

3rd Week of Advent (Year B): 16/17 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 \$479.40	Parish: \$376.50
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$ 19420.3	

Thank You: We thank all parishioners for their generosity. Your donations contribute to the well-being of our clergy, pastoral activities and the maintenance of our churches.

Ballan Mid-Week Masses during December:

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

Christmas Cheer – This Sunday – 17th December:

Gordon get-together with refreshments after 9am mass.

Christmas Cuppa after Sunday's 10.30 mass at [Ballan](#).

Masses Over Christmas-New Year:

Mass times over the Christmas-New Year week will follow the regular weekly schedule (see below).

Please refer to the following page for Christmas mass times in the parishes of Gordon and Bungaree, as well as the parishes of Creswick and Daylesford. Consult the Diocese webpage for mass times in other parishes.

Donation Boxes for St Vincent de Paul:

For parishioners wishing to contribute to Vinnies Christmas Appeal, donation boxes have been placed in the foyer of St Brigid's and St Patrick's 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: \$NA	Parish: \$NA
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Parish Leadership Team Meeting – 18th December:

The Bungaree Parish Leadership will hold its last meeting for the year this Monday, 18th December at 7pm at the Bungaree Presbytery.

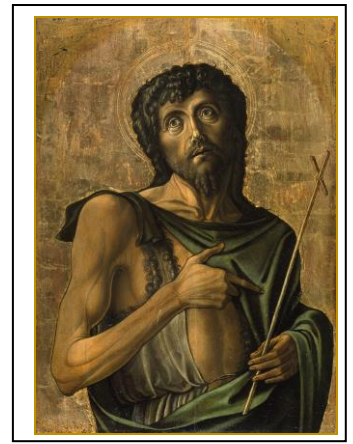
Annual Christmas cleaning of St Peters Clarkes Hill:

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

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
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 – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Dom Prendergast	Kate Bennett	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		
30/31 December 2023	The Holy Family Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3; Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19		
Springbank 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	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					

Saint John the Baptist by Alvise Vivarini ca. 1475 ©Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid



Anniversaries: Raymond Butler, Jessie Robinson, Fred Begbie, Anne-Maree (Steenhuis) Block, Anne (Cullinan) Griffin, Monica McDermott, Anna Bartaska, Brian Shanahan, Margaret Toohey, Jeanette Kathlyn Delbridge, Patrick Green, Roma Barry, Brian Barry.

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

Baptism: We pray for Tilman Minkervis, child of Aidan and Elke, who will be baptized this Sunday at St Patrick’s Church, Gordon. We welcome him into our faith community.

Synod on Synodality update:

- **Reflecting on the Synthesis Report:** The General Secretariat of the Synod at the Holy See is encouraging all to read and reflect on the synthesis report from the First Assembly of the Synod. A short Facebook video which poses several questions to consider in your reflections has been released. The video and questions for reflection are available from <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/>

Advent Appeal for Ukraine – this weekend:

Last Advent, Australian dioceses took up a special collection for the people of Ukraine through the work of *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; food packages for people in need; shelters for internally displaced persons. At the Bishops Conference’s November 2023 meeting, bishops were asked to again consider if an appeal could be taken for the people of Ukraine during Advent. To donate, go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/advent-appeal-for-ukraine-2/>

Making a Scene at Christmas:

Over 500 Christmas Nativities from more than 60 countries will be displayed at the Bridge Mall Ballarat and at the Catholic Diocesan Archives from Tuesday, December 5 – Friday, December 22. You can see and smell frankincense and myrrh; see coins minted around the time the census was called that brought Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem; see hand crafted cultural nativities from around the world). For more information on the Ballarat Bridge Mall display, please contact Fiona Tonkin Fiona.tonkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Every one welcome. Entry is a gold coin donation.

Christmas Mass Times

Parish of Gordon - Christmas Eve Vigil Masses (Sunday December 24th)
5.30pm St Brigid’s Ballan 7pm 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 (Monday December 25th)
9am St Brendan’s Dunnstown

Parishes of Daylesford and Creswick
8.30pm Daylesford **Christmas Eve** and 9am Creswick **Christmas Day**
New Year’ Day - Solemnity of Mary (January 1st)
9am Creswick 10.30am Daylesford