

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A): 11/12 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.sbballan.catholic.edu.au

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$494.00	Parish: \$386.00
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Ballan Mass: Thursday 10.30am Mass and Biblical Formation continues at St Brigid's Ballan on March 18th. All welcome!

Gordon Mass- St Patrick's Day: Fr Justin will celebrate mass on Friday at St Patrick's Church on March 17th at 11.30am (see notice on adjoining page)

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

Change of Mass times- March 19th: Change of mass times for Gordon & Ballan due to the Ballan Autumn Festival Sunday March 19th. **Reconciliation Dismissal** to be held at 8.45am Mass at Ballan for Children enrolled in the Parish Reconciliation Program

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

Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$835.00	Parish: \$1435.00
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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: If you wish your child to be part of the Bungaree Parish Sacramental program this year, please ring or email St. Mary's, Clarkes Hill by Friday, 17th of March 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. Alternatively, ring the Parish Office on 0492 903 409 or email: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au and leave your

details with Aileen. 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. Once we have the numbers and set dates, we will be in contact. 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	WEEDKDAY MASSES
11/12 March 2023	3rd Sunday of Lent Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12, 17-19		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	N. Jeffrey		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Catherine Green		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
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		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 8.45 am*	Bert Jarvis	Brigit Sims Family	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 10.30 am*	To be Advised		
25/26 March 2023	5th Sunday of Lent Ezek 37: 12-14; Rom 8: 8-11		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Dom Prendergast		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Ballan – 6.30 pm (new time)	Julie Dargan	Tony & Edith Paarhammer	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		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					



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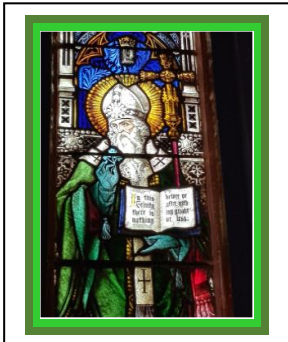
Anniversaries: Kath Squire, Albert Small, John (Bernie) Ryan, Frank Sims, David Carton, Margaret O'Regan, William Dridan.

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: 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 16th, 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.

St Patrick's Day Celebrations, Friday March 17th



11.30am Mass at St Patrick's Church Gordon for all parishioners and friends (including parishioners from Ballan, Bungaree, Clarks Hill, Dunnstown and Springbank) where we will be joined by the Year 3 & 4 children from St Patrick's Primary.

Lunch to follow at the **Wallace Hotel**. All welcome! A booking has been made.

If anyone requires assistance with transport to St Patrick's Church or to the Wallace Pub, email the Parish Office at gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au or text/phone 0492 903 409. You can also leave a message on the landline at 53689280.

A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate:

Pope Francis will celebrate the 10th year of his pontificate on March 13, 2023. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a "viral" manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Mary's <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>. The map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary's that are prayed for him will be sent to Pope Francis.

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 11-12, 2023:

Every week during Lent, Project Compassion shares with us the experiences of those they have assisted. *Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.* 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>



Lent resources: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>