

32nd Sunday of the Year (Year A): ~ 07/08 November 2020

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 Principal: Mr Tim Delaney	☎ 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:

Loose	Presbytery:\$	Parish: \$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	
Year to Date:		\$13,354.00

Parish Update

Indoor Religious Gatherings: are now allowed for up to 20 people, plus **one faith leader**. Strict requirements to be contained in a COVID Safe Plan (*please note this is slightly different from the last round of restrictions we operated under*) If you would like to be one of the 20 attendees this week, (Saturday, Nov 7 Springbank 6.30pm or Sunday, Nov 08- Ballan 10.30am) you need to register your name with the parish secretary on 0492 903 409 to book your place. These are small

steps as we progress forward and hopefully if all goes well this will lead to larger groups into the future.

We trust and pray that you are keeping safe and well and staying connected to family members, friends and those you love.

Cemetery Visits:

November is the month when we particularly remember All Souls. Fr Sajan will visit **Gordon Cemetery Nov 15 at 3pm** and **Ballan Cemetery Nov 22 at 3pm**. Please spread the word. As we are allowed up to 50 people outdoors this will be a wonderful opportunity to gather and remember our much loved deceased family members.

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

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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:	\$302.00	Parish: \$600.00
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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 (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

Sacramental Program

Dear Parishioners,
Due to the ongoing uncertainty and COVID restrictions, it has been decided by Fr Sajan and the Sacramental Team that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be postponed this year. Therefore, new dates for all Sacraments will be planned for similar times next year and all children eligible for the programs will be able to participate.
THE Bungaree Parish offers a Family Based Sacramental Program which is led by the Sacramental Team and

supported by the Parish schools, St Mary's Clarkes Hill and St Brendan's Dunnstown. The Sacraments and Eucharist are offered for Children in Year 3 and above. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered for children in Year 2 and above.

Therefore, 2021 will look slightly different as there will be multiple age groups participating and we will make adjustments to the programs as necessary

If there is anyone in the Parish Community who would like to join the Sacramental Team or know more information, Please contact the Parish Office on 5334 0450 or email bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or to Sue Prendergast: sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

This week, due to COVID-19 restrictions, Sunday November 8, the cemetery mass won't take place at Pootilla, but mass will be held at the Bungaree Church at 8.45am. Mass Gatherings of 20 will apply.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
As requested				

LITURGIES

As requested

	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	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

**Anniversaries**

Ronnie Spratling, Hughie O'Halloran, Mollie Maher, William Kennedy, Lucy O'Donohue, Basil Britt, Danny Hanrahan, Valerie Adams, Dorothea Toohey, Matthew George, Frank Teuma, Catherine Keating, William Barry, Richard Butler, Maudie Smallman, Joe Fitzpatrick, Mary Ryan.

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, Noel Craven, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary and Anne Micalef.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptism: Patrick William Robinson (2016) Jack Sonny Steenhuis (2019)

Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

How to get the Parish Newsletter

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Emailed copies at Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Tubs outside churches.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information on the provisions for ceremonies and gatherings in places of worship for regional Victoria as at October 28, 2020 is available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

New Diocesan Website

The new diocesan website is now live at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

e-News

The Diocesan e-News is the online newsletter of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. It is supported by the print publication "Our Diocesan Community" and the Diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. The Diocesan e-News is published every two weeks and distributed via email. It is available to all members and those associated with the Diocese and to those with an interest in the life of the Diocese. We encourage you to subscribe to the e-News so you can receive updates and information about the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese. To subscribe please go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au, click News & Events in the menu at the top, then e-News and register for the Diocesan e-News by the subscribe box.

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](#). The National Plenary Facilitation Team have released a resource to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers (attached). Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for

a month. For the month of October we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Humble, Healing and Merciful?** Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Read the discernment paper:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-4.pdf>

Visit the Prayerful & Eucharistic page:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/humble/>

Prayers and Images in the Time of Virus

Following the success of Michael McGirrs' *Trees in Solitude*, *Prayers and Images for Pentecost*, Garratt Publishing are pleased to present a complimentary second 'Trees' series from Michael – *Trees Without Masks*. Over the coming weeks these beautiful prayers and images will be shared. Download the prayers from the news section of the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

A Prayer In Times of Trial

God our comfort and consolation, bless us with your presence today.

Remain with us in the struggles of life and continue to strengthen us to serve.

Let our song of rejoicing go on.

May our witness to the gospel never waver when we face trials or suffering.

Send your angels to watch over us, forever and ever.

Amen.

Due to recent relaxation of restrictions, places of worship can open for the celebration of mass for up to 20 people in a single undivided space which will stand until further notice. Fr Sajan will be celebrating mass this coming Saturday (Nov 7) at Springbank at 6.30pm, Sunday, (Nov 08) at Bungaree 8.45am and at Ballan 10.30am. We will be required to register to record details of all attendees at each mass, plus masks, signage, hygiene and safe cleaning practices as well. Please contact the parish secretary on 0492 903 409 to register. Thank you for your assistance.

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Could all items for the newsletter please be forwarded via email if possible to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, by 2pm. gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Thank you.