

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
16 April 2023 (YEAR A)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the last day of the Easter Octave. A devotion has also been established on this day to the **Divine Mercy** and the message of a Polish nun, Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, which is widely celebrated.

Fr John Keeble, a former parish priest of Balmain, died on 1 April, aged 78. Fr Keeble served at Balmain between 1996 and 2001. He is remembered very fondly by many parishioners as a very kind man. His greatest material legacy is the preservation of the parish school which was under threat of closure in the late 1990s due to a very low enrolment. He steadfastly resisted its closure and we now have a flourishing parochial school with a long tradition of education in Balmain and Rozelle. We thank God for his life and ministry as a priest, commending him to God's everlasting love and mercy.

The Bible Study Group will resume this **Monday 17 April** at 7 pm in the Presbytery: Romans 8; 1-17. Convened by Angela Finnigan: 0414 684 447.

Balmain Pastoral Council will meet on **Tuesday 9 May** at 8 pm. The planned April meeting has become impracticable.

The Dante Group, convened by Stephen Briggs, will meet during Eastertide. More details soon.

Fr Richard Waddell
Administrator

FR JOHN KEEBLE

Late of St Catherine's Aged Care in Bathurst, and formerly of Sydney Archdiocese Parishes and Parkes Parish, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 1, 2023, aged 78 years. Dearly loved brother and brother-in-law of Margaret & Eris, twin brother of Michael and brother of Colleen. Loved uncle of John & Lynette, Stephen & Juliana and Jacinta and great uncle of their families. Loved and appreciated by all those he served in his priestly ministry. The Cortege is appointed to leave the Holy Family Catholic Church, Parkes, after a Requiem Mass commencing at 10.00am on Monday April 17, 2023, for interment in the Catholic Portion of the Parkes Cemetery. (Notice which appeared in the *Sydney Morning Herald* 12 April 2023)

St Joseph's Readers: One more reader is needed for Sunday Masses at St Joseph's. Email Peter Tangney at ptangney@hotmail.com.

Children's Liturgy will be offered at every Sunday 9am Mass. Parents are welcome to drop their lower primary and preschool aged children to

the hall before the start of Mass. The children will pray, listen to the readings, learn about them and do suitable craft activities. We have a small group of teacher volunteers but will need more volunteers as we move forward. If you are interested please email Angela balrozparishes@gmail.com

Altar Serving: If your child has received their **First Communion** and is interested in altar serving at Mass please email balrozparishes@gmail.com. Training for children at FJT has commenced. Children attending Public Schools should contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Weekly – 16 April 2023

- Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP: From death to life
- The Easter things we love
- David's Place celebrate the Easter Triduum
- Berlin's 'wild' Catholics
- Editorial: Catholicism's tenacity
- Pope Francis: Break with sin!

WEEKEND MASSES

Balmain: Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 9 am and 5 pm. **Rozelle:** Sunday 10.30 am

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Monday 9.15 am, Tuesday 7.30 am and 9.15 am, Wednesday 9.15 am, Thursday 7.30 am and 9.15 am, Friday 7.30 am, Saturday 9.15 am. **Rozelle:** 7.30 am Wednesday.

CONFESSIONS

Before or after any Mass and by appointment

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After Mass until 8.30 am every Friday at St Augustine's.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

We do not take up collections at any of our Masses in Balmain or Rozelle. Rather, at the entrance of each of the churches, there are boxes in which gifts may be deposited. Many parishioners made their offerings via periodic bank transfers. There are credit card facilities at Balmain but the expensive system recommended by the Archdiocese has proved unreliable and is not worth repairing. Another system recommended by the Archdiocese will be installed in the near future and will be paid for by the Archdiocese. If you want to know why we have two collections, the First and the Second, there are pamphlets explaining this mystery available at the entrance to each church.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

With those more recently added to our sick list: Norma Robinson, Allan Thom, Bill Warner, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Allan Lee, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Pauline Yates, Terri Leonard, Phil Bawden, Keith Forbes, Moira Forster, Lois Blakemore, Paul Clark, Valerie Tattersall.

For the faithful departed – those recently deceased: Valerie Staggs (19.02.23), Nanette Palmer (27.03.23), John Keeble, Priest (01.04.23), John Reid.

For the faithful departed – year's minds: Margaret Keleher (16.03.22).

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

Parish Office (at the Balmain Presbytery): Tuesday to Friday 9 am to 3 pm

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