

First Sunday of Lent (Year A): 25/26 February 2023

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

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank
Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280
Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Brendan Maher, Nola Kersley, Mark Conlan
Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409
✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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
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Collections last week

Presbytery: \$514.00	Parish: \$145.00
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Ballan Mass: Mass at St Brigid's this Thursday, March 2nd at 10.30 am. The Lenten Biblical formation with Rosemary Canavan will be held after mass. All are welcome.

Opening School Mass for St Patrick's Gordon will be celebrated in the Church on Tuesday February 28th at 10.00am. Parishioners are welcome to join the Mass with the students, staff and school families.

Preparing for Reconciliation:

The information evening for parents of children who are to be enrolled in the sacramental program for 2023 will be held at St Brigid's Ballan on Wednesday March 1st at 7.00pm. In 2023 these children will prepare for Reconciliation during Lent, Confirmation during the Easter season and first Eucharist during the 3rd term culminating in first communion on August 6th (Gordon) and August 20th (Ballan).

Our Parishes
acknowledge this land's
traditional owners and
custodians and pay our
respects to Elders past,
present, and emerging.

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
Parish Leadership Team: Damien Ryan, Barry Sheehan, Dianne Reynolds, Dom Prendergast,
Marty Forbes, Chris Frawley & Inez French.
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409
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Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$967.00	Parish: \$897.00
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'School Enrolments:

Enrolments are now open at St. Brendan's, Dunnstown and St. Mary's, Clarkes Hill. Please contact the schools for a personalised tour or attend our opening mornings. All are welcome!

St. Brendan's -Monday, 27th February from 9am- 1pm
St. Mary's -Thursday, 2nd March from 9 am - 1pm.

Bungaree Sacramental Program:

If you wish your child to be part of the Bungaree Parish Sacramental program this year, please ring or email St.

Mary', Clarkes Hill by Friday the 17th of March and leave your phone number, child's name, age and let us know which sacrament/s they will be preparing for and receiving this year. Alternatively, ring the Parish Office on 0492 903 409 or email: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au and leave your details with Aileen.
Reconciliation is offered for Year 2 children and older and children from Year 3 upwards are invited to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Once we have the numbers and set dates, we will be in contact. Ph 53345280 or email-principal@smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
25/26 February 2023	1st Sunday of Lent Gen 2:7-9, 3: 1-7; Rom 5:12, 17-19		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Julie Moran		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 6.30 pm (new time)	Margaret Green	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
4/5 March 2023	2nd Sunday of Lent Gen 12: 1-4; 2 Tim 1: 8-10		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	
11/12 March 2023	3rd Sunday of Lent Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12, 17-19		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	N. Jeffrey		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Catherine Green		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 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks Hill / Ballan	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan		Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ 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					



Recent deaths: Sr Irene Monaghatti RSM, Lorna Quinlan

Anniversaries: Lilly Marmara, Cecelia Haintz, Ellie Walsh, Diane Johnson, Tom O'Loughlin, Brian Bayle, Kevin McGuigan, Con McTigue, Elizabeth Flynn, Carmen Galea, Arthur Jones, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie, Harry Parkin.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson and John Healy.

Lenten Biblical formation with Rosemary Canavan: Thursdays after 10.30am Mass in Ballan on March 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Participants will have the opportunity to explore with Rosemary for the Gospel used at Masses on the following Sunday. All are welcome.

Rite of Election: Jayme Naeff, our Catechumen from St Brigid's Ballan was presented to Bishop Paul at the Rite of Election held at the Cathedral on Ballarat on Saturday. Jayme was accompanied by Brylee Pratt who will be her Godparent and Sponsor when she celebrates the sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Parishioners from Ballan also joined the celebration which was followed by lunch in the Hall.

World Day of Prayer Friday - Church Services 2023:

The Ballarat Committee of World Day of Prayer (WDP) invites you to join the annual World Day of Prayer (WDP) services in the City of Ballarat and nearby towns. WDP is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The 2023 worship service has been prepared by the WDP Committee of Taiwan. Our sisters in Taiwan have chosen the theme: "I Have Heard About Your Faith," based on the letter to the Ephesians. This is an invitation to us to actively listen to the stories of faith being told by the women of Taiwan. The women thank God for the natural resources of their island home and pray for wisdom in face of the political isolation of Taiwan in the international community.

Thursday, March 2nd: 11.00am at Pineview Residential Care, 324 Nicholson Street, Black Hill

Friday, March 3rd:

- 10.00am: The Salvation Army Ballarat Community Church, 102 Eureka Street, Ballarat
- **10 am: St John Anglican Church Simpson Street, Ballan. Morning Tea to follow.**
- 2.00pm: The Salvation Army Delacombe Corps, 104 Greenhalghs Road, Delacombe
- 2.00pm: St John's Catholic Church, 3 Anderson Street, Skipton
- 5.30pm: St Peter's Catholic Church, 13 Duke Street, Daylesford
- 7.00pm: St Andrew's Uniting Church, 130 Ballarat Road, Creswick

Sunday, March 5th: 2.30pm at Ss Peter & Paul's Catholic Church, 701 Fischen Street, Buninyong



Caritas Australia Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster Appeal: A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe. Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. Visit www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Project Compassion Sunday – February 25 & 26, 2023



Every week during Lent, Project Compassion shares with us the experiences of those they have assisted. This week, we learn about Laxmi from Nepal.

After losing her father when she was just 10-years-old, Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty. But with the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club, became a leader in her school and is now a mentor to other children in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. Donation boxes and envelopes available from all churches, call 1800 024 413 or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>

Lent resources: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>