

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
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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	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/>

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / No one lives on bread alone, / but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these,' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / A

26 FEBRUARY 2023

IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS

At the dawn of human history, Adam and Eve were seduced into trying to grasp equality with God. In their quest to become like God they gained some knowledge, but it left them chastened and disillusioned. Created in God's image they now saw that dignity was distorted by sin and became aware of their nakedness, vulnerability and need for God.

Prior to commencing his public ministry, Jesus undergoes a time of testing and preparation. During this time Jesus shares in all the trials that Israel experienced in the desert. They lost their way in the desert but Jesus gives us hope as he reveals the qualities that mark God's children. He knows the source of his life is to be found in God so there is no need to make his own bread. He knows that God is with him, and does not need to put God to the test. He is certain that God is the source of his life and power, and rejects the call to worship Satan.

Paul looked at all of salvation history and saw that Adam and Jesus marked two vital moments in God's dealing with humanity. What had been lost by one had been more than regained by the other. Through the gracious gift of Jesus' death, we are able to begin anew as God's children. As we begin the season of Lent we are invited to reflect on our own story, to begin once again with thankful hearts, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 3

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. My offences truly I know them; / my sin is always before me. / Against you, you alone



have I sinned; / what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

4. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me. / O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5:12, 17-19.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Longer form 5:12-19