

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

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Year C) – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Tuesday February 25 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Ballarat East	
Wednesday February 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Mercy Place (All Welcome)	
Thursday February 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
Friday February 28 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East	
Saturday March 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East	
NEXT WEEKEND MASSES			
Saturday March 1 <sup>st</sup> -Vigil		Sunday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Ballarat East Gordon
6.30 pm	Dunnstown	10.30 am	Ballan Buninyong

**WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:**

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Kellianne McMahon née Nihill (Bendigo), Anne Kane, Patrick Shanahan (Funeral Mass at Korobeit, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm), John Quick (Funeral Mass 10.30am Buninyong, Thursday February 27th).

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME**

Joan Arnel, Liam Begbie, Brian Boyle, Catherine Donegan, Elizabeth Flynn, Sr Anne Forbes, RSM, Carmen Galea, Diane Johnson, Arthur Jones, Kevin McGuigan, Laurie Mullane, Tom O’Loughlin, Catherine Parkin, Maria Steenhuis, Louise Tubbs, Ellie Walsh, Eileen White.

**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 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).

**This Week’s Scripture Readings 22/23 February**

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

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

**Lk 6: 27-38**

**Readers & Offertory**

Clarkes Hill: Marty Forbes

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Catherine Green Rosemary & Michael Canavan

**Next Week’s Scripture Readings 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

## PREPARING FOR RECONCILIATION

At Masses this weekend in Clarkes Hill, Gordon and Ballan, children will be presented as part of their preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation, following the parent gathering during the week. The sacrament will be celebrated at St Brigid's Ballan on Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm. Please pray for these children and their families.

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

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

## LENTEN REFLECTION

Lenten Reflection will be held during Lent after the Thursday 10.30am Mass at Ballan on: 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>. 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 are welcome to attend.

Also, Fr Matt will be guiding a Lenten and Easter reflection group at St Alipius every Saturday during March and April between 10:15 am and 11am. If you wish to join, email Fr Matt at: [matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au)

## 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

## OUR PARISH HISTORIES

Do you or your family members or friends have old photographs or other mementos of historical interest that could be displayed during the celebrations of our forthcoming anniversaries? If so, ring the Parish Office on 0492 903 409 or contact Sue Daly or Dan Toohey (Springbank) and Joan Bourke or Monica Eastwood (Gordon).

## 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.*

## WEDDINGS IN OUR PARISHES

This week we have two weddings being celebrated! Josh Prendergast and Catherine Hanns will be married at St Peter's Clarkes Hill and Ted Forbes and Nicole Zannoni will be married at St Michael's Springbank. We pray for both couples entering into the sacrament of marriage and pray for many blessings on them. We rejoice with their families and friends and welcome those visiting to our churches.

## 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. Volunteers will 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, and 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

**Ballan Autumn Festival – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March** note change of mass times: Ballan 9am Gordon 10.30am.

**St Patrick's Day Mass** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at St Patrick's Church, 10.30am.

**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