

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B): 2/3 March 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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth
 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015
 ☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections from last week

Presbytery	\$344.45	Parish:	\$250.00
Financial Yr to Date: \$27413.15			

Thank You: We thank all who contribute to these collections.

Mid-Week Ballan Prayer Service: Thursday March 7th @10.30am and Lenten scripture reflection. All welcome.

Parish Reconciliation Program:

Last weekend we welcomed 19 children and their families who commenced their preparation to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (Tuesday March 19th at

5.30pm in Ballan). We also welcome 10 children who are 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 and their families as they commence their sacramental journey.

St Vincent de Paul Food Collection: This Lent the parish invites parishioners to *join in the spirit of giving* and contribute towards those in need. Food baskets have been placed in the churches for non-perishable food items. Thank you for your kindness.

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

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Collections from last fortnight

Presbytery:	\$572.00	Parish:	\$329.00
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Donation: \$386.50 **Christmas Dues:** \$200.00
 Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections.

Parish Leadership Team Update

On the evening of 13th February, 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.

St Vincent de Paul Food Collection:

If you wish to *join in the spirit of giving* and contribute to the St Vincent de Paul Food Collection this Lent, food baskets have been placed in the churches for non-perishable food items. Thank you for your kindness.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday - 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon - 9 am	To be Advised		Wednesday - 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan -10.30 am	Catherine Green	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Thursday - 9.30 am Bungaree
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 - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree - 8.45am	To be advised		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Jayne Bosworth	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	
16/17 March 2024	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon - 9 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan -10.30 am	Margaret Green	Kelly Hunter and Family	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					



Anniversaries: Kathleen Leonard, Jack O’Donohue, Maureen O’Halloran, Maureen O’Donohue, Lil Wickson, Con Carey, William Rosenow, Bill Wheelahan, Tommy Simpson and Gert Cummins.

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 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=zXPPVtpHBM&t=408s> Read the message at <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/len/documents/20231203-messaggio-quaresima2024.html>

Baptisms: We pray for Elody Isobel Peelman, daughter of Ben and Erin Maree; Oliver James Burt, son of Cameron and Sara; and Violet Andie Brne and Ruby Olive Brne daughters of Michael and Hana; who will be baptised this Sunday in St Brigid’s Church Ballan.

We also pray for Margot Jane Forbes, daughter of Thomas and Jane who will be baptised this weekend in the Parish of Bungaree. We welcome them into our faith communities. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Letter from Bishop Paul

Hello Everyone,

On December 6, following discussions with priests and parishioners, I announced that we would have four ministry districts in the Ballarat region.

After further consultations, I am now able to make appointments of priests to serve in these groups of parishes. The following appointments will take effect on April 10, 2024.

- Ballarat Cathedral Parish, Ballarat North Parish and Beaufort Parish
 - Administrator: Fr Edward Moloney
 - Assistant Priests: Fr James McKay, Fr Francis Kureeckal MST
- Ballarat East Parish, Bungaree Parish and Gordon Parish
 - Parish Priest: Fr Justin Driscoll
 - Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Restall
- Redan Parish, Sebastopol Parish and Linton Parish
 - Parish Priest: Fr Concord Bagaoisan OSJ
 - Assistant Priest: Fr Eladio Lizada OSJ
- Wendouree Parish, Creswick Parish and Daylesford Parish
 - Parish Priest: Fr Marcello Colasante

In view of Fr Matthew Restall’s appointment to the Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon Parishes, I have appointed Fr Sajan Mathew as Assistant Priest in the Paul VI Parish in the Wimmera-Mallee.

The priests who are currently serving in these parishes will continue in their current appointments until April 10, when the new appointments will take effect. I hope this advance planning will be helpful in allowing time to prepare for the transition to the new arrangements.

I thank everyone who has been involved in the consultations over the past few months. I thank the priests for their readiness to serve in the various parish communities.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul

St Patrick’s Day Luncheon:

Sunday 17th March at 12.30pm at Donegan’s Farm. 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. This year the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/SdivlIKiHs?feature=share>