

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C) – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Gordon (St Patrick’s Day Mass)	
Tuesday March 18 <sup>th</sup>	5.30 pm	Ballarat East	
Wednesday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	11 am	Mercy Place	
Thursday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
	10.30 am	Ballan	
Friday March 21 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East	
	9.30am	Bungaree	
Saturday March 22 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East	
NEXT WEEKEND MASSES			
Saturday March 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2025 -Vigil		Sunday March 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2025	
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**

Kay Cocking (Funeral Prayers @ Buninyong 10.30am Tuesday 18th), Cheryl Strybosch, Donna Rousch.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME**

Andrew Barbara, Renee Barbara, Frank Britt, Edna Carson, David Carton, Joseph Cini, Brian D’Arcy, Peter DeSpirt, Tim Fletcher, Jack Ford, Helen Kuczynski, Betty Martin, Joseph Micallef, Don Murphy, Mona Nihill, Margaret O’Regan, Kathleen Rix, Frank Sims, Joseph Spiteri, Doreen Torpy, Mary Winter, Harry Wise.

**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, Terresa 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.

**This Week’s Scripture Reading- -15/16 March 2025**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18, Phil 3: 20–4:1; Lk 9: 28-36

**Readers & Offertory**  
 Dunnstown: Dorothy Sheehan  
**\*Ballan (9am):** Mark Conlan, Eddie & Mary Cassar  
**\*Gordon (10.30am):** To be Advised

**Next Week’s Scripture Readings -22/23 March 2025**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
 Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15, 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12; Lk 13: 1-9

**Readers & Offertory**  
 Clarkes Hill: Joan Powell  
 Gordon: To be Advised  
 Ballan: Michael Ryan, Bridget Sims and Family

## PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Almighty ever-living God, eternal health of believers,  
hear our prayers for your servant,  
Pope Francis, who is sick:  
Grant him, we implore you, your merciful help,  
so that, with his health restored,  
He may give you thanks in the midst of your Church.  
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

*Prayer -Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office*

## PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS

**Prayer for March - for families in crisis:** *Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences. Lord, hear us.*

## LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Following 10.30am Mass at Ballan on Thursdays  
March 20th, March 27th, and April 10th.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.

## CELEBRATING ST PATRICK'S DAY

All parishioners of our Ministry District communities  
are invited to celebrate the feast of St Patrick on  
Monday March 17th with 10.30am Mass in St  
Patrick's Church Gordon followed by morning tea in  
St Patrick's Primary school multipurpose hall. All are  
welcome to attend.

This year the Gordon parish celebrates its 150th  
anniversary as a parish and the 150th anniversary of  
St Patrick's Church Gordon. On May 9th, 1875, the  
Church (although still incomplete) was opened by  
Archbishop James Alipius Goold. Later in 1875  
Gordon was declared a parish, comprising of  
Gordon, Mt. Egerton, Ormond, Mt. Blackwood,  
Ballan and Bacchus Marsh. Fr Richard Ellis was the  
first parish priest.

## GORDON PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Sue Daly (Springbank) has concluded as the chair of  
the Leadership Team after many years chairing the  
team. Previously Sue has served as one of the team  
of three Parish Coordinators and was involved in  
reviewing the then existing parish governance and  
leadership structure. With Brendan Maher, Sue  
continues as one of the two Springbank delegates

on the Leadership Team. Thank you Sue for your  
leadership and service! Mark Conlan has accepted  
nomination as chair while Joan Bourke (Gordon)  
continues as minute secretary.

## 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SPRINGBANK

St Michael's will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with  
Bishop Paul Bird at a Vigil Mass on Saturday, March  
29, 2025 commencing at 6.30pm with a light supper  
to follow. All welcome.

### BAPTISMS

**Tilly Raine Harbour**

Child of Daniel and Jacqueline

## INTERFAITH FRIENDSHIP WALK

You are invited to join in a friendship walk on  
Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 2.00pm – 4.30 pm to learn  
about the history, similarities and differences in  
doctrine, of three distinctly different Christian faiths:  
Catholic, Anglican, and Uniting Church. The walk  
begins at the Intercultural Garden, cnr Sturt and  
Pleasant Streets, followed by a walk to St Patrick's  
Cathedral, then to the Cathedral Church of Christ the  
King, 49 Lydiard Street South and concluding at  
Ballarat Central Uniting Church, cnr Lydiard Street  
South and Dana Street. Refreshments will be  
provided. All are welcome.



**WEEK 2:** This week we learn about Toefuata'iga from  
Samoa. Toefuata'iga, a 13-year-old student in Samoa,  
faced severe challenges and disruptions to her learning  
due to water scarcity. After Caritas Australia's partner  
Caritas Samoa installed a 10,000 litre water tank at her  
school, Toefuata'iga and her classmates saw improved  
health and more consistent class attendance. *"I would  
like to become a good teacher. To teach the children so  
they will have a brighter future,"* Toefuata'iga said.

Watch her story- <https://vimeo.com/1051027125>

Download the weekly reflection on Diocesan website  
<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/project-compassion-2025/>

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