

Third Sunday of Easter (B): 13/14 April 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	\$382.90	Parish:	\$712.00
Financial Yr to Date: \$30778.15			

Easter Dues: \$120.00

Thank You: We are extremely appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners for their donations to the pastoral care and maintenance of our churches.

Welcome, Fr Matt: We welcome Fr Matt, our newly appointed Assistant Priest to the Parish of Gordon. Fr Matt

will celebrate the 6.30 pm vigil mass at St Michael's Springbank this Saturday evening, and the 10.30 am Sunday mass at St Brigid's Ballan.

Mid-Week Mass at Ballan: To be advised. In lieu of the 10.30am mass, the prayer group meeting will proceed.

Ballan Mass Times: From the beginning of April, Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am at Ballan **every Sunday**.

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 last fortnight, Parish last month

Presbytery:	\$714.00	Parish:	\$601.00
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Easter Dues: \$630.00

Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Welcome, Fr Matt: We welcome Fr Matt, our newly appointed Assistant Priest to the Parish of Bungaree. Fr Matt will celebrate the 8.45am mass at St Michael's Bungaree this Sunday.

Fr Sajan's Farewell: Thanks to all parishioners from the Bungaree Parish as well as parishioners from the Gordon Parish and friends from neighbouring communities who gathered last Sunday at the Bungaree Recreation Centre to

farewell Fr Sajan. It was wonderful to see so many people join in the celebrations. Special thanks to Damian Ryan, who on behalf of the parishes of Bungaree and Gordon gifted Fr Sajan with a photographic depiction of our churches and presbytery; and to Anne Wade and her assistants for the enjoyable meal. We thank Fr Sajan for his friendship and spiritual guidance over the past four years. We will remember him in our prayers; and send him our very best wishes for the future.

Caritas Lenten Appeal: Thank you for your generous contribution to the Caritas Lenten Appeal held over the Easter weekend and last weekend. Total: \$630.00

MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
13/14 April 2024	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Bridget Sims Family
20/21 April 2024	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lesley Morffew	Tony & Edith Paarhammer
27/28 April 2024	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn 3: 18-24	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Pat Prendergast	Helen Mahar
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jayme Naeff	Mark and Sue Conlan



Hands with stigmata

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am, 9am*	Gordon*	Bungaree	Gordon*	Gordon*	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday Masses ~ Buninyong 9am; Ballarat East 10.30 am (1st & 3rd & 5th Sunday) Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday Masses ~ Ballarat East 9am; Buninyong 10.30 am (2nd & 4th Sunday)					

Recent Deaths: Charlie Franc (Beaufort)

Anniversaries: Andrew Sherry, Peter Molloy, Antonio Zumba, Marie Maher-Graham, John Vincent (Jack) Toohey, Bill Molloy, Jill Fradd, Carmel Fitzgerald.

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, Evelyn Farrugia and Pat Burvill.

Pope's intention for April – for the role of women: *Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world. Lord, hear us.*

Thank You: The Holy Land Collection this year was \$727.85. We thank the parishioners from the Bungaree and Gordon parishes as well as visitors to our parishes who attended the ceremonies at Ballan and Springbank on Good Friday for their generosity.

Easter greetings to all!

From April 10th, Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Matt Restall and I to the parishes of Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon, forming a **Ministry District** across our three parishes and the eight local Church and School communities of Ballan, Ballarat East, Bungaree, Buninyong, Clarke's Hill, Dunnstown, Gordon and Springbank. We will work with Cathy Prunty, Natalie Shannon and Bernadette Prestwood in the Ballarat East Office and Aileen Toohey in the Bungaree and Gordon Parish Offices as well as the Principals of our Catholic Schools - Troy Strybosch (St Joseph's Bakery Hill), Jayne Bosworth (St Brigid's Ballan), Emily Clarke (St Alipius' Ballarat East), Mark Hogbin (St Francis Xavier Ballarat East), Clare Scanlon (St Mary's Clarke's Hill), Paul McDowell (St Patrick's Gordon), Ethan Corfee (Emmaus Mt Clear) and Steven Mifsud (Damascus Mt Clear and Dunnstown).

In the Diocese of Ballarat, a Ministry district is the term used in our pastoral planning document **Looking Forward**, to describe the sharing of resources between parishes, with the aim of working in collaboration to further the mission of Christ that has been entrusted to the Church. Our emphasis and focus is on mission, looking forward, outward, with the joy of the Gospel.

Pope Francis, in **The Joy of the Gospel**, dreams “of a ‘missionary option’, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation” (#27). He recognises that we need to be in a “permanent state of mission” (25), going out, being always engaged in involving others and being constantly focused on reaching out. The vision of Pope Francis is an outward one and “**mission**” is at the centre of it.

In this next chapter, our new Ministry district provides us all with an opportunity to exercise genuine **synodality**, that is, walking together in faith, building a culture of encounter and accompaniment, **discerning** the way forward by genuine dialogue, listening to each other with prayerful openness to the Holy Spirit.

I look forward to walking with you as a pilgrim in faith, together as servants of the Gospel, joyful missionary disciples.

Fr Justin Driscoll

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

Bishop Paul invites parishes to acknowledge the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat at Masses on the weekend of **April 27-28**. He has invited schools to mark the anniversary during the week of April 29 to May 3, coinciding with Catholic Education Week which was brought forward for the occasion. Resources are being provided to parishes for inclusion in Masses on this weekend.

