

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

Palm Sunday (Year C) – 13th April 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday April 14 th	1 pm	Cathedral (Mass of the Oils)	
Tuesday April 15 th	10.30 am	Ballarat (Funeral Mass Louis Kerverac)	
	5.30 pm	Ballarat East	
Wednesday April 16 th	11 am	Mercy Place	
NEXT WEEKEND MASSES			
Saturday April 19 th 2025 -Vigil		Sunday April 20 th 2025	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Gordon Ballarat East
6.30 pm	Dunnstown	10.30 am	Ballan Buninyong
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

Louis Kerverac, Fr Kevin Murphy.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Mary Britt, Katerine Camilleri, Sr Maureen Connelly RSM, Jill Fradd, Barbara Frawley, Marie Maher-Graham, Sr Margaret Houlihan, Bill Molloy, Peter Molloy, Andrew Sherry, John Vincent (Jack) Toohey.

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.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday.

MINISTRY DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FACILITATORS AND DELEGATES GATHERING

On Wednesday April 16th the six delegates from our Ministry District parishes of Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon, together with other parishioners who were delegates from other parts of the Mission of our Diocese (Catholic education, Religious life...), table facilitators of the spiritual conversations as well as workers for the Assembly have been invited to gather at Buninyong with Bishop Paul and Archbishop Charles Balvo, the Papal Nuncio to Australia, visiting the Diocese of Ballarat during Holy Week.

In the Easter Season, our parishes will engage with the final report of the Assembly on Leadership and Governance for a Missionary Synodal Church with the eight key themes that have emerged – Synodal conversations, Mission and Identity, Relationships, Transformation and Conversion, Formation, Structures, Trust and Recognising existing challenges.

MASS OF THE OILS 2025

All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils this year on Monday, April 14, 2025 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>

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 by signing the booking form at the back of the church or contacting Martin McGettigan (Ballarat East), Damian Ryan (Bungaree) or Mark Conlan (Gordon), or the Parish Office – 0492 903 409.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

CTC invites you to "Engaging Your Faith" online sessions from \$25.00 per session. To register go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

This Week's Scripture Readings -12/13 April 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Isa 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11; Gospel: Lk 23:1-49

Readers & Offertory

Springbank: To be Advised

Bungaree: To be Advised

Ballan: Jayme Naeff

Offertory: Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Ballarat East Parish: Rose Consignano, 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.

LITURGICAL MUSIC SYMPOSIUM WITH TONY ALONSO

From across the eight faith communities of the three parishes of our ministry district, the musicians, and those whose prepare and select the music at our Sunday liturgies are invited to a day with Tony Alonso, Tuesday, May 27th at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons Street Sth, Ballarat. The day is hosted by the Ballarat Diocesan Liturgical Commission, and up to five people from each of our three parishes are invited to attend thanks to the sponsorship available. **Tony Alonso** works at the intersection of theology and culture, with a particular focus on worship and ritual practices, This is an opportunity for 15 people who are engaged in music ministry in our parishes to participate in this wonderful formation opportunity. Contact Fr Justin or the Parish Office to register your expression of interest. [More information here](#)

FUNERAL MINISTRY FORMATION SESSION – SUNDAY 1ST JUNE

Fr Justin will host a formation session on funeral ministry at Buninyong on Sunday June 1st commencing with mass at 10.30am. The day is open to all members of the diocese to attend. For more information or to confirm your attendance, contact the Parish Office.

SAVE THE DATE

150th Anniversary of the Linton Parish Celebrations on Sunday, May 4 at 10am St Peter's Catholic Church Linton.

150th Anniversary of the Gordon Parish Celebrations on Sunday May 18th at 10.30am St Patrick's Church Gordon.

Next Week's Scripture Readings -19/20 April 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Night: Rom 6:3-11; Gospel: Lk 24:1-12

Day: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

Readers & Offertory

Dunnstown: Dianne Reynolds

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Julie Dargan & Jim Leahy,

Offertory: Rosemary & Michael Canavan