

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B): 9/10 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
 ✉ 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
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections from last week

Presbytery	\$459.15	Parish:	\$904.20
Financial Yr to Date: \$28317.35			

Mid-Week Mass, Ballan: Anointing Mass at St Brigid's Ballan Thursday March 14th at 10.30am.

Next Sunday, March 17th - Change of mass times:

As Inglis Street will be closed during the Ballan Autumn Festival next Sunday, mass at St Brigid's Ballan on 17th March will commence at 9am. Mass at St Patrick's Gordon will be held at 10.30 am.

Parish Leadership Team meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday March 13th in the gathering area of the Ballan Church.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon-Sunday March 17th @ 12.30pm

All parishioners are invited to the luncheon next Sunday at Donegan's Farm. Cost: \$35 for a two-course meal, with nibble platters. If you would like to attend, sign the booking form at the church foyer or contact the Gordon Parish Office at gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au; Mobile: 0492 903 409.

St Patrick's School Gordon will celebrate Mass in the Church for St Patrick's Day on Monday March 18th at 10.00am with an open invitation to all to attend.

Upcoming Events:

- The Ecumenical Service and Anointing at Mecwacare Ballan on Thursday March 21st at 10.00am.
- Celebration of 1st Reconciliation on Tuesday March 19th at 5.30pm at 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: 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

Collections from last fortnight

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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Invitation to Patrick's Day Luncheon

Next Sunday, 17th March is St Patrick's Day. The Parish of Gordon invites Bungaree parishioners to the luncheon at Donegan's Farm @ 12.30pm. Cost: \$35 for a two-course meal, with nibble platters. Contact Gordon Parish Office at

gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au; Landline: 5368 9280, Mobile: 0492 903 409.

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission Annual Report: A copy of the report from the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is available from the diocesan website at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jayne Bosworth	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
16/17 March 2024	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31: 31-34; Heb 5: 7-9		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 9 am*	Margaret Green	Kelly Hunter and Family	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 10.30 am*	To be Advised		
23/24 March 2024	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Marie Shanahan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett	Julie Moran	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Gordon – 9.00 am	To be Advised		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					



Recent Deaths: Patricia Gunn (Ballarat)

Prayer cards available from all churches

Anniversaries: Antal Boka, Matt Jamieson, Maurice Conlan, Gabrielle Johnson, Kath Squire, Albert Small, Douglas Trounce, John (Bernie) Ryan, Frank Sims, Margaret O’Regan, Anne Quinn, Fr. Henry Nikel and William Dridan

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 and Evelyn Farrugia.

Pope’s intention for March – for new martyrs: *Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive. Lord, hear us.*

Baptisms: We pray for Lachlan Xavier Toohey, son of Xavier and Emily; Patrick Theodore Kay and Gabriel James Kay, sons of Adam and Emily; and Elspeth Lillian Tozer, daughter of Aliex and Kim; who will be baptised this Saturday during the vigil mass at St Michael’s Church, Springbank. We welcome them into our faith community. Lord, hear us. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

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. Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/SdivlKiHs?feature=share>

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

DAY	CEREMONY	Time & Venue	
Holy Thursday March 28th	Mass of the Lord’s Supper	6.30 pm St Michael’s Bungaree	
Good Friday March 29th	Stations of the Cross	10.30 am St Brigid’s Ballan	
	Celebration of the Lord’s Passion	3 pm St Michael’s Springbank	
Holy Saturday March 30th	Easter Vigil Fire and Mass	6.30 pm St Peter’s Clarkes Hill	7.30 pm St Michael’s Springbank
		8 pm St Michael’s Bungaree	
Easter Sunday March 31 st	Mass	9 am St Brendan’s Dunnstown	10.30 am St Brigid’s Ballan

Project Compassion 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent: Meet Memory



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, visit or call 1800 024 413.



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