

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): 27/28 January 2024

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**  
**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth  
 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015  
 ☎ 5368 9495

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

### Collections from last week

<b>Presbytery</b>	\$343.85	<b>Parish:</b>	\$290.00
<b>Financial Yr to Date: \$23,587.30</b>			

**Thank You:** We thank all parishioners for their generosity.

### Feast of St Brigid of Ireland

Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup> is the **Feast of St Brigid of Ireland**.  
 Feast day Mass will be celebrated at **11.30am** in St Brigid's Church with the students and staff from St Brigid's Primary

school in attendance for their opening of the school year Mass. All are welcome to join this feast day celebration.

### Volunteers for 2024:

Are you interested in becoming more involved in our mass services in the parish? If you or other family members are interested in reading the liturgy, church music or supporting our sacristans, please contact Fr. Justin or any member of the Leadership Team. Alternatively, email the parish office at [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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  
 ✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

### Parish Schools

**St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill**

Principal: Clare Scanlan ☎ 5334 5280

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

### Collections to 17 January 2024:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$740.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$NA
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**Thank You:** We thank all our parishioners and visitors to our parish for their donations.

### Working Bee this Saturday – Former Bungaree School

The Parish Leadership Team has organised a clean-up of the grounds of the former Bungaree school this Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> commencing 10 am. (The former school is behind St Michael's Church). All are welcome to help!

### Liturgy Readers for 2024:

The parish invites interested parishioners, including family groups, to include their name/s on next year's liturgy rosters for St Brendan's Dunnstown, St Michael's Bungaree and St Peter's Clarkes Hill. Please contact Fr. Sajan or any

member of the Leadership Team. Alternatively, email the parish office at [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Alert-Emails sent from Parish of Bungaree email address:

The Parish of Bungaree email address was compromised in early January 2024. Several parishioners have received spam emails asking them to verify their contact details, or the contact details of a parishioner, or asking them to open a file to view photos.

Please monitor all emails sent from the Parish of Bungaree email - [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) as they may be spams and be alert to any request to open attachments and/or files or click on links.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>27/28 January 2024</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 18: 15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35</b>		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Julie Dargan & Jim Leahy	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	To be Advised	Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
<b>3/4 February 2024</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23</b>		
Dunnstown–6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan –10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Bridgit Sims & Family	
<b>10/11 February 2024</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 18: 15-20; 1 Cor 7: 32-35</b>		
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	Con Powell	Marty Forbes	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, 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					

St. Brigid. Artist: Vikki Boka. Gathering Space, St Brigid's Church, Ballan. Photo: A Toohey



**Recent Deaths:** Patricia Murray (Ballarat East)

**Anniversaries:** Len Howard, Morrie Holloway, Kathryn Gray, Vin O'Donohue, Ted Cass, Noel Quinlan, Frank McDaid, Christopher Davies, Catherine Butler, Mary Blood, Philip Crowe, John Falko, Justin Toohey, Des Quinlan, Audrey Reddie

**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.

**Pope's Prayer for January:** This month, Pope Francis asks us to join him in praying **for the gift of diversity in the Church.** We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

### Lenten Gospel Reflection

Once again Rosemary Canavan has generously offered to facilitate Lenten reflection on the Gospels for the Sundays of Lent - Thursdays February 22nd, 29<sup>th</sup> and March 7th, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in the gathering area of St Brigid's Church Ballan, following the 10.30am Mass each Thursday.

### Living in Harmony - 2024 Lenten Program

Six authors for the Garratt Lenten program, featuring Joan Chittister, Paul Creevey, Andy Hamilton, Gerard Moore, Paul Rowse and Debra Snoddy. They open up the Sunday readings and provide us with probing questions – uniting these insights in 2024 to build a vital and dynamic response of Christian harmony. This is the best of Lent, and leads to the best of times.

This is our Lenten fare, the stuff of our Lenten fast. One aspect is the need for harmony. It is a word reduced too much to wellbeing: we will pursue its faith dimensions. Harmony is a discipline. It has to be won, held, remade, revalued. At its best, it is built around the joyful play of difference, a mutual love and respect, and a treasuring of other voices and ways. It builds for a trust and consensus. To order your copy the Lenten Program **Living in Harmony** (\$10 each) please contact Aileen in the Parish Office.

### Mass to Launch Project Compassion 2024

Mass to launch Project Compassion 2024 will be held on Sunday, February 11 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be the Main Celebrant and will commission Student Leaders as Ambassadors for Caritas 2024. All welcome to attend.



### Advance Notice 2024

**Rite of Election 2024:** Saturday, February 17, 2024 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

**Mass of the Oils 2024:** Monday, March 25, 2024 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 11.30am (please note change of time). Lunch and displays will follow in the Hall.

### 150 years of the Diocese of Ballarat – 2024



On March 30<sup>th</sup> this year, the Diocese of Ballarat will turn 150. Many events have been organised during the year, including the Anniversary Liturgy during the Mass of the Oils on March 25 at St Patrick's Cathedral and the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Holy Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

All parishes will celebrate anniversary liturgies on the fifth Sunday of Easter on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Paul will visit all parishes in the Diocese during 2024. On the weekend of August 31<sup>st</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup>, Bishop Paul will visit Bungaree and Gordon.