

2nd Week of Advent (Year B): 9/10 December 2023

Our Parish acknowledges this land's traditional owners & custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present, & 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; Out -of-hours: 0448 220 685
 Leadership Team: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Nola Kersley & Mark Conlan (Ballan)
 Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
 Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Wed/Thurs 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	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:	☎ 5368 1015	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery \$400.65	Parish: \$1638.9
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$ 19043.8	

Christmas Dues: \$25.00

End of Year School masses:

St Brigid's Ballan: Wednesday, December 13th at 2 pm.
 St Patrick's Gordon: Thursday, December 14th at 2 pm.

Christmas Cheer-9th December: Join the [Springbank](#) community to celebrate the coming Christmas/end of year this Saturday at St Michael's after the vigil mass.

All welcome - Christmas Cuppa - 17th December

[Gordon](#) get-together with refreshments after 9am mass.
 Drinks & cake after Sunday's 10.30 mass at [Ballan](#).

Ballan Mid-Week Masses during December:

Thursday December 14th at 10.00am Ballan Hostel Ecumenical Service.

Thursday December 21st at 10.30am Anointing Mass at St Brigid's Ballan.

Parish Leadership Team meeting:

Wednesday December 13th at 5.30pm, Ballan Foyer.

Sacramental Program 2024 closing date: 15th December:

Enrolments for next year's Sacramental Program close this Friday. Enrolments forms available from all churches.

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

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
 Leadership Team: Damien Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown) Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill). Ex-Officio Member: Inez French.
 Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409
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Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280		www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604		www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$463.00	Parish: \$420.00
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Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday, 25th November

The celebration at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown last Saturday went exceptionally well, with hundreds turning up to join in the activities. While we are sad that the era of St Brendan's School – 161 years of Catholic education - is ending, we were delighted to hear Tom Sexton, Executive Director of Catholic Education announce that Damascus College will be using the school and grounds for educational purposes. Special thanks to

Mrs Inez French, School Principal, St Brendan's staff, parents and students, and the organising committee.

Christmas get-together at St Michael's Bungaree this Sunday after the 8.45 am mass. All welcome.

Annual Christmas cleaning of St Peters Clarkes Hill.

Cleaning of St Peter's at 9am Saturday December 23rd. Please bring along any flowers. All welcome to help.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
9/10 December 2023	2nd Sunday of Advent Isa 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3: 8-14		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan	Michael & Rosemary Canavan	Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
16/17 December 2023	3rd Sunday of Advent Isa 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	
23/24 December 2023	4th Sunday of Advent 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Rom 16:25-27		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Rosemary Canavan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor O'Donohue	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Dom Prendergast	Kate Bennett	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Gordon – 9 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 6pm*, 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Ballan* Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am, 9am *	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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Anniversaries: Bill Mahar, Margaret Clifford, Margaret Fuller, Ronald K. Graham, Maisie Frawley, Peter Quinlan, Maurice Torpy, Maureen Frawley, Ron Devlin, John Senserrick.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson, John Healy, Elaine Conlan, Lorraine Tipple.

Baptism: We pray for Audrey Maher, daughter of Mitchell and Makaela, who will be baptized this Sunday at St Michael's Church, Bungaree. We welcome her into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Ordination to the Diaconate: Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome. Mass will be livestreamed.

Announcement regarding CDF Merger

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has made an announcement regarding the merger of our Ballarat Catholic Development Fund with the Melbourne-Sale-Bunbury Catholic Development Fund. Details are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/new-era-for-cdf/> Copies of this announcement have been placed in all churches.

Synod on Synodality update

- **Reflecting on the Synthesis Report:** The General Secretariat of the Synod at the Holy See is encouraging the Church throughout the world to read and reflect on the synthesis report from the First Assembly of the Synod. They have recently released a short Facebook video which poses several questions to consider in your reflections. The video and questions for reflection are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>
- **Letter to the People of God:** Watch the audio visual version of the Letter to the People of God <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

Plenary Council update: Church in Australia carrying forward its pursuit of synodality

One "particular grace" of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has been its encouragement of many initiatives in the Church across the country, according to a letter to the People of God prepared for the Solemnity of Christ the King. As the Church marked the end of the liturgical year, the letter provides an update on work carrying forward the Plenary Council's outcomes while awaiting the Holy See's formal recognition of the Council's decrees. Read the letter at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/plenary-council-2020/>

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, 482 Gillies Street, Wendouree from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Bookings essential ph. 0419 975914.

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal

Aussie families are struggling with the escalating cost of living crisis this Christmas. Your generosity can provide urgent relief for a family who's doing it tough this Christmas and give them hope for a better future. Scan or click the QR code to donate.



Christmas Mass Times

Parish of Gordon - Christmas Eve Vigil Masses (Sunday December 24th)

5.30pm St Brigid's Ballan 7.00pm St Michael's Springbank 7.30pm St Patrick's Gordon

Parish of Bungaree Christmas Eve Vigil Masses (Sunday December 24th)

6pm St Peter's Clarkes Hill 8pm St Michael's Bungaree

Christmas Day

9 am St Brendan's Dunnstown

Parishes of Daylesford and Creswick

8.30pm Daylesford Christmas Eve and 9.00am Creswick Christmas Day