

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B): 30/31 March 2024

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## 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), 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): ☎ 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  
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth  
Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015  
☎ 5368 9495

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### Collections from last week

Presbytery	\$408.40	Parish:	\$465.00
Financial Yr to Date: \$29346.15			

Easter Dues: \$185.00

Thank You: We thank all parishioners for their generosity.

Mid-Week Mass at Ballan: No mass at Ballan this Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> or next Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Ballan Mass Times:

From the beginning of April, Mass will be celebrated at 10.30am at Ballan every Sunday.

### Welcome Back, Fr Peter:

We are very pleased that Fr Peter Murphy based in Auckland, New Zealand has returned this Easter to join us in our Holy Week ceremonies. Fr Peter will celebrate the 7.30pm Easter Vigil Mass at St Michael's Springbank and the 10.30am Easter Sunday Mass at St Brigid's Ballan.

### Fr Sajan's Farewell - Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

The farewell celebration for Fr Sajan is on Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> at Bungaree Recreation Centre at 1 pm. Meal-2 courses @\$30. Booking forms in all churches or email Parish House at [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ring mobile: 0492 903 409. Bookings close Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Fr Sajan will celebrate his final weekend of Masses with us on April 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> with the Vigil Mass at Dunnstown and Sunday Masses at Gordon and Ballan.

### Painting of St Michael's Church, Springbank:

The painting of the exterior of the Church as well as minor maintenance works has been completed at the cost of \$25,340.63. Our sincere thanks to Brendan Maher who coordinated the project, together with Sue Daly.

### Diocesan Community - Issue 1 2024

The first edition of ODC 2024 has been published. Read about St Brigid's Primary School activities in this edition. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.



## 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: 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): ☎ 5334 0450 or 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 last fortnight, Parish last month

Presbytery:	\$566.00	Parish:	\$3435.00
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Project Compassion: \$470.00

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

What are Easter Dues? A voluntary offering to clergy for their work and support of our Church. If you wish to donate, Easter Dues envelopes available in all churches.

### Fr Sajan's Farewell - Next Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Don't forget to sign-up for Fr Sajan's farewell lunch at Bungaree Recreation Centre at 1 pm. Meal-2 courses @\$30. Booking forms in all churches or email Parish House at [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ring mobile: 0492 903 409. Bookings close Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Caritas Lenten Appeal: The Parish will hold a collection for Caritas over the Easter weekend and the following week. Please include collection boxes/envelopes in this collection

### St Vincent de Paul Food Collection:

If you wish to join in the spirit of giving, food baskets have been placed in the churches for non-perishable food items. Thank you for your kindness.

### Thank You, Chris:

Special thanks to Chris Leonard for the wonderful 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese signs that have been placed in front of our three churches. The signs look amazing. Many parishioners have expressed their appreciation of this commemorative gesture We are very grateful to Chris for designing, financing and installing the three signs on behalf of our parish.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
<b>30/31 March 2024</b>	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Rom 6: 3-11, Mk 16: 1-7 (night); Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4</b>		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Springbank – 7.30pm	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.00 pm	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Dunnstown – 9 am	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
<b>6/7 April 2024</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter: Acts 4: 32-35, 1 Jn 5: 1-6</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Sat – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Michael Ryan	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
<b>13/14 April 2024</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Bridget Sims Family	

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES					
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am, 9am *	Gordon*	Bungaree	Gordon*	Gordon*	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 5 pm; Sunday Masses ~ Creswick 9am; Daylesford 10.30 am					

**Recent Deaths:** Nola Jones (Wendouree)

**Anniversaries:** Greg Slater, Eileen Sedunary, Mathew Cahir, Jim Flood, Ellen Murphy, Emmanuel Muscat, Martin Spain, Tom Everard, Sarah Molloy, Fran Cooen, Nellie Maude Conroy, Kathleen McGiffin, Monica Ramsey, Monica Hryncyszyn, Reg Haintz.

**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 and Evelyn Farrugia.

**Easter Message from Bishop Paul Bird CSsR- An Easter with a Special Anniversary**



Read Bishop Paul's Easter Message on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-easter-message-3/> or scan or click the QR code.

**Going away this Easter?** Easter Mass times for parishes in the diocese have been published on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/easter-mass-times-in-the-diocese-of-ballarat/>

**Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!**

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.



Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. Please remember to return your Project Compassion Boxes and envelopes to your Parish Office or donate online by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413 or through the QR code. If you donate online or through the QR code, **remember to fill in your details and postcode** so the Diocese of Ballarat giving total can be recognised.



**Baptisms:** We pray for Nevaeh Rose, Charlotte Maddison, Evie-Louise Joan and Harper Grace, children of Darcy Hunter and Tiana Bride, who will be baptized this weekend at St Michael's Church, Bungaree. We welcome them into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

**Mass of the Oils 2024 & 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Ballarat**

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the Mass of the Oils last Monday at St Patrick's Cathedral, either in person or online via the livestream. The representation from parishes, schools and agencies of the diocese in the choir, procession of parish symbols, procession of the oils, collection of the parish oils and various other ministries, made this a truly diocesan celebration. Special thanks to all who travelled considerable distances to attend. A report, photos and the livestream link from the Mass available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/mass-of-the-oils-2024/>



*My Dear & Loving People of God,*

*I stand here with a throbbing heart to express gratitude to each of you for all that you were and are to me.*

*A priest's life can be compared to a train journey. The train has its final destination yet whenever the red signal is shown by the guard, the train stops, and moves with the green signal.*

*So, also as a priest. I was sent to Bungaree Parish by the Bishop four years ago. Now he has shown the green flag to move to another parish and like to train I must go.*

*I thank all of you: Bungaree, Dunnstown, Clarkes Hill, Gordon, Ballan, Springbank, Creswick and Daylesford parish communities.*

*Fr Sajan Mathew*



# THE SAVING WORD

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had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see opposite page)

### SECOND READING Col 3: 1-4

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died,

and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### SEQUENCE

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ’s glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5: 7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!**

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### GOSPEL

Jn 20: 1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

### MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

#### EPISTLE

Rom 6: 3-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

*Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## ■ The word of the Lord.



### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / ‘His love has no end’. **R.**

2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

### GOSPEL

Mk 16: 1-7

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

*Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to

go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.”’

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

### MASS DURING THE DAY

#### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John