

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

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

9th February 2025 - 5th Sunday (Year C)

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
Weekday Masses			
Tuesday February 11 th	9.45 am	Gordon (Opening School Mass)	
	12.30pm	Ballarat East (St Alipius School Mass)	
Wednesday February 12 th	11.00 am	Mercy Place (All Welcome)	
Thursday February 3 th	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
	10.30 am	Ballan	
Friday February 14 th	10.30 am	Ballarat East (Funeral Mass)	
Saturday February 15 th	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
Next Weekend Masses			
Saturday February 15 th - Vigil		Sunday February 16 th	
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

John Brennan, Peter Kerwan (Funeral Prayers at St Alipius 10.30am, Friday February 14th)

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

James Baynes, Peter Bretherton, Reg Hayes, Kevin Johnson, Frank Leonard, Patrick Mahar, Thomas Mullane, Terry O’Keefe, John Ronan, John Trounce.

THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL

Pat Burvill, Elaine Conlan, Socorro De Chavez, Joan Egan, Evelyn Farrugia, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Lyla Geary, Michelle Hall, (baby) Mia Hanrahan, John Healy, Sarah McLachlan, Thelma Keating, 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 (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 February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-8; Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Readers & Offertory

Springbank: To be Advised

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Rosemary Canavan; Mark & Sue Conlan

Next 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

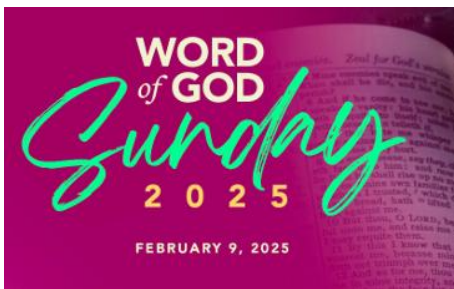
Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Lloyd Lamb; Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS/ COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 11th 7.00pm Bungaree Leadership Team
Wednesday 12th 7.30pm Gordon Leadership Team
Thursday 13th
4.00pm Ballarat East Parish RCIA for Children
5.00pm Ballarat East Liturgy Team
7.30pm Ballarat East Finance Council

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9th in 2025. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to

access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings. At all of our Masses across the Ministry district, those who proclaim the Word of God at Masses (on Sundays and/or weekdays) will be invited to be commissioned for this ministry of proclamation. We also invite those compose the prayers of intercession for our Masses, together with those who read them to be commissioned. Our parishes are also blessed with biblical scholars who prepare reflections on our Sunday readings, they will be invited to be commissioned.

Some are no doubt familiar with the saying of Vatican II: *“the Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she has venerated the Lord’s body ... offering people the bread of life from the one table of the Word of God and the body of Christ (Dei Verbum 21).”* In the same vein, St Jerome says: *“We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the body of Christ; for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: ‘whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood’ (Jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the (eucharistic) Mystery, Christ’s body and blood are really the word of Scripture, God’s teaching.”*

Lord.

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 register by email: matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au Reflection book will be available for \$10.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

There are a number of Young Adult activities occurring around Ballarat at this time. If interested in being a part of something, email Fr Matt for a chat about possibilities and to be kept in the loop via text. matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

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 on Tuesday 18th February 7pm at St Brigid’s Ballan.

Enrolment masses will be held on Sunday 23rd February at 9am St Patrick’s Gordon and 10.30am St Brigid’s Ballan.

Participation Masses will be held on Sunday 2nd March at 9am St Patrick’s Gordon and 10.30am St Brigid’s Ballan and Sunday 16th 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 25th 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.