Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year P): $\sim 10^{th}$ & 11^{th} October 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

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Parish Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll	🕾 5368 1015	www.sbballan.catholic.edu.au
Farish Schools	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Tim Delaney	🕾 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

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:	\$11,911.00

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. 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.

A Prayer of Hope

Open my eyes to the moments of resurrection that surround me every day. There is always something rising, opening to a new life, Budding and blossoming, forgiving and transforming. Teach me to live awake that I may recognise the renaissance being celebrated in my midst at every moment. Make me a disciple of joy. From the late Macrina Wiederkehr OSB (1939-2020)

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 Mugaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ A www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill	Principal: Inez French 🕾 5334 5280	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstow	n Principal: Inez French 🕾 5334 7604	www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

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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 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 13th October, 2020 and the Retreat Day & Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Tuesday 10th November 2020.

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

<u>bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u> or to Sue Prendergast: <u>sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</u>

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LITURGIES There will be no masses until further notice

	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)				



Recent Death

Anne Margaret Snell

Anniversaries

Eileen Frawley, Frank Quinlan, Allan Smith, Ethan Seccull, Maureen O'Donohue, Joseph Patrick Rice, Bernadette Moran, Catherine Moran, Lucinda Moran, Kevin Mahoney, Jim Wickson, Thomas Joseph McKenzie, Kit O'Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Mary Hamm, Constance Edwards, William Mahar and Ellen Muriel Doyle

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 Micallef.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptism: Lincoln Bradley Tippet (2018)

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 <u>www.ballarat.catholic.org.au</u>
- Emailed copies at <u>Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u> or <u>gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au</u>
- Tubs outside churches.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has issued information regarding gatherings in places of worship now that restrictions have eased in regional Victoria. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section <u>www.ballarat.catholic.org.au</u>.

New Diocesan Website

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

<u>e-News</u>

The Diocesan e-News is the online newsletter of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. It is supported by the print publication "Our Community" and the Diocesan website Diocesan 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 will soon release resources to assist parishes

and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. Read the discernment paper https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-

content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-3.pdf.VisitthePrayerful& Eucharisticpagehttps://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/themes/prayerful/.

Mission Sunday Appeal - **The joy of the Lord is our Strength! Nehemiah 8:10** World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on October 18 - a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and practical support to live a fulfilling life. You can support: online at <u>www.catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia</u>; or by placing your donation in the Appeal Envelopes (these will be placed in the tubs outside the churches and they will be available at masses if churches are open); or by Texting GIVE to 0488 854 436. Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

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 of honour Mary throughout September and October https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary

Carers Week in Australia

Carers Week in Australia will be celebrated on Sunday 11 to Saturday 17 October. In recognition of the many carers in our parishes, the Bishop Commission for Social Justice invite you to celebrate and acknowledge carers. Carers Australia define carers as people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue or who are frail aged

More info: https://www.carersaustralia.com.au/

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 or email

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 90 min sessions are held via Zoom from September 14 - October 31. Cost \$20/session. More information and enrolment www.ctc.edu.au