very popular after the Genesian Theatre community presentation are fortnight ago.

Fr Richard Waddell  
*Parish Administrator*

## NOTICES

**Application of Regulations at Balmain and Rozelle generally:** It is preferable for parishioners to line up for communion coming to the altar along the outside aisles and returning by the centre aisle. This will prevent standing side by side, as we do when lining up in the centre aisle. Parishioners are also asked to keep a distance from the communicant in front of them, if possible. Please continue to receive Holy Communion only in the hand.

### **Latest Regulations regarding attendance at Mass:**

1. No more than 100 persons in a church at a time (no matter what the size of the church);
2. Baptisms, Anointing, and giving Holy Communion is regarded as no greater risk than the service of food and drinks in restaurants, which is allowed;
3. Congregational singing is still not allowed. Recent health advice has indicated that while droplets fall quickly to the ground, the aerosol emissions during singing promote too great a risk even for those adhering to the specified 1.5 m physical distancing;
4. Singers are permissible, provided they are 1.5 m from each other and 4 m from the congregation;
5. Members of the congregation should be discouraged from mingling before, during, or after the service.
6. It is no longer necessary to register for attendance at Sunday or weekday Masses in either of our churches. Parishioners are asked, however, to fill in the attendance forms at the entrances to the churches, giving their names and telephone numbers.
7. The four-square metre rule still applies.

**Music at Mass:** As you know, for the time being, we cannot have congregational singing but at 9 am and 10.30 am a cantor *only* will sing the Entrance Antiphon, The *Offertorium*, and the Communion Antiphon, plus the *Kyries*, the *Sanctus*, and the *Agnus Dei*. There will be musical interludes from the organ and other musical instruments.

**Collections at Mass:** You are invited to make your offering by putting something in each of the two boxes at the entrance to each of our churches, clearly labelled 'First Collection' and 'Second Collection' or by making your donations electronically (see below) or by visiting the Parish Office.

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** There are still envelopes awaiting collection at the entrances to our churches. If you would like to join the planned giving scheme, please be in touch with our Parish Office.

**Catholic Weekly available again in parishes:** With all churches reopened for Mass across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the hard copy edition of the Catholic Weekly is available again in parishes this weekend for \$2.00

**Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19:** To help parishioners with any questions they may have around COVID-19 and its impact on sacraments such as weddings, baptisms and funerals, you may find the FAQs page on the Archdiocese of Sydney website helpful at this time by clicking – <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>



**Fr John Therry**

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BALMAIN/ROZELLE



Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's & St Joseph's,

How quickly the years have passed. Sadly, my time at Fr John Therry School will conclude at the end of this year as I have completed my 10 years of service.

During this time I have had the benefit of working with an exceptionally talented, professional, hard working and dedicated staff.

I have enjoyed being a part of the children's learning journey. The creative and talented students here have made my role as Principal a pleasure. I have also been very fortunate to have the care and support of our wonderful parent and parish communities, including three Parish Priests, most recently Fr Richard Waddell.

It will be very difficult to leave as my connection with FJT and St Augustine's & St Joseph's dates back to 2000 when I first arrived as a classroom teacher and then as a Religious Education Co-Ordinator and now Principal.

I look forward to savouring the remaining months as I prepare for handover for the next stage in FJT's journey and thank you for all your support over the years.

Yours faithfully,

*Marco Ianni, Principal*



## **COVIDSAFE**

- We ask parishioners to register to attend Mass.
- The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.
- We comply and complete the NSW Government & Archdiocese Safety Plans for Places of Worship documented monthly as requested.
- We ask those who are unwell or at high risk due to compromised immune or respiratory system to not attend; and those that are over 70 should exercise caution.
- We ask parishioners to maintain the 1.5 social distancing rule when moving within the Church.
- We ask parishioners not to mingle when leaving Mass.
- We ask that you sanitise your hands when entering Church.
- We ask attendees to observe good hygiene practices when coughing or sneezing.
- The sign of peace is offered without any physical contact.
- Holy Communion is distributed & received on the hand only.
- There is no hand-to-hand passing of collection plates, First and Second collection stands are placed at the Church entrance.

- After every service Mass, Funeral, Wedding and Baptism, our Church is cleaned for the wellbeing of others.
- We are asking for Church monitors to comply with the COVID - 19 Places of Worship requirements to keep our Church open.
- We email our Parish bulletin weekly to keep you informed. Also available in Church for collection or download from our Parish website.
- We have asked that you limit your visits to the Parish office, we suggest you email or phone us.

### COMING EVENTS (for your diaries)

- **Contemporary Music Mass:** 6pm on Sunday 23 August 2020 at St Augustine's Church.
- **Family Masses and Brunches:** Sadly, because of new regulations, it will *not* be possible to have the Family Masses and Brunches on 10.30am on Sunday 30 August at St Augustine's and on Sunday 29 November at St Joseph's.
- **Spring Equinox Wine Festival:** Tuesday 22, Friday 25, and Saturday 26 September. This festival will be over three evenings because there will be three themes organised by our sommelier. Numbers will be limited to 30 at each tasting. Wines will be for sale and a commission from the sales directed to the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Watch this space for more details to come.
- **Our Lady in English Poetry:** On Tuesday 20 October 2020, in the Presbytery, Professor Barry Spurr, *quondam* Professor of Poetry and Poetics at Sydney University, will be introducing us to a theme in English poetry not often acknowledged but which has provided a rich vein of inspiration throughout the entire course of the history of the English language from the very beginnings until the most modern of poets – Our Blessed Lady, the Virgin Mary. There have already been expressions of interest in this event. We will begin at 6.30 p.m. and drinks and something to eat will be provided. Please notify the Parish Office if you would like to come.

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

**First Communions 2020:** The First Communion Classes will commence on 11 August and finish with a retreat day on 8 September. The children will make their First Communions at the Parish Masses over the weekend of Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September.

**First Confessions (Reconciliation):** Children in Year 2 who are baptised Catholics are eligible to be prepared for making their First Confessions at St Augustine's and St Joseph's in **October and November**. Parents are invited to apply for their children to be registered as participants in the preparation programme which includes children from Church and State Schools. Applications for registration are to be made online through the parishes' websites:

<http://staugbalmmain.org.au/first-reconciliation-first-eucharist-confirmation/>

### PARISH INTERCESSIONS

**The sick who have asked for our prayers:** John, Bruce Fernandez, Patricia Webster, Anna Pasqua, Christine Forner, Jenni McEntee, Martha Lucia Gomez, Sylvia Gallagher, Henry Shiner, Shirley Lowe, Joe Fakhri, Margo Buckingham, Karen, Charles Borg, Ann Diver, Ray and Brenda Atkinson, and Margaret Gye.

**And, of your charity, pray for the souls of the faithful departed:**

**Those whose year's mind occurs at this time:** Joyce Josephine Clark (23.07.18), Francesco Trunzo (08.08.17), Madeleine Barbagallo & Richard O'Neill (04.08.03).

**And those recently deceased:** William (Bill) Tease (20.07.20), Barbara Anne Howard (23.07.20).

**As well as for:** Joyce Josephine & Bertie Joseph Clark, André, Michel & Ginette Comolle, Mary Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan, John & Jackie Lowe, Mable & Catherine Miles, Vicky Pisani, Ron Bovey, Peter Modellino Charlie Camilleri, Martin Camilleri, Violet & Emanuel Camilleri, Winifred & David Preece, Hazel & Bernie Olson, Maria Roach, Sr Marie McMahon, Doris Falzon, Rita Agius, Kate Kenna, Antoinetta Scalone and deceased members of Manuli, Nitopi & Scalone families, Bertie Joseph & Joyce Josephine Clark, Charlie, Teresa, Rose & Lawrence Borg, Sydney, Edna & Cecilia Edmonds, Anthony & Ron Barnes, William, Irene & Gertrude Briggs, Kathleen & Maxwell Harris, Bill Gallagher, Gary Dollar, Susan Hanchard, Mollie Monan, Joyce Shiner, John Bransby.

*Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.*

### PLENARY COUNCIL – A NOTE FROM JOHN DICKIE

The *Discernment Papers* which outline matters for consideration at the forthcoming Plenary Council have now been published. They can be accessed at:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) . If you would like to be part of any further discussion about issues which have been set out in the Discernment Papers please contact Lorraine Thomy, the Parish Secretary on 9810 1157 or at [office@staugbalmmain.org.au](mailto:office@staugbalmmain.org.au). For further enquiries about available reading material, contact John Dickie at [jdickie@bigpond.com](mailto:jdickie@bigpond.com).



### What you should know about SAFEGUARDING

St Augustine's, St Joseph's and the Parish community is responsible for creating a safe and nurturing environment for *children and young people up to 18 years of age*. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, in response to the deep concern in the Church and the broader community about child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, requires all (without exception) who wish to assist in Church activities have to meet three requirements (a) **Working with children Clearance** (Police Check), (b) to sign the Archdiocese's **Code of Conduct**, and (c) to attend an **Induction Safeguarding Training Course** which is available on line or conducted at St Augustine's Parish, as and when required. These requirements apply to all who have or may have any contact with children in Church related activities i.e. all employees, clergy, religious Brothers and Sisters, Extraordinary Ministers, acolytes, readers, musicians, choir members, plate collectors and counters, welcomers, contractors, handymen, gardeners, volunteers etc. Only when all three requirements are met can a person undertake their activity in support of the Parish.

Under the national safeguarding arrangements, all Parishes are required to ensure that all Parish volunteers have met the requirements. Parishes are audited to ensure that this has occurred. At St Augustine's there are some 90 who have nominated to assist the Parish in its work throughout the Parish community, however, only 40 Parishioners have met the required 3 requirements. Future arrangements are being put in place to ensure that the

preconditions are met before a volunteer can become active in St Augustine's and St Joseph's Parishes.

David Kelaher (0458 352257) and Kathleen Curry (0410 877227) are working to contact those already on the list who have not completed all the requirements. Please contact us so that we can proceed more expeditiously to arrange to complete any missing requirement(s) you may have. If this is not completed by **30 September 2020** then those who have not completed all requirements will have to be deleted from the list or have to commence again under proposed new procedures.

### PARISH FINANCES

**Anyone who requires a tax receipt for the 19/20 Financial Year, please contact the office via email or phone.** Parishioners have continued to respond very generously to the parishes' continuing needs under the lockdown and a large number of deposits in the various accounts have been received. If you would like the banking details of the parish, please call or email the Parish Office. Many, many thanks.

### SUNDAY MASSES

**Balmain:** Vigil Mass on Saturday at 5pm; Sunday at 9am and 6pm

**Rozelle:** Sunday 10.30am

### DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK (Year II)

(Monday: *St Laurence, D & M*; Tuesday: *St Clare*; Friday: *St Maximilian Kolbe*; Saturday:

### *THE GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM*)

**Balmain:** Monday to Friday at 7.30am; Saturday at 9am (Extraordinary Form on the third Saturday of the month).

**Rozelle:** Wednesday at 7am

### EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

After the 7.30am Mass at Balmain on the First Friday of the month.

### CONFESSIONS

**Balmain:** After Saturday morning Mass and 4.15 to 4.45pm; after any other Mass; and by appointment.

**Rozelle:** Before or after any Mass.

### ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

St Augustine of Hippo's Church, Eaton Street, Balmain

St Joseph's Church, Cnr Victoria Road and Gordon Street, Rozelle

The Presbytery/Office: 3 Jane Street, Balmain NSW 2041

**Parish Office:** Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 3.30pm

**Parish Secretary:** Lorraine Thomy

**Ministry Coordinator:** Barbara Howard

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