

3rd Sunday of Easter (Year B): ~ 17/18 April 2021

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, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll and Paul McDowell

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney 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 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 5368 9495	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections: Donations to the Parish are vital to the sustainability of our Parish community.

Loose	Presbytery: \$594.40	Parish: \$950.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$29,706 (updated)

Gordon Parish Leadership Team: There are vacancies for representatives from Gordon and Ballan. If you are interested

in becoming more involved in the administration of the Parish, please contact Lin Bowers at bowerslinda133@gmail.com

Insurance: The upkeep of our churches and grounds is an ongoing cost. This coming month the Parish Leadership Team will be reviewing the insurance premiums for all parish buildings.

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 Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 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 weekend:

Presbytery: \$N/A	Parish: \$185.00
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Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections:

Bungaree Parish Leadership Team:

There are currently two vacant positions each from Dunnstown and Bungaree on the Parish Leadership Team. If you would be interested in filling any of these roles or would like some more information, please contact Damian Ryan - ryandjr@bigpond.com

Working With Children Check:

Is your WWC check up to date? Currently, we are reviewing our data base, so it is important that all parishioners who assist with parish ministries hold valid and current WWC cards. Please contact Leah Hanrahan for more details if you are unsure of your status. (lg3@optusnet.com.au or 0411 859 544)

2021 Sacramental Program & Liturgical Dates

Parents of children in Year 2 and 3 and above, please note that the **Parent Information Night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be on **Tuesday 27th April, at 7:30pm** at the Bungaree Parish Centre. It is important that you have a parent or representative for your child at this meeting for them to be able to be enrolled in the program. As the Sacramental Program could not go ahead last year, the Year 3 children will receive three sacraments this year as the Confirmation and Eucharist Sacramental Program will be offered later in the year. This year Priscilla Johnson, who is a member of the St. Michael's Parish, will be joining the Sacramental Team. If you have any queries please contact: **Fr Sajan, ph. 5334 0450 or Sue Prendergast, ph. 5334 7604 or Priscilla Johnson 0428 384 015**

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
17/18 April	3 rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5		
Dunnstown- 6.30pm	As Requested	As Requested	Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon- 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Brian & Kate Carey	Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan- 10.30am	Cathryn Green & Sandra Miller	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
24/25 April	4 th Sunday of Easter Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2		
Clarkes Hill- 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Jill Prendergast	Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon- 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan- 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Gyan Schweighofa & Anne Eskdale	Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month
1/2 May	5 th Sunday of Easter Acts 9: 26-31 Jn 15: 4-5		
Dunnstown- 6.30pm	Diane Reynolds	Diane Reynolds	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon- 8.45am	Monica Eastwood & Mark Conroy	Therese & Michael Winter	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan- 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Anne Eskdale	Cairan & Janine Donohoe Family	

LITURGIES / WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) at Bungaree at 9.30am
All Welcome!

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarke's Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
	Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am				

Anniversaries: Bill Molloy, Sr. Maureen Connelly RSM, Sr. Margaret Houlihan RSM, Jill Fradd, Carmel Fitzgerald, Margaret Trounce, Frank Conroy, Andrew Sherry, Peter Molloy, Laurie Flynn.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Lyla Geary Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Noel Craven, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Eileen Haintz.

Baptisms: We welcome Jasper Alexander Hocking, the child of Lauren and Branton Hocking, who was baptised on 11 April at St. Brigid's Ballan, into our Parish community.

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections & Daily Prayers

Monthly Reflection Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Michelle Vass, director of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park NSW, reflects on "St Joseph – Man of Dreams" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Daily Prayers to St Joseph: The ACBC have provided daily prayers and a shorter Litany to St Joseph available from <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Pathways Victoria

The Catholic Diocese of Victoria has introduced a new model for Complaints and Redress in Victoria, Pathways Victoria, for implementing the Church's National Response Protocol released earlier this year. A public consultation period has been set-up for the period 13 April until 14 May 2021. A Media Release and Frequently Asked Questions information sheet has been posted on all church noticeboards. For further information, go to: www.pathwaysvictoria.com/

Good Shepherd Sunday: Word Day of Vocations - April 25

Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations: Pope Francis tells us: "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood."

Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Saint Joseph: "The Dream of Vocation 'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: To beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: Hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of 'the saints next door.' At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'"

Enquiry Day for prospective Seminarians at Corpus Christi College - May 22, 2021: An Enquiry Day for any young man who is interested to know more about a Diocesan Priestly vocation will be held at Corpus Christi College Carlton for all dioceses in the province. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please email Fr Edward Moloney Edward.moloney@cam.org.au or Fr James Kerr james.kerr@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 1 2021

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PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember O Most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them, Amen.

