

Faith communities of Ballan, Ballarat East, Bungaree, Buninyong, Clarkes Hill, Dunnstown, Gordon and Springbank

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# Ministry District Newsletter

Our parishes are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people, and vulnerable adults

## Presentation of the Lord (C) ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

MINISTRY DISTRICT MASS TIMES			
Weekday Masses			
Monday Feb 3rd	9.30 am	Ballan (Opening School Mass & Feast Day)	
Tuesday Feb 4th	No Masses		
Wednesday Feb 5th	11.00 am	Mercy Place (All Welcome)	
Thursday Feb 6th	10.30 am	Ballan	
Friday Feb 7th	9.30 am	St. Francis Xavier School Ballarat East	
	1.00 pm	Ballarat East (Funeral Mass for Sr. Lesley Dickinson)	
Saturday Feb 8th	9.30 am	Ballarat East	
Weekend Masses			
Saturday Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> - Vigil		Sunday Feb 9th	
6.00 pm	Ballarat East	9.00 am	Buninyong Bungaree
6.30 pm	Springbank	10.30 am	Ballarat East Ballan

### WE ASK YOUR PRAYERS FOR:

**THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Sr. Lesley Dickinson RSM, Norah Seear, Ray Broach.

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME**

Olive Andrews, Greg Arnel, Archie Campbell, Nina Cassar, Frank Frawley, Ray Frawley, Anthony Jarvis, James Leonard, Margaret Maloney, Bernard (Bernie) O’Neil, Peter Ross, John Ryan, Ron Spedding, Catherine Torpy, Gerard (Rusty) Winter.

**THOSE WHO ARE UNWELL**

Pat Burvill, Elaine Conlan, Socorro De Chavez, Joan Egan, Evelyn Farrugia, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Lyla Geary, Michelle Hall, (baby) Mia Hanrahan, John Healy, Sarah McLachlan, Thelma Keating, Carole Simmons, Owen Widdison.

**Next Week’s Scripture Readings**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 6:1-8; Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

### PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAMS

**Ballarat East Parish:** Rose Consignano, Teresa Fletcher, Judith Glaubitz, Martin McGettigan, Dianne McKeegan, Claire Stewart.

**Bungaree Parish:** Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree), Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown), Dom Prendergast, Maurice Mahar & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill).

**Gordon Parish:** Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan).

**Ministries this Sunday**

**Readers & Offertory**

Dunnstown: Dianne Reynolds

Gordon: To be Advised

Ballan: Winnie Zammit, Tony & Edith Paarhammer

**Next Sunday’s Ministries**

Ballan: Rosemary Canavan

Mark & Sue Conlan

## WEEKDAY MASSES

This week Fr Matt will be joining a gathering for priests ordained under 5 years from the Dioceses of Ballarat and Sandhurst that will be held in Moama, NSW. The gathering is organised by Clergy Life and Ministry Directors Frs Justin Driscoll and Jake Mudge (Sandhurst). Please note the changes in weekday masses due to the absence of our priests.

## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY



One of the primary ways in which we honour God's Word in the liturgy is by faithfully listening to the proclamation of the readings and the homily, and by discerning the various ways in which God's Word applies to our lives. An important point to remember here is the Second Vatican Council's insight that Christ's presence is recognised in the actual "proclamation" of the Word, when the Church believes that Christ is present and speaking to those assembled through the words of the Church's minister [Sacrosanctum concilium (1963) art. 7], rather than in the physical book itself.

At Masses across our Ministry District next week, those who proclaim the Word of God will be commissioned once again for their ministry as well as those who compose the Prayers of Intercession. Our parishes are blessed with biblical scholars who offer weekly reflections on the Word of God that are included on our newsletters – we will ask a blessing on them as well. Let us embrace Sunday of the Word of God to help us launch our new year with a deeper and richer encounter with the Risen Lord.

## LENTEN SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Each Saturday in March and April Fr Matt will be guiding a Lenten and Easter reflection group at St Alipius between 10:15 am and 11am. If you are interested in being part of this group, please register by email: [matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.edu.au) Reflection book will be available for \$10.

## CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Paul has announced the following clergy appointments to take effect on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2025

**Fr Matt Restall:** Assistant Priest in the South West Coast parish (Warrnambool, etc)

**Fr Bill Lowry:** Assistant Priest in Sunraysia, Ouyen and Robinvale parishes

**Fr Cay Xuan Trinh:** Assistant Priest in Western Border parish (Hamilton etc)

**Fr Matthew Thomas:** Parish Priest of Ouyen & Robinvale (in addition to Sunraysia)

**Fr Shaiju Mathew:** Co-Pastor of the parishes of Ballarat East, Bungaree and Gordon.

Fr Shaiju will work with Fr Justin (Co-Pastor & Moderator) across our Ministry District. Fr Shaiju, a Missionary of St Thomas the Apostle from Kerala, India, is currently Administrator of the Parishes of Ouyen and Robinvale.

## CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST BRIGID OF IRELAND



Pause for Peace is an initiative of the [Solas Bhríde](#) Team and the residents of Kildare, Ireland, "to call on people all around the world to stop for a minute's silence at 12.00 noon (local time) on St Brigid's Day, 1st February." The movement aims to awaken and build a spirit of global solidarity in our search for peace – on a day that honours the legacy of St Brigid, Woman of Peace.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

There are a number of Young Adult activities occurring around Ballarat at this time. If interested in being a part of something, email Fr Matt for a chat about possibilities and to be kept in the loop via text. [matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## YOUNG FAMILY GROUP

Families across Ballarat are currently meeting monthly during the week for a social afternoon sport activities for the kids and food are provided. The next gathering will be mid-February. To be kept informed via email, please register your interest by emailing [matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:matt.restall@ballarat.catholic.org.au)