

# Fourth Sunday of Easter (B): 20/21 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): Mobile 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

Presbytery	\$449.65	Parish:	\$400.00
Financial Yr to Date: \$31178.15			

**Mid-Week Mass at Ballan:** Mass at Ballan at 10.30am on Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> (ANZAC day).

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

**Parish Confirmation Program:** An information meeting for parents of children to be enrolled in the Parish Confirmation program will be held at St Brigid's school on Tuesday evening, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.00pm.

**Safeguarding Matters:** The Professional Standards Office is organising a (revised and updated) Safetrac online course. All volunteers are required to have a valid working with children card and to complete training programs as advised by the Diocese. Professional Standards have asked for the email addresses of all volunteers required to do the Safetrac course. An email from the diocese will be sent to volunteers with your username and password. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call Aileen at the parish office (currently located at the Bungaree Presbytery parish office (5334 0450)).

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  
 ✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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:	\$ NA	Parish:	\$NA
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### Welcome, Fr Justin and Fr Matt

The parishioners of the Parish of Bungaree extend their very best wishes to Fr Justin and Fr Matt, on their appointment as parish priest, and assistant priest to the parish; and their new duties forming the Ministry District Parishes of Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon.

**Welcome, Fr Jim:** Welcome to Fr Jim McKay, celebrating the 6.30pm Vigil Mass at Dunnstown this weekend, enabling Fr Justin to attend a family wedding in St Arnaud.

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MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
<b>20/21 April 2024</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2</b>	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lesley Morffew	Tony & Edith Paarhammer
<b>27/28 April 2024</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9: 26-31; 1 Jn 3: 18-24</b>	
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
<b>4/5 May 2024</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4: 7-10</b>	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan/Jim Leahy	Rosemary & Michael Canavan

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 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarke's 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)					
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**Recent Deaths:** Sr Mary Madden RSM (Ballarat East), Bill Gove (Ballarat)

**Sr Mary Madden rsm RIP** The Funeral Mass for Sr Mary Madden rsm will take place on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at St Alipius Church Ballarat East at 10.30am AEST. live-stream link: Funeral <https://youtube.com/live/aeXkdNueREc?feature=share>; Burial <https://youtube.com/live/xTbxpt2SWpl?feature=share>.

**Anniversaries:** Jack Canty, Margaret Trounce, Frank Conroy, Brian Munn, Shelia Fay, Barry McNamara, Mary Duffy, Gerard Toohey, Alice McTigue, Peter Molloy, Laurie Flynn.

**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.

**Baptisms:** We pray for Katie Lee Muscat, daughter of Mathew and Mikala, and Dakota Maeve Dickson, daughter of Hugh and Jordon, who will be baptised this Sunday in St Patrick's Church Gordon. We welcome them into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

**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.*

#### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday, April 21, 2024**

The Universal Church celebrates Vocation Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This is an opportunity for all to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. "Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, the harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:35–38). We remember young women and men throughout our country and diocese and pray they may be open to hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to marriage, the single life, the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

#### **150<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **A snapshot of our Ministry District Parishes of Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon**

##### **Total Population**

Ballarat East (& Buninyong)	31,686
Bungaree (& Clarke's Hill & Dunnstown)	1,756
Gordon (& Ballan & Springbank)	6,197

##### **Catholic Population**

Ballarat East (& Buninyong)	7,095 (22.4%)
Bungaree (& Clarke's Hill & Dunnstown)	638 (35.7%)
Gordon (& Ballan & Springbank)	1,871 (30.3%)

##### **Sunday Mass attendance in 2023**

Ballarat East (& Buninyong)	230
Bungaree (& Clarke's Hill & Dunnstown)	40
Gordon (& Ballan & Springbank)	106

##### **Baptisms in 2023**

Ballarat East (& Buninyong)	84
Bungaree (& Clarke's Hill & Dunnstown)	6
Gordon (& Ballan & Springbank)	30

In last weekend's Combined Newsletter, Fr Justin provided an update on the formation of a **Ministry District** across the three parishes of Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon and the eight local Church and School communities of Ballan, Ballarat East, Bungaree, Buninyong, Clarke's Hill, Dunnstown, Gordon and Springbank.

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