

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B): 17/18 August 2024

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BUNGAREE AND GORDON

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree
St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

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



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

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Parish Leadership Teams

Bungaree Parish: Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown), Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill).

Gordon Parish: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan).

PARISH VISION: *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

Collections for the last fortnight will be printed in next weekend's newsletter.

Midweek Masses

10.30am Mass at Ballan on Thursday August 22nd

Celebrating First Eucharist

Welcome to the children, families and friends gathering at St Brigid's Ballan for the 10.30am Mass this Sunday for the celebration of first Eucharist. These children have been preparing in the preceding weeks with their parents at home and at their schools. Earlier this year these children celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation and Confirmation. Thank you to the staff of St Brigid's Ballan and St Patrick's Gordon for their support in preparation of these children whose sacramental initiation is completed. Further sacramental celebrations celebrating the full Christian initiation of those children who will baptised, confirmed and receiving their first Eucharist will take place in the coming weeks.

Pope's Prayer for August: *We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral*

human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Former St Michael's School Bungaree

Having closed 30 years ago in 1994 and having served the Bungaree community since as a Community Centre, Senior Citizen's Centre and other services, the former School is poised to begin a new chapter with another expression of Catholic education.

An in-principle agreement has been entered into with the Bungaree Parish Leadership Team and Fr Justin to develop the existing former school site which Fr Justin will speak to during the Mass in Bungaree this Sunday.

Thanks to the Bungaree Parish Leadership Team who have negotiated the lease for the use of the former St Brendan's School site in Dunnstown with DOBCEL for Damascus College to use, and now for another use of the former St Michael's School site in Bungaree.

It is anticipated that the future use of the former St Michael's School site will not negate existing arrangements that the Parish has entered with tenants renting the two parts of the former St Michael's Convent building.

MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
17/18 August 2024	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prov 9:1-6, Eph 5:15-2	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Rosemary and Michael Canavan
24/25 August 2024	21th Sunday in Ordinary Time Josh 24:1-2, 15-18, Eph 5:21-32	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Helen Mahar	Marty Forbes
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Tania Hoffman	Kelly Hunter and Family
31 August/1 September 2024	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 4:1-2, 6-8, James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Catherine Green	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe

LITURGIES / WEEKLY MASSES					
	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Saturday 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks 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) Note: Korobeit Mass times have changed to the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month only at 5pm.					

Recent Deaths: Bill Jeffrey, Brodie Toohey

Death Anniversaries: Thomas (Tom) Clifford, Nina Cassar, George Dusa, Merle Blizzard, Michael Ronan, Brian Blood, Peter Davies, Jim Conroy, Joseph Camilleri, William Gleeson, Margaret Britt, Thomas Torpy, Ken Ludbrook, John McCormack, Margaret Spence, Nicholas McGuigan, David Griffiths.

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, Owen Widdison and (baby) Mia Hanrahan.

Diocesan Assembly: Members of the Bungaree and Gordon Parish Leadership Teams have participated in regional gatherings offering formation in preparation for the Diocesan Assembly on Leadership and Governance in a Synodal Church. Each of the 29 Parishes in the Diocese will now be invited to nominate their two delegates who will attend the Assembly on Friday evening November 15th and Saturday November 16th at Federation University in Mt Helen. The Parish delegates will be joined by delegates from Catholic agencies and organisations operating within the Diocese including Catholic education and Social Services, Health and Aged Care Services, St Vincent de Paul, Religious Congregations, the priests of the Diocese and representatives of the Diocesan Councils, Commissions, Boards and Panels.

Bishop's visit for the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat

On the weekend of August 31st - September 1st Bishop Paul will visit the parishes of Bungaree and Gordon, celebrating the 6.30pm Vigil Mass at Dunnstown, 9.00am Mass at Gordon and 10.30am Mass at Ballan.

Parishioners are invited to join Bishop Paul and Fr Justin for Sunday lunch at the Wallace Hotel from 1.00pm. Please contact the Parish office via email or mobile to register for the lunch so that a table booking can be made. Aware that September 1st is Father's Day, there are many who will be gathering with their own families on that day. Parish office telephone: 0492903409; Email bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au OR gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Diocesan Social Justice Commission Reflection Day – Saturday, September 7, 2024



The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission invite all members of the diocese to a Reflection Day, in celebration of the launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2024-2025, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World" on Saturday, September 7 from 10.00am - 2.30pm at Ss Michael and John's Horsham Parish Centre.

Facilitator for the day is writer and educator, Michael McGirr. Registrations are essential through trybooking. Scan or click the QR code. A flyer is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ballarat-diocesan-social-justice-commission-reflection-day-with-michael-mcgirr-saturday-september-7-2024/>. The prayer for Social Justice Sunday is also available from the diocesan website.

Help for those accompanying Catholics facing end-of-life decisions

Australia's Catholic bishops have released a document to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering accessing the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) scheme. Go to: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/help-for-those-accompanying-catholics-facing-end-of-life-decisions/#more-9889>

Season of Creation 2024: September 1 – October 4

The Season of Creation's theme for 2024 is "To hope and act with Creation". Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting all of our Catholic community to join its 2024 Season of Creation convocation. Taking place from Thursday, Sept 12 to Saturday, Sept 14, the convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together. Attendees will enjoy keynote presentations, workshops and spiritual experiences, before gathering to transform learnings into action. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. For info, visit the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholic-earthcare-to-host-season-of-creation-workshop-in-september/>

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To arrange a meeting via appointment, contact Bernard Docherty on 0428 890 185

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