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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

## Easter Sunday (Year C) – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Tuesday April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30 pm	St Alipus Ballarat East	
Wednesday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	11 am	Mercy Place (All Welcome)	
Thursday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	St Alipus Ballarat East	
Friday April 25 <sup>th</sup> (ANZAC Day)	9.30am	St Alipus Ballarat East	
	10.30 am	Ballan	
Saturday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	St Alipus Ballarat East	
NEXT WEEKEND MASSES			
Saturday April 26 <sup>th</sup> 2025 -Vigil		Sunday April 27 <sup>th</sup> 2025	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Gordon Springbank Buninyong
6.30 pm	Clarkes Hill	10.30 am	Ballan Ballarat East

### WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

#### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Margaret Baird, Sorocco DeChavez.

#### THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME

Jack Canty, Frank Conroy, Mary Duffy, Shelia Fay, Carmel Fitzgerald, Laurie Flynn, Alice McTigue, Brian Munn, Mary Murphy, Gerard Toohey, Margaret Trounce.

#### 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, Troy Watson (Steenhuis Family), Owen Widdison.

#### BISHOP PAUL'S EASTER MESSAGE

Read Bishop Paul's Easter message on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/at-times-we-all-need-a-soothing-anointing/>

#### ST BRENDAN'S PROGRAM OPENING MASS

Parishioners are invited to the Opening Mass of the Damascus College St Brendan's Campus. Wednesday 30 April at 9.30am St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown. Campus tours & light morning tea will be provided. RSVP via link <https://www.trvbooking.com/DATYN>

### CHANGE OF GORDON MASS TIMES

The painting of the interior of St Patrick's Church will commence soon. No masses will be celebrated at Gordon until the painting is completed. For the next two weeks, the 9am mass will be held as follows: April 27<sup>th</sup> at Springbank and May 4<sup>th</sup> at Bungaree.

### FR KEVIN MURPHY'S FUNERAL MASS LIVESTREAM LINK

Requiem Mass for Fr Kevin Murphy will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am. The Mass will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/live/pivLSO2apIY>

### 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.

### FR MATT'S FAREWELL - APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>

The Ministry District is farewelling Fr Matt on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Wallace Hotel from 12 noon onwards. To assist us in booking reservations for lunch, 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.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Fr Justin or the Parish Office to register your expression of interest. [More information here](#)

### FUNERAL MINISTRY FORMATION

On Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>, Bishop Paul and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will offer formation for those engaged in parish funeral ministry – accompanying families in the preparation and celebration of funerals. We are blessed to have parishioners who currently undertake this ministry and they, together with others who are interested in growing an understanding of this pastoral ministry are invited to gather at Buninyong. The day will commence with 10.30am Mass and will continue through to mid-afternoon with lunch included. Expressions of interest can be made through the Parish office.

**This 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

### SAINTS FLEXIBLE LEARNING CAMPUS BUNGAREE

Students from the Bakery Hill Campus of Saints College will commence at the Bungaree Campus from Monday April 28<sup>th</sup>. This follows much work on the campus with the refurbishment of the existing school building and grounds with the relocatable classrooms installed behind St Michael's Church.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, with the pilgrims arriving in Istanbul & proceeding to Adana, Tarsus, Antioch, Ephesus, Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica & Athens.

For further information please contact Lifestyle Travel, 11 Armstrong Street North (PO Box 740), Ballarat. Vic. 3350 03 5331 8077 [info@lifestyletravel.com.au](mailto:info@lifestyletravel.com.au) or Fr Justin Driscoll [justin.driscoll@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:justin.driscoll@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### ANZAC DAY EVENT:

To commemorate ANZAC Day at St Mary's Primary School, on **Thursday 24th April at 9am**, everyone is invited to join the staff and students to walk to the top of Clarkes Hill, where a lone pine was planted by students around 15-20 years ago.

### MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

Join us on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** 11.30-2.30 pm Bungaree Recreation Reserve for a High-Tea style lunch -\$60. St Patrick's Primary School Parents & Friends. Contact Jenna – 0409 165 935 - for enquires and tickets.

### SAVE THE DATE

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Linton Parish Celebrations** on Sunday, May 4 at 10am St Peter's Catholic Church

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Gordon Parish Celebrations** on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am St Patrick's Church

**Next Week's Scripture Readings -26/27 April 2025**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5:12-16, Apoc 1:9-13,17-19; Gospel Jn 20:19-31  
**Readers & Offertory**  
*Clarkes Hill:* Pat Prendergast; Offertory: Helen Mahar  
*Gordon:* To be Advised  
*Ballan:* Winnie Zammit; Offertory: Kelly Hunter

