

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A): 18/19 March 2023

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

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank
Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280
Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Brendan Maher, Nola Kersley, Mark Conlan
Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 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 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last week

Presbytery: \$587.40	Parish: \$777.00
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Dismissal Mass 19th March at Ballan: Due to the Ballan Autumn Festival, there is a change of venue and time for this Sunday's Dismissal Mass. It will now be held at St Brigid's Ballan at **8.45 am** (not Gordon).

Ballan Mass: Fr Justin will celebrate mass at St Brigid's this Thursday, March 23rd at 10.30 am. The Lenten Biblical formation with Rosemary Canavan will be held after mass. All are welcome.

Anointing Mass: An anointing mass will be held on Thursday, 30 March at **10 am** at St Brigid's Church.

Request for Assistance: During mass on Sunday 5th March, a member of our Planned Giving Program donated \$50 to the parish. However, no identification /reference number was written on the Planned Giving envelope. If this was you, please contact Aileen at the Parish Office, so that your contribution can be recorded correctly.

Change of mass times – 19th March: Due to the Ballan Autumn Festival this Sunday, mass at St Brigid's will be held at 8.45 am. Inglis and Steglitz St will be closed from 9 am to 5pm. Mass at St Patrick's will be held at 10.30 am.

Our Parishes
acknowledge this land's
traditional owners and
custodians and pay our
respects to Elders past,
present, and emerging.

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
Parish Leadership Team: Damien Ryan, Barry Sheehan, Dianne Reynolds, Dom Prendergast,
Marty Forbes, Chris Frawley & Inez French.
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409
✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$NA	Parish: \$NA
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School Enrolments: Enrolments are now open at St. Brendan's, Dunnstown and St. Mary's, Clarkes Hill. Please contact the schools for a personalised tour. All welcome!

Bungaree Sacramental Program: Reconciliation is offered for Year 2 children and older and children from Year 3 upwards are invited to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Acceptance of children to the 2023 Sacramental program is now closing. Please ring or email St. Mary's, Clarkes Hill and leave your phone

number, child's name, age and let us know which sacrament/s they will be preparing for and receiving this year. Ph 53345280 or email-
principal@smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

Diocesan e-News: The diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese. Go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> The Pastoral Office invites parishioners to forward ideas for articles, photographs or stories related to Bungaree parish events (historical and current).

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
18/19 March 2023	4th Sunday of Lent 1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5: 8-14		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 8.45 am*	Bert Jarvis	Brigit Sims Family	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 10.30 am*	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
25/26 March 2023	5th Sunday of Lent Ezek 37: 12-14; Rom 8: 8-11		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Dom Prendergast		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 6.30 pm (new time)	Julie Dargan	Tony & Edith Paarhammer	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		
1/2 April 2023	Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord Isa 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Eskdale Family	Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks Hill / Ballan	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan		Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 6.30pm - 1st Sunday ~ Daylesford 6.30pm - 3rd Sunday Sunday Masses ~ Creswick 9am - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday; Daylesford 10.30 am - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday					



Anniversaries: Roy Britt, Andrew Barbara, Peter De Spirt, Harry Wise, Joseph Micallef, Mary Winter, Joseph and Antonia Spiteri, Renee Barbara, Helen Kuczynski, Brian D'Arcy, Jack Ford, Joseph Cini, Doreen Torpy, Mona Nihill, Des Frichot, Joan Shanahan.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson and John Healy.

Baptisms: We pray for Tyson Joshua Harbour, son of Daniel and Jacqueline, and Leo Patrick McKew, son of Ryan and Catherine, who will be baptised at St Patrick's Church, Gordon this Sunday, and welcome them into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Praying with Pope Francis: 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. **Pope's intention for March** - For victims of abuse: *We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church. May they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.*

Lenten Biblical formation with Rosemary Canavan: Thursdays after 10.30am Mass in Ballan on 23rd and 30th March. Participants will have the opportunity to explore with Rosemary for the Gospel used at Masses on the following Sunday. All are welcome.

Mass of the Oils 2023: Monday, April 3 at 6.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Supper will follow in the Hall.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2023: Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 3, 2023. Practice times are Sunday, March 19, Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Project Compassion Third Sunday of Lent – March 18-19, 2023: Every week during Lent, Project Compassion shares with us the experiences of those they have assisted.



Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia, supports young women in the community with practical support like housing and helps mentor the next generation of young people. The work of Baabayn involves initiatives such as a Homework Club, a Young Mums and Bubs program and a youth group. They also provide advocacy, counselling services and links to government departments. With your support, the work of Baabayn can continue to work with young mothers at Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation and help them keep their culture strong for future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. Donation boxes and envelopes available from all churches, call 1800 024 413 or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>

Vinnies (Victoria) Back to School Appeal: More than 1 million Victorian students headed back to – or started – school this year. For a rising number of their families, it's getting harder to find the funds to ensure that their children have everything they need in order to learn and grow. Vinnies Education (Back-to-School) Appeal is needed now more than ever. Go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/back-to-school-appeal-vic-2023>



Pastoral Care Workers (Volunteers): Grampians Health Ballarat is seeking expressions of interest for Pastoral Care Workers (volunteers) to provide regular pastoral care support to patients and visitors of all faiths and beliefs. If you are willing to commit to 2.5 hours per week, and provide a listening ear, then Grampians Health Ballarat would like to hear from you. Contact Paul Ryan on 5320 8634 or email Paul at paul.ryan@bhs.org.au

Türkiye-Syria Earthquake Disaster: A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Türkiye and Syria. Over 50,000 people have been killed, with many more injured and left homeless. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Türkiye and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.