

## THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

The Gordon Parish is a supervised, community-led parish ~ Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Aileen Toohey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll and Tim Delaney

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

**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 Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
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**Collections last weekend**

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

Loose Presbytery: \$	Parish: \$
Planned Giving Envelopes 2019/20:	
<b>Year to Date:</b>	<b>\$10,251.00</b>

**Parish Update**

We hope you are all keeping safe, well, warm and connected to our parish. There has been some easing of the Victorian Government's COVID-19 restrictions in regional Victoria, which is fantastic news. Unfortunately as far as masses go, we are still unable to celebrate mass and church gatherings indoor. This means our churches are closed with no masses until further notice from the Victorian Government. All going well, we will be able to meet for masses very soon. Of course there will be restricted numbers on the amount of people able to gather. We will be informed at a later by the Victorian Government when these changes will take place. There are exceptions for funerals and weddings. The Parish Leadership Team are still meeting via zoom every fortnight. We're not

making any major decisions, just ensuring that the Parish is running smoothly, dealing with the Gordon Parish finances and addressing pastoral needs within our parish community. Hopefully we can gather together as one community soon.

**Thank you**

The Gordon Parish would like to thank Mick Winter for all his work as Chairperson for the Parish Pastoral Council. He dedicated many hours over a long period of time to this role. Thank you so much Mick.

**New Parish Phone mobile phone number:**

Please note the new mobile phone number for the Gordon Parish Secretary is 0492 903 409 The Gordon Parish landline number remains the same: 5368 9280. Thanks

**Church Cleaning**

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK

## 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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>
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**Collections last weekend:**

Presbytery: \$	Parish: \$
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**Victorian Child Safe Standards**

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. Our parish's Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct are available on the parish webpage of the diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

**Sacramental Program Up-Date**

The Bungaree Sacramental Program was set to start in early June, however due to the restrictions during this COVID-19 time, in consultation with Fr Sajan, the following decisions have been made:

- The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be postponed till 2021. Children in Years 3 and 4 will

be able to receive those sacraments then. Dates will be decided later in the year.

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will still go ahead this year, at this stage. Any children who have not received this Sacrament and are in Year 2 or above, are eligible for this program. The Parent Meeting is 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and the Retreat Day & Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct these to The Bungaree Parish Office via email:

[bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or to Sue Prendergast: [sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
<b>THERE WILL BE NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>				

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**There will be no masses until further notice**



	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
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarke's Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

**Anniversaries**

Wayne Torpy, Corey Fletcher, Eileen McDermott, Bill O'Donohue, Kathleen Sheehan, John (Jack) Frawley, Winifred Walsh, Vera Winter, Kevin O'Brien, Stephan Molloy, Bob Kick, Margaret Mahar, Catherine Graham, Noreen Torney RSM, Mary Sullivan, Des Lee and Emmanuel Barbara.

**We offer our prayerful support for the sick**

Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Jan Quinlan, Noel Craven, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Anne Micallef and Clare Adriaans

**How to get the Parish Newsletter**

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)
- Emailed copies at [Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au)
- Tubs outside churches.

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will issue information regarding gatherings in places of worship now that restrictions have eased in regional Victoria, as the information becomes available. All updates are also on the diocesan website "news" section [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**New Diocesan Website**

The new diocesan website is now live at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**Plenary Council Update**

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. It is different than we could have expected; the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is so important.

**Discernment Papers:** The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of September we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Prayerful & Eucharistic?** Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. You can read the discernment paper at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-3.pdf>. We welcome any comments you have. Please send through to [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**Social Justice Statement 2020-2021**

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-2021, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our

community. Information: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

**It's St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you're invited!**

To mark the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in honour of Mary throughout September and October <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>

**Centacare support offering**

Centacare's family and relationship team are offering support during COVID-19. View the flyer for programs on offer and contact details at [https://mcusercontent.com/fe8dff0912e9e1b378f7db433/files/c7d47726-oda8-4a94-8f27-f73ed3eb922b/Programs\\_brochure\\_COVID.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/fe8dff0912e9e1b378f7db433/files/c7d47726-oda8-4a94-8f27-f73ed3eb922b/Programs_brochure_COVID.pdf)

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Online Study**

Low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. 5 week study cycles include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Registrations open now until October 12 for the next cycle which begins October 18. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Engaging Your Catholic Faith**

Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offered online by Catholic Theological College lecturers on a range of topics including theology, scripture, pastoral studies and spirituality. Sessions will be held from September 14 - October 31 and will cost \$20 per session. The sessions will be held via Zoom and will run for approximately 90 minutes. More information and enrolment details are available from [www.ctc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.edu.au).

**Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4, 2020**

The fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si'* was the beginning of the Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year (May 24, 2020 – May 24, 2021) with the hope that it be a time of grace, a true Kairos experience and "Jubilee" time for the Earth, for humanity and all God's creatures. The theme for Season of Creation 2020 is *Jubilee for the Earth* in which we are invited to consider the integral relationship between the rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living. The need for a just and sustainable system revealed this year by the global COVID-19 pandemic, is a time to reflect and act on the urgency of the situation of our world today and for future generations. Liturgically, we celebrate remembering God's action in prayer. Resources from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/a-season-of-creation/> include a reflection from Bishop Paul, liturgical resources to guide reflections of the season and ecumenical resources. All notices for weekly bulletin need to be submitted by 3.00pm Wednesday at [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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