

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,  
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
24 December 2023 (YEAR B)  
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

**Last Monday**, parishioners put on a tremendous party to celebrate my **70<sup>th</sup> birthday**. I suspected that something was going on but I did not expect the wonderful occasion which took place, arranged by Angela Mills and Lorraine Thomy, co-opting the assistance of my sister Sarah Waddell, and aided by an army of willing workers. It was a memorable occasion and I am very grateful to all of you who organised it, who were able to come, and who contributed towards a joint gift or gave individual gifts. I will be offering my thanks personally when the rush of Christmas is over. For now, a big thank you to you all.

Tomorrow, **Christmas Day** begins with the 5 pm Mass at Balmain. The choral Mass at 9 pm will be at Rozelle. On Christmas Day itself, 9 am at Balmain and 10.30 am at Rozelle and no evening Mass.

The **5 pm Sunday Mass at Balmain is cancelled** for the whole of January.

Please note that **weekday Mass times are highly variable** from week to week – check the schedule below. During January, I will be away for one full week and parts of other weeks, when there will not be any Mass. For the most part, Mass will be at Balmain at 9.15 am.

There will be **no Children's Liturgy** of the Word between 24 December - 28 January.

The **Parish Office** will be closed from Wednesday 27 December 2023 until Thursday 1 February 2024.

The **Bible Study** group has ended for the year and will resume on Wednesday January 3, 2024.

Fr Richard Waddell  
**Administrator**

**Workers who have not completed Safeguarding Refresher Training** - Workers who completed Safeguarding Induction Training a minimum of three years ago are required to complete Refresher Training. Workers can register to complete the Online Safeguarding Refresher Training via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9>

**Catholic Weekly – 24 December 2023**

- Christmas 2023. 800 Years of the Nativity scene (p13-16)
- Big hearts, big tree: Christmas with the Abdallahs (p5)
- Archbishop Fisher: Jesus brings light to world in conflict (p3)
- New deacons a gift to Sydney church (p2)
- Christmas at the Cathedral dazzles (p9)
- Celebrating our HSC superstars (p12)

**Mass Intentions this Sunday**

**Sat 5 pm** Peace in the Middle East **Sun 9 am** *Pro populo* **10.30 am** Families in need **5 pm** The work of St Vincent de Paul at this time **9 pm** *Pro populo*

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK**

**Balmain:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday at 9.15 am, Saturday 8.00 am.

**Rozelle:** No Mass during January

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

8.30 to 9 am Saturdays

**CONFESSIONS**

During Saturday Exposition, before or after any Mass, or by appointment.

**Christmas Mass Times**

**BALMAIN**

**Sunday 24 December**

9am Mass

5pm Mass (with Carols)

**Monday 25 December – Christmas Day**

9am Mass

*There will be NO evening Mass on Christmas Day*

**ROZELLE**

**Sunday 24 December**

10:30am Mass

9pm Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve

**Monday 25 December – Christmas Day**

10:30am Mass

*There will be NO evening Mass on Christmas Day*

**PARISH INTERCESSIONS**

**For the sick:** Paul Joseph Clark, Bernard Shane, Shirley Lowe, Paul Joseph Clark, Lucy Tyler, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Terri Leonard, Phil Bawden, Keith Forbes, Moira Forster, Pamela Cipriano, Sharron Ibbotson.

**For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Valerie Tattersall (18.11.23), Allan Thom (23.11.23), Allan Lee (05.12.23). Tony Grace (07.12.23), Br Christian Moe, FSC.

**For the faithful departed – year's minds:** Manuel Muscat (02.01.22), Yesudas Gi Pereira (10.11.17), Brian Thomas Gregory Muir (30.11.17), John Morris (04.12.17), Elizabeth Aranibar Ayala (17.12.14).

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

**ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS**

**Clergy:** Revd Richard Waddell, JCL; Revd Victor Pringle.

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

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