

# Sixth Sunday of Easter (B): 4/5 May 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, Assistant Priest: Fr Matt Restall - ☎ 0492 903 409  
 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	<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 last fortnight to 30<sup>th</sup> April

<b>Presbytery</b>	\$816.10	<b>Parish:</b>	\$320.00
<b>Financial Yr to Date: \$31498.15</b>			

**Easter Dues:** \$22.00

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

**Mid-Week Mass at Ballan:** Mass this Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

**Parish Confirmation Program – Update:** Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday at 10.30am Mass in Ballan, May 19th.

### Mass Count:

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting is to begin this weekend (**4-5 May**) and continue each weekend until the end of May. Counting forms will be placed in the Churches. Please nominate parishioners who will record the count for every Mass held in the parish on each of the four weekends. The completed form/s must be returned to the Parish Office by the end of the month.

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 Priest: Fr Justin Driscoll, Assistant Priest: Fr Matt Restall~ ☎ 0492 903 409  
 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): ☎ Mobile: 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	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Presbytery to April 30th, Parish to April 30th

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$903.20	<b>Parish:</b>	\$330.00
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**Easter Dues:** \$90.00

**Thank You:** We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to these collections.

**Mid-week Mass:** Fr Justin will celebrate mass at St. Michael's Bungaree on Friday, May 10th at 9.30am.

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MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
<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
<b>11/12 May 2024</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23</b>	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan
<b>18/19 May 2024</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka

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
Saturday 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sunday 8.45am, 9am*	Gordon*	Bungaree	Gordon*	Gordon*	Bungaree
Sunday 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:** Fr Tom Brophy, Ian Chandler and Nick Moore

**Fr Tom Brophy Funeral Mass** Mass celebrating entry into eternal life For Fr Tom Brophy will be celebrated on Monday, May 6th at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Burial will follow at the Ballarat New Cemetery. Rosary will be recited on Sunday evening, May 5 at 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Livestream link Funeral <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1XY3pjf9z0>. Burial is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17ebPR80EK8>

**Anniversaries:** Mary Howard, Merv Howard, Patrick Leonard, Carole Steenhuis, Katheleen Gleeson, Helen Ronan, Jack McGuigan, Carmel McAloon.

**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 Lilly May and Bonnie Ray Schwarzenberg, daughters of Anthony and Nicola, and Sage Alice Keith, daughter of Christopher and Emma who will be baptised this Sunday in St Brigid's Church Ballan. We welcome them into our faith communities. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

#### **Parishes of Bungaree and Gordon - Safeguarding Matters Update**

The Professional Standards Office has forwarded by email an invitation to all volunteers in the parishes of Gordon and Bungaree to complete a Safetrac online course. If you have received an email for this training, can you please complete the Safetrac training module before the closing date. The Parish Office will be contacting those volunteers who have email addresses but have not yet received an invitation, to assist them in their registration for the Safetrac training module.

The Parish Office will also invite volunteers who do not have an email address or cannot complete the Safetrac training module online to attend a special session/s, most likely during late May. Dates and venues to be confirmed soon.

If you have any questions or concerns, call Aileen at the Parish Office on 0492 903 409.

#### **Leadership across the three Parishes of our Ministry District**

Each of the three parishes of Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon have Parish Leadership structures to foster participation, collaboration, and consultation.

Ballarat East has both a Parish Pastoral Council and a Finance Committee. The members of the Pastoral Council are Martin McGettigan (chair), Teresa Fletcher (Finance Committee liaison), Diane McKeegan, Greg O'Beirne, with Mark Hogbin (Principal of St Francis Xavier Primary), Cathy Prunty (Parish Coordinator), Fr Matt and Fr Justin as ex-officio members. The members of the Finance Committee are Paul O'Beirne (chair), Susan Begbie, Teresa Fletcher, Arnoud Goossens, Brett Holloway, Louise Morris, Greg O'Beirne, John White with Bernadette Prestwood (Finance Officer), Cathy Prunty and Fr Justin ex-officio members. The Finance Committee met on Wednesday May 1<sup>st</sup> and the next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Bungaree Parish has a Leadership Team that serves as both Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. Each of the three communities have two delegates with Damien Ryan (chair) and Chris Frawley from Bungaree, Marty Forbes and Dom Prendergast (Clarkes Hill), Dianne Reynolds and Barry Sheehan (Dunnstown), with Clare Scanlon (St Mary's Clarkes Hill Principal), Fr Matt and Fr Justin ex-officio members. The next meeting of the Leadership team is proposed for Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Gordon Parish also has a Leadership Team that serves as both Pastoral Council and Finance Committee with each of the three communities having two delegates with Sue Daly (chair) and Brendan Maher from Springbank, Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), with Jayne Bosworth (St Brigid's Ballan Principal), Paul McDowell (St Patrick's Gordon Principal), Fr Matt and Fr Justin ex-officio members. Leadership Team will meet on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia decreed that dioceses and eparchies support parishes to establish and strengthen appropriate synodal structures by developing guidelines and providing resources for the flourishing of Parish Pastoral Councils, Parish Finance Committees, and other parish bodies. The Plenary Council affirmed that governance in the Catholic Church should be exercised in a synodal manner, with the appropriate participation of all the baptised.

Throughout 2024 as the Diocese of Ballarat acknowledges its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, formation for synodal leadership and governance will be offered, leading to a Diocesan Assembly being held in Ballarat on November 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. From the Assembly a Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Council will be discerned.