

NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
10 March 2024 (YEAR B)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners,

Today, **James Doig** is playing and singing for us at our Sunday morning Masses.

To simply matters, we will be taking up only **one collection** in our churches from this weekend on. The collections will be divided evenly between the support of the diocesan clergy (first collection) and the support of the parishes (second collection).

Most parishes have **counters** but for some time this task has been carried out by Lorraine, our Parish Secretary, taking her away from other tasks more suited to her role. Stephen Parmeter has undertaken this task but he would appreciate some helpers. If sufficient people come forward, the demands will not be too onerous over, say, a monthly roster. Please contact Lorraine if you are able to help.

Parishioners will have noticed that the front garden of the Presbytery has been landscaped. A parishioner, **Grégoire Bertaud** has very kindly offered to convene a **Gardens Committee**. It is hoped that a sufficient number of parishioners would be able to help maintain the two Balmain Presbytery gardens, the front one as an ornamental garden and the courtyard as an area for outdoor gatherings. Already some other parishioners have expressed an interest in this. Please contact Lorraine for further details. Meanwhile, the front lawn in particular needs moving as it gets established. Is there anyone who could help with this?

The **office** will be closed on Thursday 14 March due to NBN work.

Coinciding with the 750th Anniversary of the death of **St Thomas Aquinas**, there will be a talk on Tuesday 12 March by Fr Timothy Radcliffe, the former Master of the Dominicans at the Cathedral Chapter House (in St Mary's Road) 6 for 6.30 pm. There will be a **Lenten Group** on Fridays at 7pm, concluding on Friday March 22nd. The Lenten program will consist of a reflection on each Sunday's Gospel, guided meditations, discussion and prayer and typically last for one hour. Please call Angela Finnigan 0414684447 for further details.

Bible Study on Wednesdays in the Presbytery at 7pm. The group is about to begin studying the Acts of the Apostles and taking direction from the early Church Fathers, particularly John Chrysostom and Augustine. Enquires: Angela Finnigan 0414684447.

Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available for collection at the entrances to both churches or visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

Reconciliation Sacrament for children will be celebrated on March 11-13.

Parish Play Group: Starting soon we will be launching a playgroup in our church hall for our very little ones (0-5 years). Thank you to those parishioners who have donated toys and books.

Our next **women's group** event will be a trip to the Mary MacKillop Place Museum and Cafe on Sunday 10 March at 10.30am - 1pm. If you would like to join us, please email balrozparishes@gmail.com and include if you will need a lift. Flyer attached.

Catholic Weekly - 10 March 2024

- Hollywood A-lister Mark Wahlberg spotted at St Mary's Cathedral
- Cumberland Council bans drag queen story time
- Melkite youth lead Lenten fundraiser for war-torn families
- Conscientious objection played down in ACT dying law report
- Gender report shows Catholic workplaces nurture women
- Philippa Martyr: Let chastity bring you inner peace

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: "Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes is the Police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or safeguardinginquiries@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."



Some 225 people in Sydney sleep rough every night, and [Cana Communities](https://cana.org.au) operates homeless shelters in Sydney, with St Francis Shelter the latest to open its doors in Redfern. Run entirely by volunteers, Cana needs volunteers for Tuesday (women's only night) and Friday shifts (6pm-9:30pm or 9:30pm-7:30am) to welcome and assist guests and prepare meals. All volunteers will receive training. The impact on guests at these shelters cannot be overestimated, considering the alternatives. Be part of a caring community passionate about helping others and making a change. Find out more about becoming a volunteer by emailing david.ballhausen@cana.org.au.

WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 7.30 am and Saturday 8 am

Rozelle: Wednesday 7.30 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8.30 to 9 am Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For the sick: Victoria Vildzius, Paul Joseph Clark, Bernard Shane, Shirley Lowe, Paul Joseph Clark, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Terri Leonard, Phil Bawden, Keith Forbes, Moira Forrest, Pamela Cipriano, Sharron Ibbotson, Josephine Gayed, Bernard Hickey, and Brian Gallagher. **For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Brian Blakemore (25.01.25), Vicky Muscat (10.02.24) and Marion Walshe (20.02.24). **For the faithful departed – year's minds:** Mancia Cadiz McIlvenna (22.02.17), Charles McIlvenna (17.02), Ciaran Tynan (17.02), Francis McCaffrey (21.02), Pam Jacob, Valerie Staggs (19.02.23) and Veronica Jardine (27.02).

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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