

The Ascension of The Lord (B): 11/12 May 2024

Our Parish acknowledges this land's traditional owners & custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present, & emerging.

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank
 Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll, Assistant Priest: Fr Matt Restall - ☎ 0492 903 409
 Leadership Team: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan)
 Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
 Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Wed/Thurs 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ Mobile 0492 903 409
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PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:
 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015
 ☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery	\$522.55		Parish: \$2762.00
Financial Yr to Date: \$34260.15			

Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Mid-Week Mass at Ballan: Mass this Thursday, May 16th at 11am following the 10am Ecumenical service at Mecwacare Aged Care in Ballan.

Parish Confirmation Program – Update: Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday at 10.30am Mass in St Brigid's Church Ballan on May 19th.

Mass Count

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count commenced last week. Counting will continue each weekend until the end of May. **This week the mass count will be for attendance at Springbank & Ballan.** Counting forms have been placed in the Churches. Please nominate parishioners who will record the count for every Mass held in the parish on each of the four weekends. The completed form/s must be returned to the Parish Office by the end of the month.

We are child safe Parishes, committed to safeguarding children, young people & vulnerable adults.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree
 Parish Priest: Fr Justin Driscoll, Assistant Priest: Fr Matt Restall ~ ☎ 0492 903 409
 Leadership Team: Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown) Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill). Ex-Officio Member: Clare Scanlon
 Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey. Parish Office (Tues 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ Mobile: 0492 903 409
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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Clare Scanlon ☎ 5334 5280

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Presbytery to May 6th, Parish to May 7th

Presbytery:	\$291.00		Parish: \$705.00
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Easter Dues: \$60.00

Thank You:

We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to these collections.

Mid-week Mass:

Fr Justin will celebrate mass at St. Michael's Bungaree on Friday, May 17th at 9.30am.

Mass Count:

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MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
11/12 May 2024	The Ascension of The Lord Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan
18/19 May 2024	Pentecost Sunday Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka
25/26 May 2024	The Most Holy Trinity Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40, Rom 8: 14-17	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes	Joan Powell
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Kelly Hunter and Family

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES					
	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Saturday 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sunday 8.45am, 9am*	Gordon*	Bungaree	Gordon*	Gordon*	Bungaree
Sunday 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday Masses ~ Ballarat East 9am ; Buninyong 10.30 am (1st & 3rd & 5th Sunday) Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday Masses ~ Buninyong 9am ; Ballarat East 10.30 am (2nd & 4th Sunday)					

Anniversaries: Arthur Gore, John Ryan, Irene Coulter, Rev. Norbert Olsen, Brian and Nellie Keighrey, Ray Smith, Keith and Doris Eastwood, Eddie Clark, Monica Kelly, Carole Steenhuis, Joan Blood and Barry Torpy.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, John Healy, Elaine Conlan, Karem Chiparra, Evelyn Farrugia, Pat Burvill, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Ray Broach and Owen Widdison.

Pope's intention for May – for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians: *Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Lord, hear us.*

Parishes of Bungaree and Gordon - Safetrac compliance online training

An invitation has been sent to volunteers to complete the training module, "Creating a Child Safe Organisation". If you have received an invitation, can you please complete the Safetrac training module before the closing date. If you have had problems logging into Safetrac Enrolments, ring Aileen on 0492 903 409 so she can inform Professional Standards. This week the Parish Office will be contacting those volunteers who have email addresses but have not yet received an invitation, to assist them in their registration for the Safetrac training module. The Parish Office will also invite volunteers who do not have an email address or cannot complete the Safetrac training module online to attend a special session/s, most likely during late May. Dates and venues to be confirmed soon.

Commissioning for Ministry

As part of the Diocese of Ballarat acknowledging its 150th anniversary this year, those members of our local Church and Parish communities who engage in particular ministries will be commissioned for their service. Commissioning will take place at all Masses celebrated next weekend on the feast of Pentecost (May 18th – 19th). We will acknowledge those members of our parishes who have responded to the call to particular ministries within our communities and are willing to commit themselves to continued service in the name of our church communities.

Across the Parishes of our Ministry District many parishioners serve through liturgical ministries, others in ministries of pastoral care, outreach, some in ministries of Christian initiation, faith formation and Catholic education, while others in leadership and stewardship. The commissioning also provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude to all who serve in great diversity of ministries, for as St Paul writes *'there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good'* (1 Corinthians 12,4-7).

Celebrating Catholic Education

At the end of Catholic Education week, the annual Mass and dinner were held at Damascus College where 34 staff members of Catholic Education who have served in Catholic education for 30 years were acknowledged. These included Jane Clark (St Francis Xavier Ballarat East), Jamie Lamb (St Patrick's Gordon), Steven Mifsud (Damascus College) and Cathy Prunty (Damascus College). **The gathering also acknowledged the 17 nominees for the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards in 2024 that included** Caitee Carter (St Alipius Primary), Tony Haintz (Damascus College), Cathy Prunty (Damascus College). Congratulations to Cathy Prunty (St Alipius Parish Coordinator), one of the recipients of the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards for her work at Damascus College for *Empowering all to Flourish*.

150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat – Formation

In preparation for the Diocesan Assembly in November 2024, there will be formation sessions held around the diocese with a focus on leadership and governance. In 2023, Bishop Paul asked parishes to focus on leadership in their local communities, either by forming or developing further a parish council or leadership team according to local circumstances. The Diocesan Assembly will bring together diocesan clergy, representatives of the leadership teams in parishes, schools and Catholic organisations to consider how we might develop leadership and governance in our communities in the future. The formation opportunity is for Diocesan Clergy, Parish Leadership Team/Parish Councils, School Leadership Teams/School Advisory Councils, Catholic Organisations Leaders. An invitation is also extended to people who have leadership potential and who would like to participate. Leadership teams are invited to nominate others who might benefit from this experience. Fr Justin Driscoll will facilitate the formation sessions. Dates are: Swan Hill - June 12; Robinvale - June 13; Horsham - July 28; Colac – July 30; Buninyong - August 4; Warrnambool - August 25. Further details on the format will follow.