

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

## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year C) – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Tuesday March 4 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Ballarat East	
Wednesday March 5 <sup>th</sup>	See Ash Wednesday Masses (next page)		
Thursday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
Friday March 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East	
Saturday March 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East	
NEXT WEEKEND MASSES			
Saturday March 8 <sup>th</sup> -Vigil		Sunday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Buninyong Gordon
6.30 pm	Dunnstown	10.30 am	Ballarat East Ballan

### WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Patricia Briody (Lexton), Marco Mihaljevic

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME**

Antal Boka, Con Carey, Gert Cummins, Matt Jamieson, Kathleen Leonard, Con McTigue, Jack O’Donohue, Maureen O’Donohue, Maureen O’Halloran, Harry Parkin, William Rosenow, Tommy Simpson, Lil Wickson, Bill Wheelahan.

**THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL**

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

### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS

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

**Bungaree Parish:** Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley, Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds, Dom Prendergast, Maurice Mahar & Marty Forbes.

**Gordon Parish:** Sue Daly & Brendan Maher, Joan Bourke & Shane Carey, Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy.

### ECUMENICAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, FRIDAY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>

St Paul’s Uniting Church Ballan, 10.00am  
Brown Hill Uniting Church, 10.00am  
Skipton St Uniting Church Redan, 2.00pm  
Ballarat Central Uniting Church, 5.00pm

**This Week’s Scripture Reading- 1/2 March 2025**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27: 4-7, 1 Cor 15: 54-58

**Lk 6: 39-45**

**Readers & Offertory**

Dunnstown: Trish Ryan

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Jayne Bosworth, Kelly Hunter & family

**Next Week’s Scripture Readings -8/9 March 2025**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deut 26: 4-10, Rom 10: 8-13 **Lk 4: 1-13**

**Readers & Offertory**

Springbank: To be Advised

Bungaree: To be Advised

Ballan: Marie Shanahan,

Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe

## MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> ASH WEDNESDAY

Vigil Mass Tuesday	6.30pm	Dunnstown
Wednesday	7.00am	Cathedral
	9.15am	Gordon
	9.30am	Ballarat East
	11.00am	Mercy Place
	10.30am	Ballan
	6.00pm	Buninyong

## PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our God.

*O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as shepherd.*

*Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.*

*Through our Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT

“Let Us Journey Together in Hope” is Pope Francis’ message for Lent 2025. He reminds us that we cannot stay where it is comfortable, that we must always accompany others, and that we must always do everything with the hope that never disappoints. To read the message scan or click the QR code.



Michael Leunig offers an appropriate prayer for Lent: *On this day (at this time), your gift to us O God, help us to move simply: To look softly: To allow emptiness: To let the heart create for us.*

Lent is not just a time for penance, or self-denial, it also offers us the gift of time to reassess, to think again, so that we can become more sensitive and aware of the invitation of God to friendship. As Boris Pasternak put it: When God knocks on the door of your life, it is often no louder than the beating of your heart and so it is very easy to miss it. Lent is offered to help us not to miss it.

By Jim Quillinan, *Along the Track*

## LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Following 10.30am Mass at Ballan on Thursdays March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>. 10.30am. Facilitated by Dr. Rosemary Canavan, the Lenten Reflection will be guided by the framework of the *Conversation in the Spirit*. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the Gospel and readings of the week as we come together as one ministry district. All welcome. Fr Matt will be guiding a Lenten and Easter reflection group at St Alipius every Saturday during March and April between 10.15am and 11.00am. To join, email Fr Matt at: [matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au)

## INTRODUCTION TO THE IGNATIAN WORKOUT FOR LENT RETREAT

This Lent, become a spiritual athlete and join Tim for **The Ignatian Workout for Lent**. Each Monday he'll share audio reflections accompanied by suggestions for prayer and action. The online retreat begins this week and continues through Easter Week. [The Ignatian Workout for Lent: An Online Retreat with Tim Muldoon](#)



### Project Compassion Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



#### Please donate today.

Support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

*Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

### COLLECTIONS -MONTH OF JANUARY 2025

Combined Gordon & Bungaree Collection	\$4129.39
Gordon Parish Planned Giving Program	\$1605.00
Bungaree Parish Planned Giving Program	\$715.00

Special thanks to our parishioners who contributed to these collections.