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

Ministry District Newsletter

Our parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults

4th Sunday of Lent (Year C) – 30th March 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Tuesday April 1 st	9.30 pm	Ballarat East	
Wednesday April 2 nd	11 am	Mercy Place	
Thursday April 3 rd	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
Friday April 4 th	9.30am	Ballarat East	
	9.30am	Bungaree	
Saturday April 5 th	9.30am	Ballarat East	
NEXT WEEKEND MASSES			
Saturday April 5 th 2025 -Vigil		Sunday April 6 th 2025	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Gordon Ballarat East
6.30 pm	Dunnstown	10.30 am	Ballan Buninyong
ANOINTING MASSES DURING LENT			
Thursday April 10 th	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 16 th	11 am	Mercy Place Ballarat East	
Thursday April 17 th	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 19 th	6.30 pm	Easter Vigil Fire and Mass, Dunnstown	
	7 pm	Easter Vigil Fire and Mass, Ballarat East	
Easter Sunday April 20 th	9 am	Gordon	
	9 am	Ballarat East	
	10.30 am	Ballan	
	10.30 am	Buninyong	

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR: THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Nina (Anne) Micallef

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Nellie Conroy, Fran Coen, Tom Everard, Monica Hryncyszyn, Kathleen Leonard, Kathleen McGriffin, Sarah Molloy, Maureen O'Donohue, Jack O'Donohue, Maureen O'Halloran, Monica Ramsay.

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.

MASS OF THE OILS 2025

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils this year on Monday, April 14th at Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 1.00pm. Afternoon tea will follow in the Hall. The Mass will also be livestreamed at

<https://youtube.com/live/qUVA7OFoZ9c?feature=share>

COLLECTIONS - MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025	
Combined Gordon & Bungaree Collection	\$3200.80
Gordon Parish Planned Giving Program	\$3926.55
Bungaree Parish Planned Giving Program	\$1179.00
Special thanks to our parishioners who contributed to these collections.	

FR MATT'S FAREWELL - APRIL 27TH

The Ministry District is farewelling Fr Matt on Sunday, April 27th at the Wallace Hotel from 12 noon onwards. To assist us in booking reservations, please indicate your interest with Martin McGettigan (Ballarat East), Damian Ryan (Bungaree) or Mark Conlan (Gordon), or contact the Parish Office – 0492 903 409.

BAPTISM: We pray for **Louis Mitchell Maher**, child of Mitchell and Makaela, baptised this Sunday at St Michael's Bungaree.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Ballarat East Parish: Rose Consignano, 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.

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SPRINGBANK

This weekend we welcome all who gather with Bishop Paul and the Springbank community to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of St Michael's Church. *In God's Hands*, Joe Donegan's history of the Parish of Gordon, states that the first St Michael's Church in Springbank was erected in 1865 (on the eastern side of the existing church) when the district was known as Ormond and was part of the parish of Ballarat. When the parish of Gordon was created 150 years ago in 1875, Springbank became part of the parish, which was in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

On March 25th, 1900 Archbishop Thomas Carr laid the foundation stone for the existing St Michael's Church which was then blessed and opened on December 15th, 1900 by Dean Phelan of Melbourne. In 1961 further additions of a sanctuary and sacristy were completed and blessed by Bishop Arthur Fox. In 1980 the parish of Gordon with the church and Catholic school communities of Ballan, Gordon and Springbank were welcomed into the Diocese of Ballarat. Amidst all of the anniversaries of buildings, it is the People of God, past and present, who are the Church, 'the living stones' for whom we give thanks at the anniversary celebrations this weekend.

This Week's Scripture Reading- 29/30 March 2025

4th d 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

Next Week's Scripture Readings -5/6 April 2025

5th Sunday of Lent

Isa 43: 16-21, Phil 3: 8-14;

Jn 8: 1-11

Readers & Offertory

Dunnstown: Liz Hanrahan

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Lesley Morffew, Mark & Sue Conlan