

Second Sunday of Easter (B): 6/7 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

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| 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

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| Presbytery | \$727.15 | Parish: | \$720.00 |
| Financial Yr to Date: \$30066.15 | | | |

Easter Dues: \$455.00, **Xmas Dues:** \$20.00
Good Friday Appeal/Holy Land Collection: \$697.85
 We thank all parishioners for their generosity.

Mid-Week Mass at Ballan: No mass at Ballan this Thursday, April 11th.

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

Thank You, Fr Peter:

We sincerely thank Fr Peter Murphy for celebrating our Easter Vigil Mass at St Michael's Springbank and the Easter Sunday Mass at St Brigid's Ballan last weekend.

Fr Sajan's Farewell - Sunday, April 7th

Fr Sajan will celebrate his final weekend of Masses with us this weekend, April 6th-7th with the Vigil Mass at Dunnstown and Sunday Masses at Gordon and Ballan.

Fr Sajan's farewell lunch will be held at the Bungaree Recreation Centre this Sunday at 1 pm @\$30 (cash or card at the door). Doors open at 12.30 pm. Meal served at 1pm.

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

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| Presbytery: | \$NA | Parish: | \$NA |
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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

Thank You, Chris:

Special thanks to Chris Leonard for the wonderful 150th Anniversary of the Diocese signs that have been placed in front of our three churches. The signs look amazing. Many parishioners have expressed their appreciation of this commemorative gesture We are very grateful to Chris for designing, financing and installing the three signs on behalf of the parish.

| MASS DATES & TIMES | READER/INTERCESSION | OFFERTORY |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 6/7 April 2024 | Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 4: 32-35, 1 Jn 5: 1-6 | |
| Dunnstown – 6.30 pm | Trish Ryan | |
| Gordon – 9 am | To be Advised | |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Michael Ryan | Eddie & Mary Cassar |
| 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 | | |
| Dunnstown – 6.30 pm | Dorothy Sheehan | |
| Gordon – 9 am | To be Advised | |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Lesley Morffew | Tony & Edith Paarhammer |

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| 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 ~ Korobeit Sat 5 pm; Sunday Masses ~ Creswick 9am; Daylesford 10.30 am | | | | | |

The Virgin Annunciate by Carlo Crivelli, 15th century; rays enter through the window. Edited. File: Crivelli, Carlo-The Virgin Annunciate.jpg Public Domain Uploaded: 28 Nov 2008. Source/Photographer: oar square from Frankfurt. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Crivelli,_Carlo-The_Virgin_Annunciate.jpg?uselang=en#licensing



Anniversaries: Laurie O'Neil, Martin Wheelahan, Marie Dromey, Marie Leahy, Allen Payne, Isabella Moran, Isabel Britt, Fr. Thomas Linane, Mary Britt, Barbara Frawley.

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.

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!



Thank you for your continued support. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. Return your Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes to your Parish Office or donate online by visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. If you donate online or through the QR code, remember to fill in your details and postcode.

Baptisms: We pray for Cydi Isabel Browne, daughter of Riley and Madelaine, and Lachlan Clinton Sim, son of Clinton and Joanne, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Brigid's Church, Ballan. We also pray for Wilkie Sage, child of Zachary and Monique, Edie Bee, child of Dion and Chantelle and Armani Dee Plover, child of Jason and Karly, who will be baptized this weekend at St Peter's Church, Clarkes Hill. We welcome them into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Update regarding Maintenance Work on St Patrick's Cathedral Fence

Fr Marcello Colasante has asked that the media dated 5 April 2024, be circulated:

'As reported in The Courier on Monday, March 25th, ribbons were removed from St Patrick's Cathedral fence to allow maintenance work to be done on the fence. The date for the removal of ribbons was set in consultation with members of the Loud Fence movement.

Over the past two weeks, the fence has been cleaned and a first coat of paint has been applied to most of the fence. The finishing coat of paint will be applied in the coming weeks to complete the maintenance project.

Bishop Paul Bird and some members of the parish council will meet again with members of the Loud Fence movement next week. This will be to discuss arrangements for a meeting with survivors to hear their views on a memorial for those who have suffered abuse. The memorial could provide ongoing recognition of those who have suffered abuse and also be a reminder of the need for continuing attention to safeguarding children and vulnerable people in our community'.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat - What's Happening?

Read about the 150th year Church history in the Diocese. A timeline of significant dates & events has been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/history-2/>

Forthcoming activities include the *Anniversary Liturgies in the Parishes on the Fifth Sunday of Easter*, April 27th-28th, and Bishop Bird's visit to Bungaree and Gordon on August 31st-September 1st.



Thank You from Fr Sajan

Today, I recall the journey I have travelled in this parish with a sense of immense joy and gratitude. Always present throughout my journey of life is God's fidelity. I thank God Almighty for his constant companionship and loving providence. Always holding me in the hollow of his hands, keeping me safe, healthy and contented.

I thank everyone in this parish which has such loving and prayerful families. I also thank the parish leadership members, volunteers and those involved in the Bungaree parish. I thank Damian Ryan, (parish leadership committee chairperson), Aileen Toohey, Lin Bowers, Debbie Goldie, Fran Peterkin (parish secretaries), Leah Hanrahan (parish safeguarding officer), Michael Canavan and Cate Sellers (garden and presbytery) and Clare Scanlon, Inez French, Shelly Ryan (school principals).

Dear parishioners, what can I return for your care, concern and loving deeds? I offer my humble prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you, and I ask you for your prayers in the years ahead.

Thank you all.

Fr Sajan Matthew