

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B): 27/28 July 2024

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BUNGAREE AND GORDON

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree
St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Our Parish acknowledges this land's traditional owners & custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present, & emerging.



We are child safe Parishes, committed to safeguarding children, young people & vulnerable adults.

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll, **Assistant Priest:** Fr Matt Restall
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Parish Leadership Teams

Bungaree Parish: Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown), Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill).

Gordon Parish: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan).

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

Collections – Last Fortnight

Bungaree & Gordon Combined Presbytery:	\$906.00
Pope's Appeal	\$473.10
Bungaree Planned Giving: 12 – 25 July 2024	\$310.00
Gordon Planned Giving: 12 – 25 July 2024	\$2043.00
Gordon Financial Yr 2024/25:	\$2983.00

Midweek Masses:

Mass at St Brigid's Ballan on Thursday August 1st at 10.30am. No mass at Bungaree this Friday.

Welcome to Frs Wally Tudor and Gary Jones

This weekend Fr Wally will celebrate the 9.00am Mass in his home parish of Gordon and Fr Gary will celebrate the 10.30am Mass at Ballan. Thank you to both priests for their willingness to celebrate these Masses in our parish while Fr Justin is in Horsham facilitating the formation gathering for the Diocesan Assembly that will be held in November.

Commencing preparations for First Eucharist (Communion)

Welcome to the children and their families attending the 9.00am Mass at Gordon this Sunday to be enrolled into the Parish Eucharist program. Please pray for these children

and their families during the weeks of their preparation that will lead to the celebration of first Eucharist at Mass at St Brigid's Ballan on Sunday August 18th.

Bungaree Parish Leadership Team

Following the meeting of the Parish Leadership Team meeting on July 23rd there will be a further meeting of the team on Friday August 2nd at 12.30pm. This meeting will take place in the Diocesan Offices in Lyons St Sth Ballarat. The team has overseen the lease agreement with the Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL) and the Bungaree Parish for the use of the former St Brendan's School site in Dunnstown by Damascus College Mt Clear. With the signing of this lease agreement, the Leadership Team have now turned their attention to the future use of the former St Michael's school site in Bungaree (the school was closed 30 years ago in 1994).

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2024

The 2nd edition of ODC 2024 is available for collection from the diocesan offices in Ballarat. Please encourage parishioners to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals to spread the good news of the diocese.

MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
27/28 July 2024	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Eph 4: 1-6	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Margie Moran	Kate Bennett
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jim Leahy	Bridget Sims and Family
3/4 August 2024	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15, Eph 4: 17, 20-24	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Edith and Tony Paarhammer
10/11 August 2024	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 19: 4-8, Eph 4: 30-5: 2	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Damian Ryan	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES					
	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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 ~ Ballarat East 9am ; Buninyong 10.30 am (1st & 3rd & 5th Sunday)					
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Note: Korobeit Mass times have changed to the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month only at 5pm.					

Recent Deaths: Andrew McBride (Ballarat), Therese O'Loughlin (Ballarat), Rosemary Ryan (Warrnambool)

Death Anniversaries: Peter Nihill, Margaret Maher, Tom White, John Fuller, Josephine Borg, Patrick Hodgson, Mary Flynn, Robert McGriffin, Beth Flynn, Marie Britt, James Glenane, Ted Ryan, Tim Devereux, Kevin Leonard.

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, Pat Burvill, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Ray Broach, Owen Widdison and (baby) Mia Hanrahan.

Fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - Sunday, July 28, 2024

This year's theme, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Ps 71: 9), recalls the heartfelt plea to the Lord not to be left alone in old age. All too often, in fact, loneliness is a bitter companion in the lives of the elderly due to numerous contingent situations, such as the migration of children or the crisis of families, or due to the individualistic mentality that makes those who are advanced in years feel like a burden. It seems that everyone takes for granted that there is a time in life when one remains alone. It is a habit and a mentality to which, with resignation, even the elderly do not object.

Parishes, schools, agencies, aged care facilities and other ministries are encouraged to find creative ways to celebrate the contribution of older people to their families and communities. Resources available on the diocesan website include Pope Francis' message, a resource kit and a copy of the prayer <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly-sunday-july-28-2024/>.

Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly

*Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us
through every season of life,*

*Do not abandon us, take care of us, and grant us, once
again, the ability to discover ourselves and recognise that
we are Your children.*

*Renew our hearts with your Word and do not allow anyone
to be cast aside.*

*May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness and teach
us to say:*

"I will not abandon you!" to those we meet on our journey.

*With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the
taste for fraternity*

and may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.

*Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
and make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
a day without loneliness,*

and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.

Amen.

Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited – employment opportunity

Catholic Education Ballarat is seeking an enthusiastic and creative Marketing and Communications Officer who is keen to progress their career through opportunities to support the planning and delivery of a variety of projects, campaigns, and events, along with co-ordination of newsletters, website, and social media platforms. Applications via: <https://dobcel.catholic.edu.au/careers/>. Closing date is August 4, 2024.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal: The theme of the appeal this year is the "Working Homeless". Envelopes are available in churches for donations and can be placed on the collection plate. Please write your name and address if you require a receipt. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. To donate online, go to www.vinnies.org.au or call 131812.

Formation Sessions: In preparation for the **Diocesan Assembly in November 2024**, there will be formation sessions held with a focus on leadership and governance. Dates: Ballarat on **August 4:** 10.30am – 4.00pm – Ss Peter and Paul Church, Buninyong; Ballarat on **August 13:** 5.00pm – 8.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Wendouree.

Bishop Paul to visit the Parishes of Bungaree and Gordon

As part of the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat (1874-2024) Bishop Paul is visiting each of the 29 parishes of the Diocese. On the weekend of August 31st - September 1st he will visit the parishes of Bungaree and Gordon, celebrating the weekend Masses at Dunnstown (6.30pm Saturday), Gordon (9.00am Sunday) and Ballan (10.30am Sunday). Parishioners of both parishes and each of the six Church communities are invited to join Bishop Paul and Fr Justin for lunch at the **Wallace Hotel from 12.30pm on Sunday September 1st**. Aware that this is also Father's Day and many will have family engagements, those who would like to attend the lunch are invited to contact the parish office 0492 903 409 or email to either of the parishes email addresses bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au so that a booking can be made.

