

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A): 22/23 April 2023

Our Parish acknowledges this land's traditional owners and custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and 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  
 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 (Wednesday/Thursday 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	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections last week

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$351.30	<b>Parish:</b> \$500.00
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**Easter Dues:** \$250.00      **Caritas:** \$165.15

**Thank You:** We sincerely thank all who parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

**Welcome:** We welcome Fr Wally Tudor to the Parish of Gordon. Fr Wally will be celebrating mass at 8.45 am at St Patrick's Church, Gordon.

**No mass at Ballan:** No mass this Thursday; the prayer session will proceed at 10.30am.

**St Brigid's Ballan monthly Vigil Mass:** Following the indication of preferences by parishioners at Ballan, the

monthly Saturday Vigil Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month) will be celebrated at 6.00pm throughout the coming months commencing next week, **6.00pm** on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Preparing to Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Parish of Gordon invites parents of children in Year 3 upwards to enrol their children in the Parish sacrament program to prepare their children to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation. Being a parish coordinated program, family based and supported by our two parish primary schools, the program is open to all, regardless of the school they attend. The **parent information evening** to commence this program will be held at St Brigid's Ballan on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

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

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 (Tuesday 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	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections last week:

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$NA	<b>Parish:</b> \$NA
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**Welcome:** We welcome Fr Kevin Maloney to the Parish of Bungaree. Fr Kevin will celebrate the vigil mass at St Peter's Church, Clarkes Hill at 6.30 pm.

**Fr Sajan – On Leave:** Fr Sajan has returned to India for one month. We wish him an enjoyable holiday with his family and friends and look forward to hearing of his reflections on Indian society after four years away. While Fr Sajan is

on leave, our regular weekend masses will be celebrated by supply priests.

Please note: No weekday masses will be held at St Michael's Church Bungaree while Fr Sajan is on leave.

**Special Meeting:** St Brendan's School, Dunnstown on 26 April at 7pm. Agenda: *Current and Future Challenges Facing the Parish of Bungaree*. All parishioners are invited to attend.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>22/23 April 2023</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1: 17-21</b>		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Con Powell	Joan Powell	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – <b>6.00 pm</b> (new time)	Tania Hoffman	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>29/30 April 2023</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2:20-25</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor O'Donohue	
<b>6/7 April 2023</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2: 2-9</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jane Bosworth	Lorraine deSpirt & Vikki Boka	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 6pm* 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Ballan* Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan		Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 5 pm ~ 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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**Recent deaths:** Fr Bob Maguire

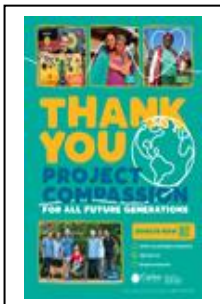
**Anniversaries:** Laurie Flynn, Brenda Jones, Claire Hanrahan, Shelia Fay, Barry McNamara, Mary Duffy, Gerard Toohey, Alice McTigue, Kathleen (Kath) Toohey and Frank Calleja.

**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, John Healy and Elaine Conlan.

**Our Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2023:** The first edition of ODC 2023 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

**Holy Land Collection – Good Friday Appeal:** The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land was \$598.60. We thank the parishioners of Gordon and Bungaree, parishioners from neighbouring parishes and visitors to St Brigid's Ballan and St Michael's Springbank who attended the Stations of the Cross and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion for their contributions.

**“Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing.” Pastoral Formation Day Saturday, April 29th 9.30am – 5.00pm** at the Glowrey room, St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. What do Catholics believe about Sacraments of Healing? How do Catholics celebrate reconciliation and forgiveness? What is Viaticum and how is Communion ministered to the sick? These questions and more will be investigated by the ACU Centre for Liturgy team. Cost is \$20.00 and registration (including lunch) is essential. Contact 02 9701 4751. All welcome!



### **Thank You from Caritas Australia:**

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or calling 1800 024413

**Engaging Your Faith online series:** A series of short, online presentations on a variety of topics including Spirituality, Biblical Studies, Christian Meditation, Theology, Interfaith Relations, Future Technology, and Science and Religion. Cost is \$25.00 per session More information available at <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

### **New report reveals makeup of Australian Catholic population:**

A new National Centre for Pastoral Research report provides a comprehensive snapshot of the millions of people who identified as Catholic in the 2021 Australia Census. Read more at the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Media Blog <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/new-report-reveals-makeup-of-australian-catholic-population/#more-9486>

**Olive Tree Media: Faith Runs Deep event:** The Unearthed event is organised by the team from Olive Tree Media who are collaborating with numerous churches from the region of Ballarat to host a free event which will help uncover stories of faith in the Australian context. Media presenter Karl Faase and country music star Colin Buchanan will appear at this event and there will be an interview with artist Bindi Cole Chocka who is featured in the series, sharing part of her journey of life and faith. The Unearthed event will be on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm at the Ballarat Civic Hall. For info/book your free ticket go to [www.olivetreemedia.com.au/unearthedballarat/](http://www.olivetreemedia.com.au/unearthedballarat/) or email [churches@olivetreemedia.com.au](mailto:churches@olivetreemedia.com.au)

### **‘Pondering Grief’ (in-person event), Saturday 20 May 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm**

This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie, a counsellor of loss, grief and bereavement for over 35 years. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$80 including ‘Pondering Grief’ book (BYO lunch). Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or telephone: 9890 1101.