

# Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): 3/4 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), 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 from last week

<b>Presbytery</b>	\$399.80	<b>Parish:</b>	\$2445.00
<b>Financial Yr to Date: \$26032.3</b>			

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

**Mid-Week Mass:** Fr Justin will celebrate mass this Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am at Ballan.

### Lenten Gospel Reflection

Once again Rosemary Canavan has generously offered to facilitate Lenten reflection on the Gospels for the Sundays

of Lent - Thursdays February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### Sacramental Program 2024

#### Reconciliation

Parent Information Session: February 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm at St Brigid's Primary School.

Celebration of the Sacrament: March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5.30pm at St Brigid's Church, Ballan.

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
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### Collections to 17 January 2024:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$NA	<b>Parish:</b>	\$NA
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**Thank You:** We thank everyone who turned up last Saturday morning for the working bee at the former Bungaree School. We particularly thank Dom who organized the pick-up truck. Amazing job. Well done.

### 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

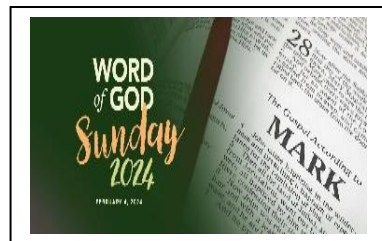
member of the Leadership Team. Alternatively, email the parish office at [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### 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>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		Tuesday - 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon - 9 am	To be Advised		Wednesday - 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan -10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Bridgit Sims & Family	Thursday - 9.30 am Bungaree
<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 - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan -10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan	Tony & Edith Paarhammer	
<b>17/18 February 2024</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 9: 8-15, 1 Pet 3: 18-22</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon - 9 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan -10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Mark & Sue Conlan	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					



**Anniversaries:** Archie Campbell, John Ryan, Anthony Jarvis, Gerard Winter, Ron Spedding, Olive Andrews, Robert Leiter, Bernard (Bernie) O’Neil, Nina Cassar, Catherine Torpy, Peter Ross, Ray Frawley, Frank Frawley, Greg Arnel, Margaret Maloney, James Leonard.

**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, Lorraine Tipple and Karem Chiparra.

### **Word of God Sunday: February 4, 2024**

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

### **Message from Bishop Paul:**

*Hello Everyone,*

*Following some recent discussions about Covid provisions, I was asked about restoring Holy Water to fonts in our Churches. While we did empty fonts at the height of the Covid pandemic, this restriction seems unnecessary now.*

*Some parishes restored Holy Water to fonts quite some time ago and I fully support this.*

*This makes Holy Water readily available for those who wish to use it.*

*Of course, any parishioner who has concerns need not use the Holy Water from a font.*

*God bless you all. Bishop Paul*

### **Notes about Holy Communion**

Bishop Paul issued the following information for people of the diocese last year and this is still relevant:

*Now that the Covid pandemic is less in the news, a number of people have asked about arrangements for the reception of Holy Communion. Some have proposed reintroducing options that were permitted before the pandemic, particularly receiving the host on the tongue and sharing the chalice.*

*Over the past few weeks, I have consulted various people about this, including the members of our Diocesan Liturgical Commission. I have also received advice from a medical point of view. This has included advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Grampians Health Service and the Head of the Infectious Diseases Department at the Alfred Hospital. These consultations have highlighted the fact that Covid infections are still a serious concern and that we can reduce the risk of infections by continuing the present provisions regarding Holy Communion.*

*I have concluded that it is not yet time to reintroduce the sharing of the chalice. While reception of Holy Communion under both species of bread and wine is a fuller sign of our sharing in the banquet of Christ, we can find reassurance in the teaching of the Council of Trent that the whole Christ, body and blood, soul and divinity, is contained under each species. So, even when we simply receive the host, we are receiving the whole Christ.*

*In regard to the way of receiving the host, recognising the continuing risks of the pandemic, and out of consideration for the health of all parishioners, I recommend reverent reception of the host in the hand rather than reception on the tongue.*

*May our Communion draw us ever closer to Christ and strengthen our love and care for one another.*

*God bless you all. Bishop Paul*

**Appointment in the Bishop’s Office:** We welcome Fiona Bradley to the part-time position as Secretary in the Bishop's Office. Fiona will be working jointly with Djurdja Klaric in a job share as Secretary in the Bishop’s Office two days a week.

### **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.



### **Rite of Election 2024**

The Rite of Election will be held on Saturday, February 17 at 12.30pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall. The Rite is an opportunity for adult catechumens and candidates to meet the Bishop prior to being baptised/received into the Church at Easter.