

**NEWSLETTER OF THE PARISHES OF BALMAIN & ROZELLE,
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
12 May 2024 (YEAR B)
FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Mother's Day. Today, each one of us gives thanks and prays for his or her mother, whether in this life or the next. We reflect upon the unique task and vocation of motherhood, and we ask for the vision and the strength to make each family and home an experience and a place where we give generously and receive gratefully the love which is integral to human flourishing and which is, essentially, a participation in the universal and all-pervasive love of God.

Charitable Works Fund May 2024 Appeal envelopes are still available if you would like to donate. Please keep alive the vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place. Donate at www.ourfaithhourworks/give-to-cwf or complete the parish envelope.

Bible Study on Wednesdays, all are welcome in the Presbytery at 7pm. The group is studying the Acts of the Apostles and no prior knowledge is needed. We are taking direction from the early Church Fathers, particularly St John Chrysostom and St Augustine. Angela Finnigan 0414684447.

Playgroup is held each Wednesday during school term in the church hall at 9.30am. There will be **classes for aspiring altar servers** on **Sundays 19 and 26 May at 4 pm** at the Balmain Church. Please contact Angela Mills if you are interested.

Starting this week, the Parish Office will only open on Wednesdays to Fridays. This is to enable some accounting and administrative work to be done off site and will mean that the staff will be more available to respond to calls and visits on the days when the Office is open. This rescheduling of Office hours is *ad experimentum*.

Fr Richard Waddell

Administrator

Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on **18 August** at 12.30pm. If your child is in Year 6 or above and would like to enrol please contact Angela Mills balrozparishes@gmail.com or see details on the parish website.

Our next **Women's Group** will take place on 25 May. We will watch the movie 'The Way, My Way' at the Norton St Palace Cinemas. The movie is based on the bestselling Camino memoir of the same name. Angela Finnigan will also share with the group her experience of 'pilgrimage'. More details to follow but if you are interested, please email Angela_balrozparishe@gmail.com

Catholic Weekly - 12 May 2024

- Mother's Day special liftout
- Procession season sweeps Sydney
- Activist hurls abuse at Archbishop
- Artist draws on his faith for inspiration
- Prayer with Mother Hilda Scott OSB
- Couples rediscover their marriage mojo

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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.

USUAL WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES THIS COMING WEEK

Balmain: Monday at 9.15 am, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7.30 am, and Saturday at 8 am

Rozelle: Wednesday at 7.30 am.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8.30 to 9 am Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 8.30 to 9 am or before or after a Mass or by appointment.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

For the sick: Victoria Vildzius, Paul Joseph Clark, Bernard Shane, Shirley Lowe, Michael Fitzpatrick, Bryan Fitzpatrick, Laura Quintili, Silvana Cocilova, Elio Cacciotti, Terri Leonard, Phil Bawden, Moira Forrest, Pamela Cipriano, Sharron Ibbotson, Josephine Gayed, Bernard Hickey, Brian Gallagher, Stephanie Zehnal, Jennifer Heywood, Antony Faisandier, and Precy Centeno. **For the faithful departed – those recently deceased:** Vicky Muscat (10.02.24) and Marion Walshe (20.02.24). **For the faithful departed – year's minds:** Marcia Cadiz McIlvenna (22.02.17), Charles McIlvenna (17.02), Ciaran Tynan (17.02), Francis McCaffrey (21.02), Mary McIlvenna, Wayne McIlvenna, Valerie Staggs (19.02.23), Veronica Jardine (27.02), Katherine Kenna, Ramon Burke, and Elizabeth Aranibar Ayala (30.04). *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.*

ST AUGUSTINE'S & ST JOSEPH'S DETAILS

Clergy: Rev. Richard Waddell, JCL, Administrator; Rev. Victor Pringle, Assisting Priest.

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

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