

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

1st Sunday of Lent (Year C) – 9th March 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Tuesday March 11 th	5.30 pm	Ballarat East	
Wednesday March 12 th	11 am	Mercy Place	
Thursday March 13 th	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
	10.30 am	Ballan	
Friday March 14 th	9.30am	Ballarat East	
Saturday March 15 th	9.30am	Ballarat East	
NEXT WEEKEND MASSES			
Saturday March 15 th -Vigil		Sunday March 16 th	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Ballarat East Gordon
6.30 pm	Dunnstown	10.30 am	Buninyong Ballan

WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Pauline Prince

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Maurice Conlan, William Dridan, Gabrielle Johnson, Simon O’Regan, Anne Quinn, John (Bernie) Ryan, Albert Small, Kath Squire.

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, 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.

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VOLUNTEERING:
MARCH 8-9, 2025**



This Week’s Scripture Reading- -8/9 March 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Deut 26: 4-10, Rom 10: 8-13; Lk 4: 1-13

Readers & Offertory

Springbank: To be Advised

Bungaree: To be Advised

Ballan: Marie Shanahan,
Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe

Next Week’s Scripture Readings -15/16 March 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18, Phil 3: 20–4:1 Lk 9: 28-36

Readers & Offertory

Dunnstown: Dorothy Sheehan

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Mark Conlan,
Eddie & Mary Cassar

PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

Please pray for health and healing for Pope Francis, entrusting him to the healing care of our God.

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as shepherd.

Grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Following 10.30am Mass at Ballan on Thursdays March 13th, March 20th, March 27th, April 3rd 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 are welcome to attend.

Fr Matt will be guiding a Lenten and Easter reflection group at St Alipius every Saturday during March and April between 10.15am and 11.00am. To join, email Fr Matt at: matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au

EXECUTIVE REPORT FROM THE 2024 DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY

In early 2024 Bishop Paul Bird asked the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Panel to facilitate a Diocesan Assembly as part of its 150th year anniversary celebrations. Delegates from all communities including our twenty-nine Parishes, Diocesan Agencies, Councils and Commissions, Catholic Education, Catholic Health and Aged Care, Catholic Social Services, Clergy and Religious Congregations within the Diocese were invited to attend over two days at the gathering held in November. The focus of discussion at the assembly was leadership and governance and how each can be promoted within our Diocesan communities to build a synodal, missionary church. In preparation for the assembly, there were many smaller gatherings throughout the Diocese to reflect on existing leadership within our communities and to share thoughts in a prayerful atmosphere, which followed a method of 'Conversations in the Spirit'. This process of

'Synodal Conversations' was then also the methodology adopted at the assembly.

Delegates from our Ministry District were Rachel Allen & Cathy Prunty (Ballarat East), Di Reynolds & Damian Ryan (Bungaree), Mark Conlan and Sue Daly (Gordon) as well as Frs Justin & Matt.

The Key Themes from the assembly are:

- Mission & Identity
- Relationships
- Transformation & Conversion
- Formation
- Structural Change
- Trust

The executive report can be found on the Diocesan website and the most [recent enews](#)

125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH SPRINGBANK

St Michael's will celebrate its 125th 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.

CHOIR FOR MASS OF THE OILS 2025

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 14, 2025. Practice times are Sundays, March 30, April 6 and April 13 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.



We have begun our annual Lenten Project Compassion journey. This year, we are going to learn about three incredible people from three different corners of the world, facing vastly different challenges.

Watch the Introduction to Project Compassion video <https://vimeo.com/1034878113>

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

Please donate today.

Support Project Compassion 2025 through donation boxes or envelopes available via your local church.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413