

# Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time (B): 12/13 October 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

### Welcome Back:

We welcome home Fr. Justin who accompanied a cohort of school principals from DOBCEL on a spiritual pilgrimage to Ireland over the past few weeks. We look forward to hearing about the sites of significance visited, and his reflections on his recent trip.

### Thank You:

We thank Frs Gary Jones, Kevin Maloney and Eric Bryant who supported Fr Matt with weekend Masses while Fr Justin was away. A big thanks to Fr Matt for his support and assistance to parishioners over the past weeks.

### Mid-week Masses this coming week:

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am, St Brigid's Ballan  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am, St Michael's Bungaree

### Gordon Parish Leadership Team Meeting

The next Parish Leadership Team meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, October 16<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7.30pm in the Gathering Space, Ballan.

### Parish of Bungaree- Annual General Meeting

The Bungaree Leadership Team invite all parishioners to the Parish Annual General Meeting to be held after the 6.30pm Vigil Mass at Dunnstown on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Save the Date:

The Gordon Leadership Team have confirmed the following dates:

- Gordon Cemetery Mass 11.00am Sunday Nov 17<sup>th</sup>
- Combined Parishes Pre-Christmas event Sunday evening December 1<sup>st</sup> @ Donegans
- St Michael's Church Springbank 125<sup>th</sup> Vigil Mass Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2025
- St Patrick's Church Gordon 150<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Mass Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2025.

### Bungaree Cemetery Mass

Sunday morning on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Pootilla. Time not yet confirmed.

MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
<b>12/13 October 2024</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Wis 7:7-11, Heb 4:12-13</b>	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	
Bungaree – 9 am (new time)	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lesley Morffew	Rosemary & Michael Canavan
<b>19/20 October 2024</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Isa 53:10-11, Heb 4:14-16</b>	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jayme Naeff	Kelly Hunter & Family
<b>26/27 October 2024</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Jer 31:7-9, Heb 5:1-6</b>	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Dom Prendergast	Helen Mahar
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan/Jim Leahy	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue

## 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
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 ~ <b>Ballarat East 9am</b> ; Buninyong 10.30 am (1st & 3rd & 5th Sunday) Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday ~ <b>Buninyong 9am</b> ; 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.					



**Death Anniversaries:** Christine Anne Dent, Fred Tudor, Kevin Mahoney, Jim Wickson, Thomas McKenzie, Kit O’Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Joan (neé Mullane) Pedretti, Bernadette Moran, Catherine Moran, Lucinda Moran, Fr. Michael Mulcahy, Arthur Murphy, Bill Flynn, Shelia Boak, Ruth Torpy.

**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.

**Thank You:** Parishioners from Bungaree and Gordon parishes contributed \$906 towards this year’s Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Annual Appeal. Receipts will be posted to those who contributed more than \$10 and provided contact details.

**Praying with Pope Francis:** For a shared mission: *Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity. Lord, hear us.*



### The Synod on Synodality

The assembly is taking place Oct. 2-27 in Rome with a focus on “*How to Be a Missionary Synodal Church.*” Pope Francis, opened the Synod, which is meant to deepen the missionary perspective of the Church, said “*Let us be careful not to see our contributions as points to defend at all costs or agendas to be imposed ... Ours is not a parliamentary assembly but rather a place of listening in communion.*” Pope Francis says the Catholic Church must first acknowledge its sins and ask for forgiveness before it can be

credible in carrying out the mission Jesus Christ entrusted to the Church. The day before the synod began, at a public vigil, “some of the sins that cause the most pain and shame were called by name, invoking God’s mercy.” During the prayer service, people spoke about their experiences of being harmed by sexual abuse, war, and indifference toward migrants. Attendees requested forgiveness “in the name of all the baptized” for “sin against peace, sin against creation, against Indigenous populations, against migrants; sin of abuse; sin against women, family, youth; sin of using doctrine as stones to be hurled; sin against poverty; sin against synodality/lack of listening, communion, and participation of all.”

The overall format for the Synod includes daily prayer, theological reflections, and “**conversation in the Spirit**” in small working groups . The tone of the opening days of the Synod’s final assembly signals that those hoping for sweeping change may be disappointed. This assembly will bring to a close a remarkable three-year ecclesial event aimed at bringing the yeast of synodality into the Church’s daily bread. The Synod has been turned from “an occasional event to an ecclesial process that extends in space and time”. It has become a mechanism of ecclesial discernment that begins with consultations and gatherings of the People of God and concludes with bishops’ assemblies that include plenty of non-bishops, which finally makes proposals to the Pope. And thus, presumably, it will now continue to be. The Synod journey has recovered ancient habits of listening, participation and discernment, and found new structures and methods to encourage these in the ordinary life of the Church. Accountability, transparency, discernment – all these belong “to the oldest of the Church’s traditions”, and “found in the very nature of the Church as a mystery of communion”.

Earlier this week Bishop of Sandhurst Shane Mackinlay was elected as the Oceania representative on a commission charged with overseeing the drafting of the final Synod document. He is one of 14 Australians taking part in the Second Assembly of the Synod.



**Position Vacant – Archivist:** The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat requires an appropriately skilled individual to manage its extensive archives collection and take carriage of the historical engagement program across the diocese, which includes liaising with the Professional Standards team and other diocesan leadership to identify and appropriately secure historical records and artifacts throughout the diocese.

There will be a requirement to travel regionally from time to time to engage with venues and artifacts of significance within the diocese and promote the significance of the collection broadly. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study:** The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) offers adult religious education and faith formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes through our partner, Dayton University. Cycle 7 begins October 21. Registrations are open now. Scan the QR code or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7121.

