

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

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C) – 23rd March 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Tuesday March 25 th	9.30 pm	Ballarat East	
Wednesday March 26 th	11 am	Mercy Place	
Thursday March 27 th	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
	10.30 am	Ballan	
Friday March 28 th	9.30am	Ballarat East	
	9.30am	Bungaree	
Saturday March 29 th	9.30am	Ballarat East	
NEXT WEEKEND MASSES			
Saturday March 29 th 2025 -Vigil		Sunday March 30 th 2025	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Bungaree Ballarat East
6.30 pm	Springbank	10.30 am	Ballan Buninyong
ANOINTING MASSES DURING LENT			
Thursday April 10th	10.30am	St Brigid's Ballan	
Friday April 11 th	9.30 am	St Michael's Bungaree	
	11 am	St Alipius Ballarat East	
Wednesday April 16th	11 am	Mercy Place Ballarat East	
Thursday April 17th	10 am	Ballan Mecwacare Aged Care	
HOLY WEEK ACROSS THE MINISTRY DISTRICT			
Monday April 14 th	1 pm	Mass of the Oils at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat	
Holy Thursday April 17 th	6.30 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Bungaree	
	7 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Ballarat East	
Good Friday, April 18 th	8.30 am	Buninyong Churches Way of the Cross	
	10.00 am	Ballan Stations of the Cross	
	3 pm	Celebrations of the Lord's Passion, Ballarat East	
	3 pm	Celebrations of the Lord's Passion, Springbank	
Holy Saturday April 19th	6.30 pm	Easter Vigil Fire and Mass, Dunnstown	
	7 pm	Easter Vigil Fire and Mass, Ballarat East	
Easter Sunday April 20th	9 am	Gordon	
	9 am	Ballarat East	
	10.30 am	Ballan	
	10.30 am	Buninyong	

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR: THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Megan Dunn née McGuigan, Merinda Payne (Debbie Ryan's mother), Dorothy Pearson, Carmel Quigley, Jim Watson.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Joan Arnel, Liam Begbie, Leigh Conroy, Leo Davies, Des Frichot, Elizabeth Flynn, Carmen Galea, Arthur Jones, Pat Kennedy, Jack Meiklejohn, Kevin Meiklejohn, Lillian Meiklejohn, Emmanuel Muscat, Jack Papworth, Catherine Parkin, John Reddie, Joan Shanahan, Martin Spain, Maria Steenhuis, Louise Tubbs, 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.

PILGRIMAGE WITH ST PAUL - MISSIONARY OF HOPE



In this Jubilee year, dedicated to becoming Pilgrims of Hope, pilgrims are invited to experience the world of the early Christian communities. The Acts of the Apostles will come alive as we go out with St Paul and his companions to rediscover the faith and struggles of the early Christian communities. The proposed itinerary departs Melbourne on Sunday, September 21st 2025 with the pilgrims arriving in Istanbul and proceeding to Adana, Tarsus, Antioch, Ephesus, Troas, Kavala, Philippi, Thessalonica and Athens with the possibility of an extension to Rome. For further information please contact Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong Street North (PO Box 740), Ballarat, 3350, ph. 03 5331 8077, email info@lifestyletravel.com.au or Fr Justin Driscoll justin.driscoll@ballarat.catholic.org.au

2024 SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

Each calendar year parishes of the diocese are asked to submit their sacramental statistics. The following are for the three parishes of Ballarat East and Buninyong, Bungaree, Clarkes Hill and Dunnstown, Gordon, Ballan and Springbank for the baptisms, confirmations, first communions, marriages and funerals celebrated in 2024. The funerals and weddings include those celebrated in places other than churches, such as funerals celebrated at the chapel of the funeral director. Each parish is required to keep sacramental registers for baptism, confirmation, marriage and funerals.

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.

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ST MICHAEL'S SPRINGBANK

Vigil Mass at St Michael's with Bishop Paul Bird next Saturday, March 29 2025 commencing at 6.30pm with a light supper to follow. All welcome.

BAPTISM: We pray for **Frederick Thomas**

Anderson, child of Thomas and Anna baptised this Sunday at St Brigid's Ballan.

This Week's Scripture Reading- 22/23 March 2025 3rd 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

Next Week's Scripture Readings -29/30 March 2025 4th Sunday of Lent

Josh 5: 9-12, 2 Cor 5: 17-21; Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

Readers & Offertory

Springbank: To be Advised

Bungaree: Mitchell & Makaela Maher & Family

Ballan: Bert Jarvis; Tony & Edith Paarhammer

PARISH	BALLARAT EAST	BUNGAREE	GORDON
Rite of Christian Initiation			
Baptized up to 1 yr of age	40	6	20
Baptized 1-7 yrs of age	59	6	26
Over 7 yrs	8	1	8
Catechumens	0	0	0
Confirmation	119	Not held in 2024	28
First Communion	106	Not held in 2024	19
Marriage	3	1	1
Catechists	1	0	0
Funerals	29	0	7