

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B): 24/25 February 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), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (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
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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 from last week

Presbytery	\$423.65	Parish:	\$349.85
Financial Yr to Date: \$27163.15			

Thank You:

We thank all parishioners for their donations.

Mid-Week Ballan Mass: Thursday February 29th @10.30am and Lenten scripture reflection. All welcome.

World Day of Prayer this Friday: March 1st in St Brigid's at 10 am. Followed by morning tea. All welcome,

Parish Leadership Team:

The parish thanks Nola Kersley for her service on the Parish Leadership Team as one of the delegates for the Ballan

community. Jim Leahy will join the Leadership Team replacing Nola, together with Mark Conlan (continuing) as the two delegates from Ballan - thanks Jim.

Parish Reconciliation Program:

At Masses this weekend we welcome the children and their families who are commencing their preparation to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Tuesday March 19th at 5.30pm in Ballan). We also welcome children who are to be enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (adapted for children) as they prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to be celebrated towards the end of the year. We pray for these children, their families and those involved in their preparation.

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: Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown) Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill). Ex-Officio Member: Clare Scanlon
 Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey. Parish Office (Tues 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409
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Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill	Principal: Clare Scanlon ☎ 5334 5280	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
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Presbytery:	NA	Parish:	NA
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Parish Leadership Team Update

Last Tuesday evening the Parish Leadership Team welcomed Steven Mifsud, Principal of Damascus College. Steven provided an update on their plans for St Brendan's. Preparations for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat were discussed, including the forthcoming visit of Bishop Paul on August 31st-Sept 1st.

Safeguarding issues raised by the Professional Standards Office were noted incl. the Working with Children Check List and Parish Self-Audit Professional Standards Checklist.

Alert-Emails sent from Parish of Bungaree email address: Please monitor all emails sent from the Parish of Bungaree email - 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
24/25 February 2024	Second Sunday of Lent Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Rom 8: 31-34		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Tania Hoffman	Rosemary & Michael Canavan	Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Con Powell	Marty Forbes	Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
2/3 March 2024	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1: 22-25		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan –10.30 am	Catherine Green	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	
9/10 March 2024	Fourth Sunday of Lent 2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23; Eph 2: 4-10		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	Liz O'Loughlin		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45am	To be advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jayne Bosworth	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					

(CNS graphic/Nancy Wiehech) downloaded: <https://www.catholicsun.org/2015/02/11/lenten-inspiration/>



Recent Deaths: Laurie Mullane

Anniversaries: Catherine Parkin, Eileen White, Elizabeth Flynn, Carmen Galea, Arthur Jones, Louise Tubbs, Joan Arnal, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie, Sr Anne Forbes RSM, Cecelia Haintz, Ellie Walsh, Diane Johnson, Tom O’Loughlin, Brian Bayle, Kevin McGuigan, Con McTigue.

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, Karem Chiparra.

Pope’s intention for February – For the terminally ill: *Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment. Lord, hear us.*

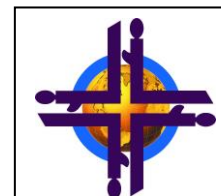
Pope Francis’ Message for Lent 2024 is focussed on God’s call to leave behind the bonds of slavery with the title, “Through the Desert God Leads us to Freedom”, which is from the Book of Exodus (20:2). Watch the presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXPPVVtpHBM&t=408s> Read the message at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html>

World Day of Prayer 2024 – Friday, March 1, 2024

WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. An ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women have prayed and reflected together over the past several years to respond to the invitation from the WDP International Committee in 2017 to write the 2024 program. The theme is “I Beg You... Bear With One Another in Love,” based on Ephesians 4:1-6. Our Christian sisters invite the global church to pray for peace, justice and freedom for every individual irrespective of nationality, religion or origins.

World Day of Prayer services in Ballarat and Creswick this year on Friday, March 1:

- 10.00am at St Peter’s Anglican Church, 1307 Sturt Street West, Ballarat
- **10.00am at St Brigid’s Church, Ballan**
- 2.00pm at St Mary’s Anglican Church, Birchip
- 6.00pm at St Paul’s Anglican Church, 3 Humffray Street, Bakery Hill
- 7.00pm at St John’s Anglican Church, 103 Napier Street, Creswick



Project Compassion 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent: Meet Ronita

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS. After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia’s partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. 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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion> or by calling 1800 024 413. Download the weekly reflection by Michael McGirr from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/mission-and-outreach/project-compassion-2024/>



Mission: Transform Lives: Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. Bishop Paul has written a letter of endorsement for the work of Palms Australia. Learn more at <https://palms.org.au/> or ph. 02 9560 5333, Join the **Mission Webinar** on **March 5** from 6.00pm–6.30pm <https://palms.org.au/event/global-development-webinar/> Join the **two-week tour to Timor-Leste** on 06/05/2024 to see partner communities in action <https://palms.org.au/encounters/timor-leste-cultural-encounter/>



St Patrick’s Day Luncheon: Sunday 17th March at 12.30pm. Cost: \$35 for a two-course meal, with nibble platters. Bungaree parishioners very welcome. Contact Gordon Parish Office at gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au; 0492 903 409.

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