

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B): 27/28 April 2024

Our Parish acknowledges this land's traditional owners & custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present, & emerging.

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank
 Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280; Out-of-hours: 0448 220 685
 Leadership Team: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan)

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
 Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Wed/Thurs 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409
 ✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth
 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015
 ☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
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Collections from last week

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| Presbytery | \$NA | Parish: | \$NA |
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Mid-Week Mass at Ballan: As Fr Matt is away this week there will be no mid-day mass. Instead, the prayer service will be held this Thursday at 10.30 am.

Ballan Mass Times: From the beginning of April, Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am at Ballan **every Sunday**.

Parish Confirmation Program – Update:

Welcome to the children and families at Masses in Gordon and Ballan, enrolling in the Confirmation preparation this

weekend. Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday at 10.30am Mass in Ballan, May 19th.

Safeguarding Matters: The Professional Standards Office is organising a (revised and updated) Safetrac online course. All volunteers are required to have a valid working with children card and to complete training programs as advised by the Diocese. Professional Standards have asked for the email addresses of all volunteers required to do the Safetrac course. An email from the diocese will be sent to volunteers with your username and password. If you have any questions or concerns, call Aileen at the parish office (currently located at the Bungaree parish office, Bungaree Presbytery (5334 0450).

We are child safe Parishes, committed to safeguarding children, young people & vulnerable adults.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree
 Parish Administrator: Fr Sajan Mathew ~ ☎ 5334 0450 ~ C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352
 Leadership Team: Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown) Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill). Ex-Officio Member: Clare Scanlon
 Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey. Parish Office (Tues 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409
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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Clare Scanlon ☎ 5334 5280

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Presbytery last fortnight, Parish last month

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| Presbytery: | \$ NA | Parish: | \$NA |
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Welcome, Fr Justin and Fr Matt:

The parishioners of the Parish of Bungaree extend their very best wishes to Fr Justin and Fr Matt, on their appointment as parish priest, and assistant priest to the parish; and their new duties forming the Ministry District Parishes of Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon.

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Do you wish to receive the Combined Newsletter by email every week? If so, ring the Parish Office on 5334 0450 and leave your contact details.

| MASS DATES & TIMES | READER/INTERCESSION | OFFERTORY |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 27/28 April 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn 3: 18-24 | |
| Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm | Pat Prendergast | Helen Mahar |
| Gordon – 9 am | To be Advised | |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Jayme Naeff | Mark and Sue Conlan |
| 4/5 May 2024 | Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10 | |
| Dunnstown – 6.30 pm | Liz Hanrahan | |
| Gordon – 9 am | To be Advised | |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Julie Dargan/Jim Leahy | Rosemary & Michael Canavan |
| 11/12 May 2024 | Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23 | |
| Springbank – 6.30 pm | To be Advised | |
| Bungaree – 8.45 am | To be Advised | |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Winnie Zammit | Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan |

| LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES | | | | | |
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| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
| Saturday 6.30pm | Dunnstown | Springbank | Dunnstown | Clarkes Hill | Springbank |
| Sunday 8.45am, 9am* | Gordon* | Bungaree | Gordon* | Gordon* | Bungaree |
| Sunday 10.30am | Ballan | Ballan | Ballan | Ballan | Ballan |
| Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday Masses ~ Buninyong 9am; Ballarat East 10.30 am (1st & 3rd & 5th Sunday) Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday Masses ~ Ballarat East 9am; Buninyong 10.30 am (2nd & 4th Sunday) | | | | | |

Recent Deaths: John McRory (former Parish Priest of Gordon, 1974), funeral Mass at St Patrick's Gordon on Monday April 29th at 2.00pm. John will then be buried in the Gordon cemetery with his wife Anne, who died in 2016.

Anniversaries: Brenda Jones, Len Maher, Kath O'Keefe, Frank Calleja, Kathleen (Kath) Toohey, Johanna Corbett, Jessie Baynes, Giuseppe Spataro, Sheila Patmore, Kath Maloney, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Micallef and Reginald (Reg) Haintz.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, John Healy, Elaine Conlan, Karem Chiparra, Evelyn Farrugia and Pat Burvill.

Pope's intention for April – for the role of women: *Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world. Lord, hear us.*

Acknowledging 150 Years of the Diocese of Ballarat

Community, Remember, Revitalise, Hope

Across the Diocese this weekend, parishes will acknowledge 150 years since the Diocese of Ballarat (and Sandhurst) were created on March 30th 1874. In 1844 the first Mass had been celebrated in Port Fairy, the first in what would become the Diocese of Ballarat. Archbishop Polding (Sydney) visited Portland in November 1844.

In 1848, James Alipius Goold was appointed Bishop of Melbourne – the Diocese had two churches, Melbourne and Geelong and a Chapel at Portland. In October 1851 the first Mass in the Ballarat district was celebrated by Fr Patrick Dunne at Brown Hill in a borrowed tent. In 1872 the Sisters of Mercy made a foundation in Warrnambool.

In March 1874 when the Diocese of Ballarat was created, Michael O'Connor, a Parish Priest in Rathfarnham (Dublin) was appointed the First Bishop. With the creation of the Diocese, the following 11 parishes, established as parishes of Melbourne, were transferred to the Ballarat Diocese: Portland (est. 1847), Port Fairy (est. 1849), Warrnambool (est. 1853), Colac (est. 1853), Ballarat St Alipius (est. 1852), Hamilton (est. 1856), Ararat (est. 1858), Maryborough (originally Carisbrook est. 1859), Creswick (est. 1861), Inglewood (est. 1865), Mortlake (est. 1869).

Since 1874, many churches, parishes and schools were opened and many religious orders arrived. Across our Ministry District this included the arrival of the Sisters of Mercy to Ballarat East (from Warrnambool) in 1881, the creation of the Parish of Bungaree in 1890 and the arrival of the Diocesan Sisters of St Joseph to Bungaree in 1891. In 1980, the Parish of Gordon with the communities of Ballan, Mt Egerton and Springbank) was transferred from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to Ballarat. The foundation stone for St Patrick's Church Gordon was blessed by Bishop Goold on March 23rd 1872, with Gordon becoming a parish in December 1875.

Catholic Schools have been a feature of the Church in Australia with 2nd Catholic school in Victoria opened in Portland in May 1849. The early Catholic schools were all staffed by lay people. St Alipius Primary School first opened its doors to the children of the Ballarat East goldfields on April 1st 1853 – the 13th non-government school formally registered in the state of Victoria. There had also been a Catholic school at Buninyong in the early 1850's. St Agnes School at Ballan opened in 1858 until 1863 when it was destroyed by fire. At Springbank (Ormond) a Catholic school was built in 1865.

150 years since the creation of the Diocese of Ballarat, from the Murray to the Sea, we acknowledge the strengths and weaknesses of our history.

