

# Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Yr B): 23/24 March 2024

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## THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank  
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Shane Carey (Gordon), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan)

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey  
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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	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections from last week

<b>Presbytery</b>	\$409.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$360.00
<b>Financial Yr to Date: \$28881.15</b>			

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

### Fr Sajan's Farewell - Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

The farewell celebration for Fr Sajan is on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at Bungaree Recreation Centre at 1 pm. Meal-2 courses @\$30. Booking forms in all churches or email Parish House

at [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ring mobile: 0492 903 409.

Fr Sajan will celebrate his final weekend of Masses with us on April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> with the Vigil Mass at Dunnstown and Sunday Masses at Gordon and Ballan.

### Vigil Mass at Ballan:

This Saturday's 6.00pm Vigil Mass at Ballan for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month will be the last. From the beginning of April, Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am at Ballan every Sunday. Thank you to those who provided their feedback.



## 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  
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Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill	Principal: Clare Scanlon ☎ 5334 5280	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections from last fortnight

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$NA	<b>Parish:</b>	\$NA
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**What are Easter Dues?** A voluntary offering at Easter to the clergy for their work and support of our Church. If you wish to donate, Easter Dues envelopes have been placed in all churches.

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**Anointing Mass:** Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am, St Michael's Bungaree.

**Caritas Lenten Appeal:** The Parish will hold a collection for Caritas over the Easter weekend and the following week. Please include collection boxes/envelopes in this collection

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

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>23/24 March 2024</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Marie Shanahan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue	Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett	Julie Moran	Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9.00 am	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
<b>30/31 March 2024</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Rom 6: 3-11, Mk 16: 1-7 (night); Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4</b>		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Springbank – 7.30pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.00 pm	To be Advised		Sat – 9.30am Bungaree
Dunnstown – 9 am	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
<b>6/7 April 2024</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 4: 32-35, 1 Jn 5: 1-6</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		
Ballan – 10.30 am	Michael Ryan	Eddie & Mary Cassar	

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					

Author : Français : School of Jursalem Entry of Christ into Jerusalem, (2003) *Icons arabes : art chrétien du Levant*, France: Institut du monde arabe (France), pp. A 95 ISBN: 2914338074. Source/Photographer: Michel Bakni  
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**Anniversaries:** Des Frichot, John Reddie, Joan Shanahan, Pat Kennedy, Leo Davies, Lillian Meiklejohn, Kevin Meiklejohn, Jack Meiklejohn. Jack Papworth, Leigh Conroy, Peter Torpy, Maurice Frawley, Lars Drendel, Nora Frawley, Sr. Presentation Marnell.

**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.

**Baptisms:** We pray for Charlotte Amy Crough, daughter of Scott and Chloe who will be baptized this weekend at St Peter's Church, Clarkes Hill. We welcome her into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

*Gratitude is the fairest blossom  
which springs from the soul*

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who encouraged me to be Holy, helped me to grow in love of God and who held me as your own in all circumstances, especially in the most trying situations like COVID.

Fr Sajan Mathew  
Administrator  
Bungaree Parish

**CARITAS Australia - Project Compassion 2024**



As we near the end of Project Compassion 2024, Caritas want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to your parish community for the incredible support throughout this Lenten Season. Your commitment to making a positive impact has been truly inspiring, and we are deeply thankful for your collective efforts. We hope the inspiring stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory have touched your hearts and ignited a spirit of reflection on the incredible impact of your support. Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes and envelopes to your Parish Office or donate online or through the QR code. If you donate online or through the QR code, remember to fill in your details and postcode so the Diocese of Ballarat giving total can be recognised. Thank you.



*Jillian Hogbin, Caritas Australia, Diocesan Director, Ballarat.*

**Ballarat Rural Australians for Refugees – Palm Sunday Rally and Walk for Justice and Peace**

All are welcome to the Palm Sunday Rally and Walk for Justice and Peace on **March 24 from 2.00pm – 3.30pm** at the McDonald Bandstand, Lake Wendouree Foreshore, opposite the Floral clock in the Botanical Gardens, between Pipers and large playground. Brigidine Sister Brigid Arthur will be one of the guest speakers.

**Mass of the Oils & 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat**

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils which will incorporate acknowledgement of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat. Mass will be held on **Monday, March 25**, at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at **11.30am** (change of time). The Parish of Bungaree will be represented by Dorothy Sheehan and Chris Fawley. Symbol-Photograph of Parish Churches. Theme: Foundations of the Parish. The Parish of Gordon will be represented by Joan Burke and Shane Carey. Symbol-Photograph: Theme: History of the Parish illustrated by stained-glass panels. Light lunch/displays in the Hall. Mass livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/SdivllKiHSs?feature=share>



**HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES**

DAY	CEREMONY	Time & Venue	
<b>Holy Thursday</b> March 28th	Mass of the Lord's Supper	6.30 pm St Michael's Bungaree	
<b>Good Friday</b> 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	
<b>Holy Saturday</b> March 30th	Easter Vigil Fire and Mass	6.30 pm St Peter's Clarkes Hill	7.30 pm St Michael' Springbank
		8 pm St Michael's Bungaree	
<b>Easter Sunday</b> March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mass	9 am St Brendan's Dunnstown	10.30 am St Brigid's Ballan



# THE SAVING WORD

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committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them,

**O.** Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

**N.** For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again,

**O.** But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

**N.** They shouted back,

**C.** Crucify him!

**N.** Pilate asked them,

**O.** Why? What harm has he done?

**N.** But they shouted all the louder,

**C.** Crucify him!

**N.** So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

**C.** Hail, king of the Jews!

**N.** They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they

took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

**C.** Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

**N.** The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

**C.** He saved others, he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of

Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

**N.** Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**J.** Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

**N.** This means 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said,

**C.** Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

**N.** Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink saying,

**O.** Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

**N.** But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

*All kneel and pause a moment*

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

**O.** In truth this man was a son of God.

*The longer form of this passion narrative may be read: Mk 14:1-15:47*

**FIRST READING** Isa 50: 4-7

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESP PSALM**

Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

**R.** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. / 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

**SECOND READING** Phil 2: 6-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Phil 2: 8-9

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him**

**on high / and gave him a name above all other names. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**GOSPEL** Mk 15: 1-39

**(N.** Narrator **J.** Jesus

**O.** Other single speaker

**C.** Crowd, or more than one other speaker)

**N.** The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**N.** First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him,

**O.** Are you the king of the Jews?

**N.** He answered,

**J.** It is you who say it.

**N.** And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again,

**O.** Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

**N.** But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had

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