

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 11/12 February 2023



## 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

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

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Parish Schools

**St. Brigid's Primary School**

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:

☎ 5368 1015

[www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)

**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last week

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$408.99	<b>Parish:</b> \$411.00
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**Christmas Dues:** \$50.00

**Welcome to Fr Kevin Maloney** as he celebrates the 6.30pm Vigil Mass at Springbank this weekend.

**Ballan Mass:** No Mass this Thursday. Instead, the regular Prayer Service will proceed on 16 February at 10.30 am.

### Ash Wednesday Masses – February 22:

9.15am St Brigid's Ballan

10.30am St Patrick's Gordon

6.30pm St Michael's Springbank

### Lenten Biblical formation with Rosemary Canavan

Thursdays after 10.30am Mass in Ballan on March 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Participants will have the opportunity to explore with Rosemary for the Gospel used at Masses on the following Sunday. All are welcome.

**News from the Parish Primary Schools:** Both schools have welcomed new students and staff with 97 students enrolled at St Brigid's and 75 enrolled at St Patrick's. The opening school Mass was celebrated at Ballan on Friday with the Gordon opening Mass to be celebrated on Tuesday February 28th at 10.00am.



## 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** Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

### Collections last fortnight:

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$786.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$NA
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### Ash Wednesday Mass – February 22:

Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's Church Bungaree on Wednesday at 11 am (not at 9.30 am).

**School Mass – February 22:** St Mary's Primary School and St Brendan's Primary School will celebrate the Beginning of the Year School Mass at St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown on Ash Wednesday at 9.15 am.

**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 or attend our opening mornings.

St. Brendan's Primary School-Monday the 27th of February from 9am- 1pm

St. Mary's Primary School-Thursday the 2nd of March from 9 am - 1pm.

All are welcome!

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>11/12 February 2023</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10</b>	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan	Rosemary & Michael Canavan	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>18/19 February 2023</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Lev 19:1-2; 1 Cor 3: 16-23</b>	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jane Bosworth	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	
<b>25/26 February 2023</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>Gen 2:7-9, 3: 1-7; Rom 5:12, 17-19</b>	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Julie Moran		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Ballan – 6.30 pm (new time)	Margaret Green	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month

**LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes 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					



**Recent Deaths:** Doreen Blood, Jock Hayes

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Ryan, Patricia (Trish) Ford, Kevin Johnson, James Baynes, Eileen Haintz, Thomas Mullane, Reg Hayes, John Trounce, John Ronan, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Bretherton, Frank Leonard, Patrick Mahar.

**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.

**Praying with Pope Francis:** Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). **Pope's intention for February** - For parishes: *We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.*

**World Day of the Sick-February 11:** The Catholic Church's World Day of the Sick is held on February 11, the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes, and is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and care both in healthcare institutions and within families and communities. Pope Francis' message to mark the World Day of the Sick can be accessed at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-of-the-sick-february-11-2023/> Limited copies of the Pope's Message are available.

**2023 Columban Art Calendar:** This year's Columban Calendar is available for pickup from all churches. Extra calendars are available for parishioners who would like a calendar but did not place an order. Cost \$10.00 per calendar. Special thanks to Michael Ryan who facilitated our order for this year. All donations will be forwarded to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**Birthday Greetings:** Congratulations to Johnny Fitzgerald who turns 90 this week. We wish him a wonderful birthday celebration with family and friends. May it be a day filled with happiness and joy.

**Project Compassion:** During this Lenten Season we are inviting volunteers to act as Caritas Ambassadors/representatives to manage Project Compassion for their parish communities. Project Commission resources including donation boxes and envelopes are available from the Parish Office. Please contact the Parish Secretary at [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au/](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au/](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ring 0492 903 409. On **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, Bishop Paul will be launching Project Compassion 2023, "For All Future Generations" at St Patrick's Cathedral during the 5.00 pm Mass.

**Caritas Middle East Emergency Appeal:**

Caritas Turkey and other Caritas agencies are responding to a series of powerful earthquakes in southeast Turkey (officially known as Türkiye) and Syria, where thousands of lives have been lost already and the death toll increases by the hour. Our partner Caritas Turkey and other Caritas agencies on the ground are coordinating with local authorities and other organisations to see how they can best assist. Your generous support can help provide emergency relief to help families recover and rebuild from disaster. Visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinion.

If you know someone who would like to contact the St Vincent de Paul Society for assistance, contact details are:

The Ballarat Assistance Centre located at 6 Dawson Street South, Ballarat Central is open on  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 12noon.

The Wendouree Assistance Centre located at 15 Violet Grove, Wendouree is open on  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am.

For those who seek assistance but are unable to visit either Centre, call the **St Vincent de Paul Vinnies Call Centre tel: 5334 2844** and leave a message, stating name, address & telephone number, for a return call from a volunteer of St Vincent de Paul.