

Priests Frs Justin Driscoll & Matt Restall

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

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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

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year C) – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
Weekday Masses			
Tuesday February 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Ballarat East	
Wednesday February 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Mercy Place (All Welcome)	
Thursday February 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
	10.30 am	Ballan	
Friday February 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East	
	9.30am	Bungaree	
	12 Noon	Ballarat East (Emmaus School Mass)	
Next Weekend Masses			
Saturday February 22 <sup>nd</sup> -Vigil		Sunday February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Buninyong Gordon
6.30 pm	Clarkes Hill	10.30 am	Ballan Ballarat East

### WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Kathryn Cornish (née McGuigan), Tricia Cosgriff (10.30am Funeral Prayers at St Alipius' Wed 19<sup>th</sup>)

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME**

Veronica Bryce, Richard (Mick) Butler, Edna Carson, Fay Daly, Tim Fletcher, Eileen Haintz, Chris Maher, Betty Martin, Martin Molloy, Eily Mullane, Kathleen Rix, Laurie Wheelahan.

**THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL**

Pat Burvill, Elaine Conlan, Joan Egan, Evelyn Farrugia, Patricia Gannon, Lyla Geary, Michelle Hall, (baby) Mia Hanrahan, John Healy, Thelma Keating, Sarah McLachlan, Carole Simmons, Owen Widdison.

### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS

**Ballarat East Parish:** Rose Consignado, Terresa 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).

**This Week's Scripture Readings 15/16 February  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jer 17: 5-8, 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20*

**Lk 6: 17, 20-26**

**Readers & Offertory**

Dunnstown: Dianne Reynolds

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Lloyd Lamb; Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan

**Next Week's Scripture Readings 22/23 February  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readers & Offertory**

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Cor 15: 45-49

**Lk 6: 27-38**

Clarkes Hill: Marty Forbes

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Catherine Green Rosemary & Michael Canavan

## PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

### Prayer for February - for vocations to the priesthood and religious life:

*Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.*

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FOR 2025

The Sacramental Program for the Parish of Gordon will be available for those children baptised Catholic in Year 4 and above. The program will include Reconciliation (held during February & March), Confirmation (held during May & June) and Eucharist (held during July & August).

The Parent Information and Enrolment Meeting for Reconciliation will be this Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 7pm at St Brigid's Ballan.

Enrolment masses will be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 9am St Patrick's Gordon and 10.30am St Brigid's Ballan.

Participation Masses will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 9am St Patrick's Gordon and 10.30am St Brigid's Ballan and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9am St Patrick's Gordon and 10.30am St Brigid's Ballan.

Rite II Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30 pm, St Brigid's Ballan.

The dates for the Confirmation and Eucharist enrolment meetings and masses will be published in the newsletter later in the year.

## THE SYNOD AND THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH: WHERE TO NOW?

You are invited to participate in a webinar on **Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 7:30 pm** to discuss the global Synod 2021-2024 and its implications for the Australian Church.

Presenting are two Synod participants: **Bishop Shane Mackinlay** and **Dr Sandie Cornish**. Their presentations will focus on the final session of the universal Synod in October 2024 and its report *For a Synodal Church*. They will also highlight issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church, and the scope for local autonomy. A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address unresolved issues. There will be ample time for discussion.

## LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Each Saturday in March and April Fr Matt will be guiding a Lenten and Easter reflection group at St Alipius between 10:15 am and 11am. If you are interested in being part of this group, please email: [matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au)

### BAPTISMS

**Camillia Carey Quinlan**

Child of Benjamin and Kate

**Audrey Betty Carey**

Child of Daniel and Jornita

*Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

## GRAMPIANS HEALTH BALLARAT ARE SEEKING PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS

Are you comfortable listening to people?

Are you able to commit to 2.5 hours per week?

Using health care services, being in hospital, and **experiencing** illness can prompt people to seek emotional support as well as reflect upon their attitudes to life, values, relationships and beliefs. It can be a time when people explore issues of meaning, connection and belonging.

Volunteers will be supported with training prior to starting as a Pastoral Care Volunteer and opportunities for professional development and training. They are seeking to recruit volunteers to provide pastoral care support to patients and visitors of all faiths and beliefs. Pastoral Care volunteers offer support including: A compassionate listening ear & emotional support Help patients connect with their religious or spiritual resources and support (as requested).

Contact Paul Ryan, Pastoral Care Practitioner 5320 8634, 0467 297 733, [pastoralcareballarat@gh.org.au](mailto:pastoralcareballarat@gh.org.au)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sacramental Program** - Reconciliation Parent Information and Enrolment Meeting, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 7pm at St Brigid's Ballan.

**St Michael's Church Springbank 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Vigil Mass Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 6.30pm

**St Patrick's Church Gordon 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Sunday Mass May 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 10.30am