

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B): 7/8 Sept 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.

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll, **Assistant Priest:** Fr Matt Restall
Parish Secretary and Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
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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

Bungaree & Gordon Presbytery (last 2 weeks)	\$1522
Bungaree Planned Giving: Month - August 2024	\$1100
Gordon Planned Giving: Month - August 2024	\$3338
Gordon Financial Yr 2024/25	\$9694

Mass during the coming week

Tuesday 10 th	5.30pm	Ballarat East
Wednesday 11 th	11.00am	Mercy Place
Thursday 12 th	9.30am	Ballarat East
	11.00am	Ballan
Friday 13 th	9.30am	Ballarat East
	9.30am	Bungaree
Saturday 14 th	9.30am	Ballarat East

Parish Leadership Team meetings

Bungaree Parish Leadership Team meeting Tuesday **September 10th** at 7.00pm in the Presbytery at Bungaree.
Gordon Parish Leadership Team meeting Wednesday **September 11th** at 7.00pm in the gathering area of the Ballan Church. Amongst the agenda items for both Leadership team meetings will be the nomination of two delegates from each parish to attend the Diocesan

Assembly on November 15th - 16th. Please forward the names of parishioners for nomination to the Parish Office or the respective Chairpersons of the Leadership Teams - Damian Ryan and Sue Daly.

Bishop Paul's Visit: Last weekend we welcomed Bishop Paul to our parishes. Bishop Paul celebrated mass at St Brendan's Dunnstown, St Patrick's Gordon and St Brigid's Ballan. In his homily, he provided interesting insights on the formation and history of our parishes and the growth of the Diocese over the past 150 years. Thank you to all who joined Bishop Paul and Fr Justin for Sunday lunch at the Wallace Pub.

Reminder – Annual Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests

This year's collection for *Retired and Sick Priests* will be held on September 14th /15th. Envelopes for this appeal are available from all church foyers.
Alternatively, go to the Diocese webpage CDFpay portal at <https://ballarat.cdfpay.org.au/> and click on your parish – Bungaree or Gordon. Scroll down to *My Giving is For ...* and click on the arrow on the right, and select Father's Day (Retired Priests).

MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
7/8 September 2024	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 35:4-7, James 2:1-5	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	
Bungaree – 9 am (new time)	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jayne Bosworth	Sue & Mark Conlan
14/15 September 2024	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 50:5-9, James 2:14-18	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green	Eddie and Mary Cassar
21/22 September 2024	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2:12, 17-20, James 3:16–4:3	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Julie Moran	Julie Moran
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan	Bridget Sims 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 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 Death: Michael (Micky) Clark

Death Anniversaries: Mary O'Loughlin, Noel Kelly, Katherine Maher, Paul (Cheeks) Mahar, George Richardson, Gerard Clifford, William Bourke, Kath Mulcahy, Alma Eastwood, Evelyn Nash, Kevin Reddie, Peg Shanahan, Peter Duffy, Eileen Pendergast, John Meiklejohn, Elspeth Eastwood,

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, (baby) Mia Hanrahan and Vikki Boka.

Safeguarding Sunday



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

If you would like to learn more about what a child-safe institution looks like, follow Geraldine Doogue's three interviews with Robert Fitzgerald, former Royal Commissioner on youtube. Go to these links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-H9duMOKw34> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qiACB4zyDGc> & <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ8WDi-BPU>

Professional Standards

In April this year, the Professional Standards Office sent Parishes a new safeguarding training module called "Safetrac", requesting that this training be completed by those parishioners who have been nominated by Parishes as having particular ministries in the Parish that require them to do this basic training. A large number of people have completed this training, either online or on paper, however, a small number of people nominated by Parishes have yet to complete the training, even after several reminders. In view of the importance of this training, Bishop Paul has set a deadline for this training to be completed, asking that all those who have been nominated by their Parishes for this training complete the training by October 31 this year. If, for whatever reason, any do not complete the training by that date, they should suspend their ministry in the Parish until they complete the training.

Update: All volunteers in the Bungaree and Gordon parishes nominated to complete the Safetrac training module have done so. Congratulations and thank you!

What does 'becoming a synodal church' mean in our region of Oceania?

WEBINAR - Wed 18 September at 5:30 pm AEST

The opportunities and challenges in our region, with its diverse cultures, social structures and histories, not least of which is the impact of climate change on our unique environment, are critical issues for us all. In the lead up to the second session on *Synodality in October 2024*, we will hear from four people from our region – one from each of the four *Bishops' Conferences of Oceania* – on how they envisage synodality happening in their region.

Two are official delegates to the *Synod on Synodality*, and all have been closely involved in the writing of documents collating responses from our areas. The panel of speakers – who will make for a stimulating and informative synodal forum – will include: Fr Victor Roche SVD, Kelly Paget, Susan Sela, Manuel Beazley. Christina Reymer will moderate the event.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation workshop

Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare team is inviting the Catholic community to join its 2024 Season of Creation online convocation, Thursday, September 12 - Saturday, September 14. The online convocation will call participants to 'Wonder', 'Weave' and 'Heal' together. Participants will enjoy keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences, before gathering to transform learnings into action. Keynote speakers include Sr Anne-Maree O'Beirne RSM, Pedro Walpole and Sally Neaves. More information is available from [Season of Creation Convocation 2024 | Catholic Earthcare \(caritas.org.au\)](#)



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)