



1st Sunday of Advent – Sunday 1 December 2019

Parishes of St Augustine & St Joseph

Advent

Bulletin

BALMAIN/ROZELLE
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Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm vigil
Sunday 9:00am 6:00pm
Monday 7:30am Communion Service
Tuesday 7:30am
Wednesday 7:30am Communion Service
Thursday 7:30am
Friday 7:30am
Reconciliation Saturday 4.30pm
Adoration 1st Friday of the month
Anointing Mass 2nd Friday of the month

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Mass Times

Sunday 10:30am
Monday 7:00am Communion Service
Tuesday 7:00am Communion Service
Wednesday 7:00am
Thursday 7:00am Communion Service
Friday 7:00am Communion Service
Saturday No mass
Adoration 1st Wednesday of the month
Anointing Mass 2nd Wednesday of the month

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REFLECTION

Wake up to the Poetry

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only God knows! We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

Advent

FIRST READING

Is 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. *The Word of the Lord*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)

2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. (R.)

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’ (R.)

4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: ‘Peace upon you!’ For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. (R.)

SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Balmain (B) & Rozelle (R) Liturgy Roster - please arrange with someone else if you cannot fulfil your rostered role

1 December	Acolyte	Altar Servers	1 st Readers	2 nd Reader	Commentator	Welcomer
B - 5pm Vigil	Stephen Parmeter		Mariela Chisari	Brendan Allen	Caroline Panousis	Karakaidos family
B - 9am	Ernesto Halili	C Halili, S Barbour	Greg Stewart	Julie-Anne Bosich	Patricia Burke	Barbour family
R - 10:30am	Lester Fernandez		Lester Fernandez	Doug Marshall	Louise Kalmus	Michael Leung
B - 6pm	Richard Kenna	A Sillato	Fay Fitzgibbon	Anthony Johnston	Katherine Micallef	Johnston family
8 December						
B - 5pm Vigil	Stephen Parmeter	G Boyle	Therese Andres	Nathalie Bouquet	Bernadette Fisk	Sutinen family
B - 9am	Ernesto Halili	Molly Cassar	Lou Auditore	Jenny Edwards	Patricia Burke	Garry Mostyn
R - 10:30am	Bryna Fitzpatrick		Ivy Skrabanich	Veronique Tormey	Robyn McCarthy	Michael Leung
B - 6pm	Richard Kenna		Aileen Challinor	Keith Longworth	John Dickie	



The First Candle, called the Prophet's Candle, which is to remind us of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah, is now lit.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world, come that we may have life in its fullness.

All: **Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the flower from the root of Jesse, the sign of salvation for all.

All: **Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.**

Priest: Lord Jesus, you were heralded by the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins.

All: **Come and let your light shine forth in our lives.**

Priest: Let us pray that we may take Christ's coming seriously.

All: **Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Son. Increase our longing for Christ our saviour and increase our strength of will for doing good, that the day of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence, where he lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit our God for ever and ever. Amen.**



We welcome into our Rozelle parish this weekend:

**Samuel Eustace Coote
Flynn Andrew Miller**

Farewell Fr Salas & welcome Fr Thomas

Fr Salas has been appointed as Parish Priest of St Christopher's, Panania and St Patrick's, Revesby Heights from 6 December 2019. Therefore, 5 December 2019 will be his last day at St Augustine/St Joseph. We wish him all the best.

We welcome Fr Thomas Alukka who has been appointed as Parish Administrator for St Augustine & St Joseph from 6 December 2019.



Balmain:

Vinnies gifts for the Christmas Tree

The Christmas Tree is at the front of the church. Please help Vinnies to brighten someone's Christmas by taking a numbered card and putting a gift-wrapped present under the tree **with the card firmly attached.**

Suggestions: personal gifts, Christmas food, or anything to make Christmas special. Gift vouchers, e.g. store vouchers such as Woolworths, K Mart etc. or movie vouchers are very welcome. If vouchers are included it would be helpful if you indicate this on the gift. Our Vinnies volunteers will deliver the gifts with a Vinnies hamper. **Gifts must be under the tree by the weekend 14/15 December.**

Rozelle: 1 December

Vinnies Christmas Envelope Appeal

Vinnies will be holding its Annual Christmas Envelope Appeal this weekend. Through your generosity Vinnies continues to give regular assistance to needy people in our area, and Christmas is a time of special hardship and need.

Balmain December 2019 - March 2020 Liturgy roster is available in the Sacristy.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St John's Balmain cordially invites you to their annual Christmas luncheon to be held on Wednesday 4th December. There will be a Eucharist service at 11am followed by lunch at 12pm. Could you please RSVP by 29th November for catering purposes.



Lights of Christmas

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral with a special Opening Night Concert featuring Friar Alessandro, the Voice from Assisi, and internationally acclaimed Australian pianist Vivian Choi. A wonderful free community event starting Thursday, 5 December with the Opening Night Concert from 7.30pm. A Sydney tradition, the Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas featuring a range of choirs.



**Sunday Rosary at
St Augustine's**

Each Sunday at 8:40am the Rosary is said before Mass. Please join us.



Reach out. Give life. Walk the Camino!

Two Catholic Mission Pilgrimages 2020. Small group led by an experienced guide. Sr Veronica Rosier 0451 387 906 www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

Recently deceased: Fr John Flynn, Angela Fenech, Myra Alvin, Andrew Swindail, William John Stevens, Jarek Talar
Anniversaries: Yesudas G Pereira, Kathleen Margaret Gocher, Sydney Edmonds, Malcolm Young, Fiona & Julian Horton, John Camilleri, Bertie Joseph Clark, Harry Honeybrook, James R Turner, Cliff Brown, Pam Hampstead
Also For: Martin Camilleri, Violet & Emanuel Camilleri, Winifred & David Preece, Hazel & Bernie Olson, Maria Roach, Sr Marie McMahan, 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
The sick: Sue Wilkins, Shirley Jesimon, Sylvia Gallagher, Henry Shiner, Shirley Lowe, Joe Fakhri, Lelia Dickson, Margo Buckingham, Karen, Charles Borg



Parish Pastoral Groups and Contacts



Calendar of Events

2019

DECEMBER

- 14 Volunteers Christmas Party
- 25 Christmas Day
- 26 Boxing Day

2020

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 26 Australia Day

MARCH

- 6 World Day of Prayer

Balmain Parish Pastoral Council:

Chairman - John Dickie
Secretary - David Kelaher

Balmain Parish Finance Committee:

Chairman - Luton White

Rozelle Parish Finance Committee:

Chairman - Lester Fernandez
Secretary - Doug Marshall

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*Balmain Liturgy

*Family Educator

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President: Maureen Robinson
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Rozelle Prayer Group

St Joseph's Church every Friday 7:30pm to 9:30pm. Come Let Us Worship

Rozelle Morning Tea

Every 3rd Sunday of the month after 10:30am Mass



Sacrament of the Sick: We are happy to bring the Sacrament to those in need. The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill or housebound. Please notify the office on 9810 1157 if you would like to arrange a home visit.



Baptisms are held on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at Balmain and 3rd Sunday of the month at Rozelle. Baptismal Preparation sessions are held every 1st Tuesday of the month and parents must attend a session to confirm the Baptismal date. Please contact the Parish office to arrange.



Marriages require a minimum of six months' notice. Attendance at a Preparation class is compulsory.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Can you help? If you are interested in joining any of the groups listed or can contribute in any way, let the office know on 9810 1157 or balrozparishes@gmail.com

NB: Those who wish to volunteer for parish activities are encouraged to obtain a Working With Children Clearance then advise the office. An application can be made <https://www.check.ccyp.nsw.gov.au/Applicant/s/Application#> A signed copy of conduct is also required.

Bereavement Support Reflections

3rd Wednesday of Every Month
10am – 1pm for family & friends who grieve & their companions 9646 6908.



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From Pope Francis:

"Like Mary, we are called to embrace that which we do not understand God is doing, and to open our hearts and minds to him, so that his will may be done."