

# Second Sunday of Advent ( Year C )

## 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Our Parishes acknowledge 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.

### 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

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Justin Driscoll, **Assistant Priest:** Fr Matt Restall

**Parish Secretary and Safeguarding Officer:** Aileen Toohey

Parish Office attended Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am–2.30pm.

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#### Parish Schools & Principals

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St. Mary's Clarkes Hill: Ms Clare Scanlon 5334 5280 [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

#### Parish Leadership Teams

Bungaree Parish: Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown), Dom Prendergast, Maurice Ryan & 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*

#### Weekday Masses

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Ballan (Funeral)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Bungaree
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Ballan
	11.00am	Mercy Place
	5.30pm	Clarkes Hill
	5.45pm	Gordon
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am	Dunnstown
	9.30am	Ballarat East
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Ballarat East

- St Brigid's School Ballan end of Year Mass, Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> 9.15am
- St Mary's School Clarkes Hill end of Year Mass Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm (Church)
  - St Patrick's School Gordon end of Year Mass Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> 5.45pm with picnic tea and Christmas Carols to follow.

- Ballan Aged Care Ecumenical Service Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am
- Anointing Mass at St Brigid's Church Ballan, Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> 11.00am
- Anointing Mass at St Michael's Church Bungaree, Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30am

#### 2024 Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Mercy Place
	5.30pm	Ballan
	6.00pm	Ballarat East
	6.30pm	Clarkes Hill
	7.00pm	Gordon
	7.30pm	Buninyong
	9.00pm	Ballarat East
Christmas Day	9.00am	Dunnstown
	9.00am	Ballarat East

Each of the three parishes in our Ministry District have one less Mass this year than last year – there will not be Christmas Masses in Bungaree or Springbank this year.

MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
<b>7/8 December 2024</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent: Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:3-6, 8-11</b>	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised	
Bungaree – 9.00 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jayne Bosworth	Rosemary & Michael Canavan
<b>14/15 December 2024</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent: Zeph 3:14-18, Phil 4:4-7</b>	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan	
Gordon – 9.00 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green	Kelly Hunter and Family
<b>21/22 December 2024</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent: Mic 5:1-4, Heb 10:5-10</b>	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett	Jill Prendergast
Gordon – 9.00 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan	Bridget Sims and Family

### **Annual Christmas cleaning:**

Dunnstown: Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; & Clarkes Hill: Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1.30 pm. Flowers most welcome.

### **Christmas Gatherings:**

Ballan: Christmas cuppa on Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> after 10.30 am mass.

Clarkes Hill: Port and cake on Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> after 6.30 pm mass

Dunnstown: Christmas cake and port on December 14<sup>th</sup> after 6.30 pm mass.

Gordon: Christmas get-together with refreshments on Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> after 9am mass.

**Recent Deaths:** Christine Hall, Barry Mullane (Funeral Mass at St Brigid's Ballan 2.00pm Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>)

**Anniversaries:** Margaret Clifford, Ron Devlin, Maisie Frawley, Maureen Frawley, Margaret Fuller, Peter Quinlan, John Senserrick, Maurice Torpy.

**We offer our prayers for the sick:** Ray Broach, Pat Burvill, Karem Chiparra, Elaine Conlan, Evelyn Farrugia, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Lyla Geary, Michelle Hall, (baby) Mia Hanrahan, John Healy, Thelma Keating, Owen Widdison.

**Baptisms:** We welcome Sadie Rae Martin, baptised at St Michael's Bungaree, child of Chloe and Charles, into our faith community.

**Anniversaries at St Alipius' Ballarat East:** All are welcome to gather at St Alipius Church for 6.00pm Mass on Saturday evening December 14<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge 170 years since Eureka and 150 years since St Alipius Church was opened. Following the Mass all are invited to stay in the Church grounds for a byo picnic tea. Contact the Ballarat East Parish Office on 5332 6611 [ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:ballarateast@ballarat.catholic.org.au) For catering purposes, please RSVP no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **“Holding the Light” Remembering Victims and Survivors of Family Violence**

This ecumenical service offers an opportunity to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic violence, to stand in solidarity with victim survivors and to reflect and commit ourselves to addressing the causes of violence in our communities. The service will be held on **Tuesday December 10th at St Alipius Church, Ballarat East at 5.00pm**. December 10th is the UN Human Rights Day, concluding the 16 days of Activism against gender-based violence campaign from November 25th (International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women). Joce Bignold, CEO of McAuley Community Services for Women will be the guest speaker. All members of the community are welcome!

**Clergy Appointments:** Following the appointment of Fr Andrew Hayes as Parish Priest of the Parishes of Apollo Bay, Cororooke & Colac, Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Neville Stanislaus, Parish Priest of Gariwerd (Ararat, Lake Bolac, Landsborough & Stawell) from January 15<sup>th</sup>. Priests of the Diocese have now been invited to express interest in being appointed Parish Priest of the Parishes of Camperdown (Cobden & Lismore), Hampden (Mortlake & Terang) and Timboon (& Simpson). These three parishes will form a Ministry District, cared for by one Parish Priest, with the assistance of another priest or priests who will help particularly with Sunday Masses.

### **Bishop Paul writes on the High Court Judgement and Vicarious liability**

*In cases where there is evidence that the Diocese of Ballarat has been negligent in the duty of safeguarding children, the Diocese accepts liability and provides compensation to victims.*

*In the case considered by the High Court, Victorian courts had found that the Diocese of Ballarat was not negligent but still held that the Diocese was liable – vicariously. The High Court set aside this decision of the Victorian courts.*

*I would like to make it clear that the Diocese of Ballarat will continue to accept liability and provide compensation in cases where there is evidence that the Diocese has been negligent in safeguarding. In addition, the Diocese will continue to provide compensation through the Federal Government's Redress Scheme and through the state-wide Church process called Pathways Victoria. As well as providing compensation in these ways, the Diocese will continue to provide assistance to those who have suffered abuse by funding counselling and other pastoral help.*

### **More From the Diocesan Assembly:**

A formal report on the Assembly held at Federation University Mt Helen on Leadership and Governance for a Missionary Synodal Church will be released in the coming weeks. In the meantime, our newsletters for the coming weeks will include reflections from parishioners in attendance as either delegates or facilitators.

### **Sr Berenice Kerr (Mercy Sister, Ballarat East) Delegate**

*The Assembly gave me hope. I went, not sure where we were going, but ready to trust the process. I made a commitment to myself to be open to the promptings of the Spirit and the 'word' coming from the gathered members. I believe the Spirit was present and active. Some aspects of people's behaviour and attitudes disappointed me but remembering that I did not have to control the responses of others was liberating. The Diocese of Ballarat has chosen a direction from which we cannot turn back. No matter how small nor how faltering the steps we take from here on, our public, diocesan-wide resolution cannot be ignored, nor can it be negated. The Wild Goose will ultimately have her way. My prayer now is not 'Come, Holy Spirit' but 'Stay, Holy Spirit, and continue to chase us'.*