

The Most Holy Trinity (B): 25/26 May 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**
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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

Bungaree & Gordon Combined Presbytery: \$1095.65

Collections to 23rd May

Bungaree Parish:	\$2247.00
Gordon Parish:	\$190.00
Gordon Parish Financial Yr to Date:	\$34905.15

We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to these collections.

Weekday Masses

9.30am Tuesday - Saturday @ Ballarat East
10.30am Thursday @ Ballan
9.30am @ Bungaree

Presbytery Account: For administrative reasons, the Bungaree Parish Leadership Team and the Gordon Parish Leadership Team have agreed to work towards the creation of a single presbytery account. The weekly Church collections will continue as normal. The counting of the loose collection for the Combined Presbytery Account will be held every fortnight, with all collections banked during the period published in the Combined Newsletter. The

administration of the Planned Giving program for the Bungaree Parish, and the administration of the Planned Giving program for the Gordon Parish will remain unchanged.

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count: This week is the final week of the May Mass Count. The Mass count will be for attendance at Clarkes Hill, Gordon and Ballan. Please return the completed form/s to the Parish Office.

First World Children's Day: May 25 & 26, 2024

Pope Francis has announced the celebration of the first World Children's Day: "Like Jesus, we want to put children at the centre and care for them." The day will be organised by the Vatican's Dicastery for Culture and Education and will seek to answer the question, "What kind of world do we wish to pass on to the children who are growing up?" Read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the First World Children's Day at <https://www.worldchildrenday.org/>

MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
25/26 May 2024	The Most Holy Trinity Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40; Rom 8: 14-17	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes	Joan Powell
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Kelly Hunter and Family
1/2 June 2024	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Ex 24: 3-8; Heb 9: 11-15	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Tania Hoffman	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue
8/9 June 2024	10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 3: 9-15; 2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Nola Jeffrey	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Catherine Green	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka

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 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)					
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Recent death: Peter Goates (Creswick)

Anniversaries: Pat Moran, Nora Mahar, Con Sheehan, Gerard Cullinan, Peter Auchetti, John Burke, Marg Cahir, Jack Murphy, Alice Carey, Anna Maria Greene, Brian Maher, Jim Keating, Fredrick Gilles.

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.

Parishes of Bungaree and Gordon - Safetrac compliance online training

The Safetrac online training has commenced. Volunteers notified by email are requested to complete the training module, "Creating a Child Safe Organisation" by 31st May. Please refer to the login details in the email sent from *Safetrac Enrolments* and follow the instructions carefully. If anyone is experiencing difficulties in logging in please notify us at fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Who needs to complete the Safetrac compliance online training?

All parishioners who undertake volunteer roles including Ministers of the Eucharist, liturgy preparation and music, readers, sacristans as well as Ministers of Communion to the Sick are required to complete this training. Volunteers who do not have an email address or would prefer to join a small group to complete the training course are asked to attend a training session in person. One training session will be held in the Gathering Space, Ballan on Thursday, May 30th at 11.30am (after the 10.30 am mass), and another training session will be held in the Parish Office, Bungaree Presbytery on Friday, May 31st at 10.30 am (after the 9.30am mass). No need to bring anything, except yourself. All materials and resources available on the day. If you have any questions, please ring Aileen on 0492 903.

Laudato Si' Week: May 19-26, 2024, "Seeds of Hope"

Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually in May to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical on caring for creation. *Laudate Deum* is a reminder about the urgency of the *Laudato Si'* message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises. The theme for *Laudato Si'* Week this year is **Seeds of Hope** – inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love. Resources are available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/laudato-si-2024/>

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 – June 3 including Sorry Day (May 26)

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The National Reconciliation Week theme for 2024, "Now More Than Ever", is a reminder to all of us that no matter what, the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will —and must —continue. A resource document has been created that may prove valuable in celebrating this week. Resources/information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/national-reconciliation-week-may-27-june-3-including-sorry-day-may-26/>

Following on from Pentecost we've celebrated National Volunteers Week

This past week we've celebrated National Volunteers Week. Providentially it's followed the commissioning of all engaged in ministries across the three Parishes and eight faith communities of our Ministry District.

The theme for National Volunteers Week 2024 was "*Something for Everyone*". This is true for our broader communities that relies on the generous contribution of so many in the community, recreational, service and sporting associations and groups that serve our communities. This is also true for our faith communities "*Something for Everyone*" and the invitation to serve is an open to join our many and varied ministries. Volunteers Week also provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude to the many who continue to serve.

We welcome inquires from anyone who is seeking to volunteer in our parishes. Some ministries require a Working With Children Check and/or a Police Check. All who are commissioned for ministries are required to be familiar with and acknowledge their compliance with the Code of Conduct.

Prayer for Volunteers

We pray for all those who volunteer
in our parishes.
May we value the many
talents and gifts
that God has given to these people.
We thank them for generously
offering
their time to parish ministries.
For all these gifts,
given out of your love,
we thank you, God of all goodness.
Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1: 8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 28: 16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / B

26 MAY 2024

UNIQUENESS OF GOD AS TRINITY

The mystery of the Trinity as part of the revelation of God is something that we have come to know as part of our faith. As we engage with the readings today, we encounter something of the biblical journey to the understanding we have.

The verses of Deuteronomy focus on the uniqueness of God. Moses recalls Israel's exceptional encounters with God on Mount Horeb and in Egypt, declaring in v. 39 'there is no other'. Moses entreats the people to take to heart the all-encompassing realm of God and to keep God's 'statutes and commandments'.

Paul, beginning with the statement that those led by the Spirit are children of God, logically unfolds that relationship step by step, to reveal that we are joint heirs with Christ. In this short passage, Paul presents Father, Son and Spirit in relationship with believers, an important text for later development of the theology of the Trinity.

The Gospel contains the final verses of Matthew. The location – a mountain – immediately suggests a connection with the encounter with God mentioned in the first reading. The eleven are gathered to see the resurrected Jesus before he ascends. They are then sent out to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The inclusion of teaching all future disciples to 'obey everything I have commanded' also echoes the words of Moses. Jesus words, 'I am with you always' links these final words with the beginning of Matthew's Gospel and highlights the all-encompassing presence of God from the beginning, recalled in Deuteronomy, and for all believers in the future.

FIRST READING

Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. By his word the heavens were made, / by the breath of his mouth all the stars. / He spoke; and they came to be. / He commanded; they sprang into being. **R.**



3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8: 14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Dr Rosemary Canavan