

Faith communities of Ballan, Ballarat East, Bungaree, Buninyong, Clarkes Hill, Dunnstown, Gordon and Springbank

Priests Frs Justin Driscoll & Matt Restall

Ballarat East Parish

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Ministry District Newsletter

Our parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults

26th January 2025 3rd Sunday of the Year (C)

WE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Louise Lang, John Steenhuis, Bev Naus, Mick Daly, Marilyn Ross

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Blood, Catherine Butler, Ted Cass, Philip Crowe, Christopher Davies, John Falko, Kathryn Gray, Morrie Holloway, Len Howard, Frank McDaid, Vin O'Donohue, Des Quinlan, Noel Quinlan, Audrey Reddie, Justin Toohey.

UNWELL

Ray Broach, Pat Burvill, Karem Chiparra, Elaine Conlan, Socorro De Chavez, Evelyn Farrugia, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Michelle Hall, (baby) Mia Hanrahan, John Healy, Sarah McLachlan, Thelma Keating, Carole Simmons, Owen Widdison

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS/PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ballarat East Parish: Rose Consignano Teresa Fletcher, Judith Glaubitz, Martin McGettigan, Dianne McKeegan, Claire Stewart.

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

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

MASS TIMES

Saturday 1st February

6:00pm – Ballarat East
6:30pm – Dunnstown

Sunday 2nd February

9:00am - Buninyong
9:00 am – Gordon
10:30am – Ballan
10.30am - Ballarat East

Tuesday

5:30pm – Ballarat East

Wednesday

11:00am – Mercy Place

Thursday

9:30am – Ballarat East
10.30am – Ballan

Friday

9:30am – Ballarat East
9.30 am – Bungaree

Saturday

No Mass – Ballarat East

CHURCHES

St Brigid's

98 Inglis Street, Ballan

St Alipius'

84 Victoria St, Ballarat East

St Michael's

186 Bungaree-Wallace Rd,
Bungaree

Ss Peter and Paul's

701 Fiskens St, Buninyong

St Peter's

1120 Ballarat-Daylesford Rd,
Clarkes Hill

St Brendan's

1 Ti Tree Rd, Dunnstown

St Patrick's

1558 Old Melbourne Rd,
Gordon

St Michael's

738 Springbank Rd,
Springbank

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -26 January
Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Readers/Intercession & Offertory

Clarkes Hill: Pat Prendergast
Kate Bennett
Gordon: To be Advised
Ballan: Julie Dargan/Jim Leahy.
Bridget Sims family

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

The Presentation of the Lord -2 February
Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

Readers/Intercession & Offertory

Dunnstown: Dianne Reynolds
Gordon: To be Advised
Ballan: Winnie Zammit.
Tony & Edith Paarhammer

BACK TO SCHOOL

This week we welcome staff and students back to school after their Christmas break, hoping that they are well rested and looking forward to a new year. Best wishes to all who are beginning at new schools for the 2025 school year. School mass dates will be in next week's newsletter.

2025 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Dates for the 2025 Program will be published soon.

WORLD INTERFAITH NETWORK

The Ballarat Interfaith Network invites you to join their Flag Raising Event in celebration of United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week on Monday, February 3rd from 11.00am – 12.30pm at St Peter's Anglican Church, 1307 Sturt Street Ballarat. Welcome by Mayor Cr Tracey Hargreaves; Keynote address by Dean Berger, Deer Park Stake President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Representatives from Damascus, Loreto, Phoenix P-12, and St Patrick's Colleges, as well as members of faith communities. Children's choir from Emmaus PS. Refreshments will be provided.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

Each Saturday in March and April Fr Matt will be guiding a Lenten and Easter reflection group at St Alipius between 10am and 11am. If you are interested in being part of this group, please register with him by emailing: matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au A reflection book will be available for \$10.

PRAYING WITH THE POPE

Prayer for January – For the right to an education: *Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.*

PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Blessed be God, for this ancient and beautiful land - a land of despair and hope, a land of wealth and abundant harvests, a land of fire, drought and flood. We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and an end to all injustice. Amen.

YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

Families across Ballarat are currently meeting monthly during the week for a social afternoon sport activities for the kids and food are provided. The

next gathering will be mid-February. To be kept informed via email, please register your interest by emailing matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.org.au

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Many Young Adult activities are occurring around Ballarat. If you are interested in joining or being kept in the loop via text, chat to Fr Matt about possibilities. Email matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.org.au for a

COLLECTIONS -DECEMBER 2024	
Combined Gordon & Bungaree Loose Collection for month of December	\$4858
Gordon Parish Planned Giving Program	\$3830
Bungaree Parish Planned Giving Program	\$3145
CHRISTMAS	
Christmas Dues	\$1285
Bishop's Appeal	\$1752
Special thanks to our parishioners, their families and friends as well as all visitors who contributed to these collections	

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE



Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, centred on the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope." A Jubilee is a special year of grace and conversion, involving prayer, pilgrimage and sacramental repentance, held every 25 years, or during other years as called for by the Pope. Through a series of concrete rituals, acts and commitments, the goal of a Jubilee year is to inspire and encourage holiness of life among the faithful and therefore to strengthen the Church's witness to God's loving mercy in and for the world. Pope Francis has written a prayer for the Jubilee Year. Prayers cards will be provided to parishes and schools.

A hymn for the Jubilee Year and can be accessed from the diocesan website or the Jubilee Year website <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html> The National Centre for Evangelisation have prepared resources, highlighting special aspects of Church life. These resources can be accessed from the diocesan website. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/jubilee-year-2025-pilgrims-of-hope/>