

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280

Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

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

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PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spagordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose:	Presbytery: \$559.60	Parish: \$155.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$8,128.45

Welcome and thanks: Welcome to Fr Denis Ryan as he celebrates the Easter Sunday Masses in Gordon and Ballan. Fr Denis is a senior priest of the Diocese of Ballarat living in retirement in Geelong. We thank Fr Denis for celebrating Masses in our Parish for Easter, enabling Fr Sajan to celebrate Masses in each of the communities of the Bungaree Parish and Fr Justin to

celebrate Easter Masses in the Parishes of Creswick and Daylesford.

Sacramental Program – 2022: The Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night will be held at St. Brigid's School, Ballan on Wednesday 4th May at 7 pm.

Parish Lunch - 1st May 12 noon at Donegan's Farm: Lunch served at 12.30 pm (\$30 per person). All parishioners from Bungaree and Gordon are invited to attend.

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 Leadership Team: Damien Ryan, Barry Sheehan, Di Reynolds, Tim Bennet, Maurice Maher, Peter Roche & Inez French.

Safeguarding Officer: Accepting Nominations

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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Checking-in is no longer required; face masks no longer required in most indoor settings but are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. Recommend wearing a mask if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors & cannot physically distance.

Volunteer Positions Open: interested persons are invited to volunteer for the positions of Sacramental Program Officer & Safeguarding Officer. If you would like to know more about these positions, contact Damien at: ryandjr@bigpond.com, phone: 0437125062.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
16 April 2022	Easter Vigil Mass Epistle Rom 6:3-11		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		
Bungaree – 8 pm	To be Advised		
17 April 2022	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10: 34, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4		
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Dunnstown – 9 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
23/24 April 2022	Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5: 12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour – 1st Thursday of each Month
31 April/1 May 2022	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5: 11-14		
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Dunnstown – 9 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Catherine Green		

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes 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				



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Recent Deaths: Barry White

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

We offer our prayerful support for the sick: Anna Bartaska, Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, John Ryan, Moira Myers, Stan Mahar, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner and Majella Franklin (nee Glenane).

Praying with Pope Francis: The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for April: **For health care workers:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially those in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

St Joseph's Church Derrinallum Final Mass: An invitation is extended to parishioners and former parishioners, their families and friends and any interested community members, to attend the Final Mass following the closing of St Joseph's Church in Derrinallum. This Mass will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served at the Church following Mass. To assist with catering, please reply to Gerard Fitzgerald, ph. 0409 863079 or Kathy Bell, ph. 0499 555607.

Walking in the Spirit: The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign, beginning Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Go to: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

The Bishop's Easter Message 2022 - On the road again

Over the past couple of months, I have been on the road again, travelling around the diocese. This is in contrast to the last couple of years when travel has been limited because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the virus is still having an impact, sometimes causing severe illness, we have been able to resume many of our usual activities. This includes moving around more freely. For this I am most grateful, because it has allowed me to resume visits to our parishes and schools.

It has been wonderful to celebrate Sunday Masses in churches in the Swan Hill parish and join the students and staff of St Joseph's College Mildura for Mass in their college gym. I have been able to join in a meeting in the parish office in Warrnambool and prayer times with primary school students in Wendouree. These visits have brought home to me how much people all around our diocese have done to bring their communities through the pandemic and how much they are doing to help one another as we resume more normal activities in our parishes and schools and our lives as a whole.

I offer my thanks to you all for your patience during the pandemic and the kindness you have shown in supporting one another during this time. May that patience and kindness stay with us even as the pandemic subsides.

As we come to celebrate Easter this year, we are conscious of various trials that people are suffering around Australia and around the world – the ongoing effects of bushfires that have charred the lives of communities in the past couple of years, the recent devastation of floods, the terrible destruction of war in Ukraine. In the face of such sorrows, the joy of Easter might seem far away. Yet, our Christian faith can be a source of joy even in the midst of distress. The gospel assures us that God is close to us in times of struggle as well as in times of peace, that Christ has shared our pain, and that, just as God's love raised Jesus from the grave, so God's love can raise us to new life.

The Ukrainian word for "Easter" is "Velykden", meaning "Great Day". Easter does indeed celebrate a great day, the day of Christ's resurrection. The traditional Ukrainian greeting at Easter is "Christ is risen!" The response is "Christ is risen indeed!" Even as they endure much suffering, may this Easter be a great day for the people of Ukraine as they rejoice in the resurrection of Christ. May this Easter be a great day for us as well as we too rejoice in Christ's resurrection. May you have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR