

Faith communities of Ballan, Ballarat East, Bungaree, Buninyong, Clarkes Hill, Dunnstown, Gordon and Springbank

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Ministry District Newsletter

We acknowledge this land's traditional owners and custodians and pay our respects to their elders, past, present, and emerging.

Our parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults

Child Safety Officers: Ballarat East Parish – Emily Clarke; Bungaree & Gordon Parishes – Aileen Toohey

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr C) - 6 July 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 8 th July	9.30 am	St. Alipius Ballarat East
Wednesday 9 th July	11.00 am	Mercy Place
Thursday 10 th July	10.30 am	Ballan
Friday 11 th July	9.30 am	St Alipius Ballarat East
Saturday 12 th July	9.30 am	St Alipius Ballarat East

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday 12 th July		Sunday 13 th July	
5.00 pm (new time)	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Buninyong Bungaree
6.30 pm	Springbank	10.30 am	Ballan Ballarat East

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

John Moore, Joe Phyland

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Tom Blood, Lucy Fitzpatrick, John Galea, James Hopkins, Ken Ludbrook, Jack Maher, Paul Nihill, Hector Papworth, Ronnie Rix, Loretta Ryan, Isabella Senserrick, Mary Walsh

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL

Elaine Conlan, Evelyn Farrugia, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Michelle Hall, (baby) Mia Hanrahan, John Healy, Sarah McLachlan, Thelma Keating, Carole Simmons, Troy Watson (Steenhuis family), Owen Widdison.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Ballarat East Parish: Rose Consignado, Judith Glaubitz, Martin McGettigan, Dianne McKeegan, Claire Stewart.

Bungaree Parish: Damian Ryan (Chair), Chris Frawley Barry Sheehan, Dianne Reynolds, Dom Prendergast, Maurice Mahar, Marty Forbes.

Gordon Parish: Mark Conlan (Chair), Sue Daly, Brendan Maher, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Jim Leahy.

FR SHAIJU'S ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Shaiju will be away for the coming weeks, returning home to India to spend time with family and the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle (MST). We pray that he has safe travels and returns renewed. We will welcome Fr Eugene McKinnon to our parishes while Fr Shaiju is away.

A DAY OF REFLECTION “EXAMEN-ING LIFE”

Come and look back at your life with God, to savour and heal it, and look forward with hope to what God has in store for you, using the Examen. A reflective prayer popularised by St Ignatius of Loyola, it invites us to find God in the people and events of our lives.

To be led by Dr Susie Hii, a geriatrician and spiritual director, a member of Christian Life Community and the World Community for Christian Meditation. Saturday, July 19th, 9:30 am – 4 pm Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Buninyong. Morning tea, and soup with rolls for lunch will be provided. Cost: \$25 or what you are able to afford. Respond to: mary_wade@bigpond.com | 0408 468 583. (RSVP latest 12/7/25)

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY, JULY 6TH

“Sent Forth in Strength and Hope.” Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia’s First Peoples in the Catholic Church.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL– MELBOURNE 2025



**Funding available to interested participants

ACYF will take place in Melbourne from Sunday, November 30 to Tuesday, December 2, 2025. This national event brings together young Catholics (Year 9–25 years) for three days of faith, fun, and community. It includes prayer, Mass, talks, concerts, workshops, games, and more. Bishop Paul will be attending. If you’re interested in going, contact your school or local parish office. Learn more at: ballarat.catholic.org.au or scan the QR code.

PRAYING WITH POPE LEO

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer

Prayer for July – For formation in discernment: *that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.*

BAPTISM

Layla Jane Cant

Child of Ashley and Alanah

Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life

PARISHES JOINING TOGETHER

After consulting the priests and parishioners of the parishes involved, as well as the Council of Priests of the Diocese of Ballarat, Bishop Paul has issued decrees that a number of parishes will be joined together. This will take effect from July 1st, 2025.

The Parishes of Ballarat North, Beaufort and the Cathedral will become Ballarat Cathedral Parish.

The Parishes of Linton (Skipton and Snake Valley), Redan and Sebastopol will become Holy Trinity Parish, Southwest Ballarat.

The Parishes of Ouyen, Robinvale and Sunraysia will become St Anne and Joachim Parish, Sunraysia (Irymple, Manangatang, Merbein, Mildura, Red Cliffs and Robinvale).

NAIDOC WEEK: JULY 6-13, 2025

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

This Week’s Scripture Readings -5/6 July 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa 66:10-14, Gal 6:14-18; Gospel: Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

Readers & Offertory

Dunnstown: Dorothy Sheehan

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Bert Jarvis

Offertory: Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue

Next Week’s Scripture Readings -12/13 July 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 30:10-14, Col 1:15-20 Gospel: Lk 10:25-37

Readers & Offertory

Springbank: To Be Advised

Bungaree: To be Advised

Ballan: Lesley Morffew

Offertory: Mark and Sue Conlan