

1st Day of Advent (Year B): 2nd/3rd December 2023

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 - ☎ 5368 9280; Out -of-hours: 0448 220 685
 Leadership Team: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Nola Kersley & Mark Conlan (Ballan)
 Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
 Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Wed/Thurs 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 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	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:	☎ 5368 1015	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery	\$277.45	Parish:	\$883.00
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$ 17404.9			

Thank You: We are very appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners for their donations.

Christmas Gathering:

This Sunday, December 3rd at Donegan's Farm. Door opens at 6pm, meal served at 6.30pm.

End of Year School masses:

St Brigid's Ballan: Wednesday, December 13th at 2 pm.
 St Patrick's Gordon: Thursday, December 14th at 2 pm.

Ballan Mid-Week Masses during December:

Thursday December 7th at 10.30am. Advent Scripture reflection to follow with Rosemary Canavan.

Thursday December 14th at 10.00am Ballan Hostel Ecumenical Service.

Thursday December 21st at 10.30am Anointing Mass at St Brigid's Ballan.

Parish Leadership Team meeting:

Wednesday December 13th at 5.30pm, Ballan Foyer.

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 Administrator: Fr Sajan Mathew ~ ☎ 5334 0450 ~ C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352
 Leadership Team: Damien Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown) Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill). Ex-Officio Member: Inez French.
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Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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End of Year School masses:

St Brendan's Dunnstown: Graduation Liturgy Tuesday December 5th at 6.30 pm.
 St Peter's Clarkes Hill: Thursday December 7th at 5.30 pm

Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday, 25th November

The celebration at St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown last Saturday went exceptionally well, with hundreds turning up to join in the activities, inspect the photo exhibits and enjoy the entertainment after dinner. While we are sad that the era of St Brendan's School – 161

years of Catholic education - is ending, we were delighted to hear Tom Sexton, Executive Director of Catholic Education announce that Damascus College will be using the school and grounds for educational purposes. Special thanks to Mrs Inez French, School Principal, St Brendan's staff, parents and students, and the organising committee for this special day.

Annual Christmas cleaning of St Peters Clarkes Hill.

Cleaning of St Peter's at 9am Saturday December 23rd. Please bring along any flowers. All welcome to help.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
2/3 December 2023	1st Sunday of Advent Isa 63:16-17; 64: 1, 3-8		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Mark & Sue Conlan	Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
9/10 December 2023	2nd Sunday of Advent Isa 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3: 8-14		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan	Michael & Rosemary Canavan	
16/17 December 2023	3rd Sunday of Advent Isa 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6pm*, 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Ballan* Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am, 9am *	Gordon*	Bungaree	Gordon*	Gordon*	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan		Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 5 pm ~ Creswick 6.30pm - 1st Sunday ~ Daylesford 6.30pm -3rd Sunday Sunday Masses ~ Creswick 9am – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday; Daylesford 10.30 am – 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday					



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Recent death: Valerie Begbie

Anniversaries: Bob Frawley, Michael Frawley, Maurice Kelly, Bishop James O'Collins, James Conlan, Sarah Franklin, Nonie Piece, Fr Justin Woodforde, Mick O'Loughlin, Mary Toohey, Harry Hooker, James Simpson, George Smith, Margaret Price.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson, John Healy, Elaine Conlan, Lorraine Tipple.

Pope's intention for December – For persons with disabilities: *We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. Lord, hear us.*

Baptism: We pray for Isabelle Pearl Dalton, daughter of Daniel and Aliesha, who will be baptized this Sunday at St Brigid's Church, Ballan. We welcome her into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Ordination to the Diaconate: Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome. Mass will be livestreamed. Link to be advised.

Christmas Mass Times

Parish of Gordon - Christmas Eve Vigil Masses (Sunday December 24th)

5.30pm St Brigid's Ballan 7.00pm St Michael's Springbank 7.30pm St Patrick's Gordon

Parish of Bungaree Christmas Eve Vigil Masses (Sunday December 24th)

6pm St Peter's Clarkes Hill 8pm St Michael's Bungaree

Christmas Day

9 am St Brendan's Dunnstown

Parishes of Daylesford and Creswick

8.30pm Daylesford Christmas Eve and 9.00am Creswick Christmas Day

Parish of Gordon

Sacramental Program 2024

The sacramental program for the Parish of Gordon will be available for children in Year 4 and above who are baptised Catholic. The program will include Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. All enrolments for involvement in the 2024 sacramental program are due prior to Friday 15th December, 2023. Enrolment forms can be collected from St Brigid's Primary School, St Brigid's Church, St Patrick's Primary School and St Patrick's Church. Payment of \$70 is required at the first parent information session.

Reconciliation

Parent Information Session: 21/02/24 @ 7:00pm

- Location: St Brigid's Primary School, Ballan
- Celebration of Sacrament: 19/03/24 @ 5:30pm
- Location: St Brigid's Church, Ballan

Confirmation

Parent Information Session: 23/4/24 @ 7:00pm

- Location: St Brigid's Primary School, Ballan
- Celebration of Sacrament: 19/05/24 @ 10:30am
- Location: St Brigid's Church, Ballan

Eucharist

Parent Information Session: 24/07/24 @ 7:00pm

- Location: St Patrick's Primary School, Gordon
- Celebration of Sacrament: 18/08/24 @ 10:30am
- Location: St Brigid's Church, Ballan

As part of the sacramental program, children and families will be required to attend Dismissal Masses for each sacrament.


RCIA for Children 2024


We are inviting expressions of interest from parents seeking baptism for their children who are 7 years and older and have not yet been baptised. Children baptised in another Christian tradition are welcome to join the Christian initiation process. Where a request for baptism of children is made, and neither parent is Catholic, parent(s) will be invited to participate in the RCIA process.


To facilitate this process, all enrolments are required to be submitted prior to Friday 15th December, 2023. This will ensure that we can adequately prepare and create a memorable and spiritually enriching ceremony for your child.

Enrolment forms can be collected from St Brigid's Primary School, St Brigid's Church, St Patrick's Primary School and St Patrick's Church. Payment of \$100 is required upon submitting enrolment form.

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