

# Pentecost Sunday (Year B): ~ 22/23 May 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

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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

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll

☎ 5368 1015

[www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

[www.spagordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spagordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$460.60	Parish: \$181.20\$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$31,045.2 (updated)

We gratefully acknowledge all parishioners who generously donated to each of these collections:

### National Count of Attendance at Mass - Gordon

Counting of church attendance will be conducted for 4 weeks during May. A designated counting sheet has been placed in each of the Gordon, Ballan and Springbank churches to facilitate the count directly after Mass. This week's count will be held at Gordon & Ballan. The count will include the **age composition** of the congregation. Please nominate counter/s

before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information.

### St. Patrick's School, Gordon

St. Patrick's School, Gordon welcomes all enquiries and enrolments for 2022. For further information or to organise a school tour, please contact the Principal, Mr Paul McDowell on 5368 9495; [principal@spagordon.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@spagordon.catholic.edu.au)

### St. Brigid's School 2022 PREP Enrolments

Enrolments open Tuesday, April 20, 2021. School tours/ Information sessions will be held on Wed 19 May. For info and registration go to: [www.sballan.catholic.edu.au/school-tours](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au/school-tours)

## 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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 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](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$265.00	Parish: \$330.00
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Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections:

### National Count of Attendance at Mass- Bungaree

Counting of church attendance will be conducted for 4 weeks during May. A designated counting sheet has been placed in each of the Bungaree, Dunnstown and Clarkes Hill churches to facilitate the count directly after Mass. This week's count will be held at Clarkes Hill. The count will include the **age composition** of the congregation. Please nominate counter/s before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information.

**Bungaree Parish Leadership Team** Barry Sheehan has volunteered to join the Parish Leadership Team. We thank Dianne Reynolds for her ongoing commitment to the Parish of Bungaree, and special thanks to Karen Cahir who recently resigned from the Leadership Team.

### St Brendan's Feast Day Mass

Dunnstown Primary School will be celebrating St Brendan's Feast Day Mass on Tuesday 25 May at 11.30 am. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### Upgrades

The convent flat & school are currently being rented out to earn vital income for the Parish. With new tenancy regulations, significant works have been carried out. Many thanks to Frank Hanrahan & Jack Steenhuis for their help.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>22/23 May</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday Acts 2: 1-11 Gal: 5: 16-25</b>		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Julie Moran	Julie Moran	Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Maria Donegan & Shane Carey	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Bridget Sims Family	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
<b>29/30 May</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40; Rom 8: 14-17</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	A. Elliott & O. Elliott	P. Ryan	Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Catherine Green & Sandra Miller	Lorraine DeSpir & Vikki Boka	Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>5/6 June</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Ex: 24: 3-8; Heb 9: 11-15</b>		
Dunnstown 6.30 pm	Rachael Peterken	Peterken Family	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon 8.45 am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Julie Dargan Family	

## LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

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

	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	Clarks 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:** Bryan Frawley, Fr. Bill Moroney, Jack Maher, Pat Moran, Albert Jarvis, Nell Wise, Keith Holmes, Peter Davies, Alice Carey Jack Murphy, Angela Teuma, Anna Maria Greene.

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

**Baptisms:** We welcome Eleanor Maher who will be baptised this weekend at St. Peter's Church Clarks Hill into our faith community.

### Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There are changes to Victoria's COVIDSafe settings from May 28. The Victorian Government QR Code Service (QR) will be used to sign in. If you need help in using the QR code for signing in, then please ask for assistance. All church venues must apply the two square metre rule. Please continue to practice COVID Safe practices including staying home if you feel unwell. For information go to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony>. Further information is also available from the diocesan website "news" section [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content.

Find the resources at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/)

### National Mass to celebrate 200 year of Catholic Education in Australia

A National Mass will be celebrated across all states, territories and dioceses on Monday, May 24, 2021 (the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians - Patron Saint of Australia), to commemorate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. Mass will be livestreamed from a number of locations. Check the website for sites and starting times [www.200years.catholic.edu.au/](http://www.200years.catholic.edu.au/)

### Get vaccinated for the common good

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>. FAQ information sheet from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has been placed in all churches in the Parish of Bungaree and Gordon. Also available from the diocesan website "news" section <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholics-in-australia-encouraged-to-receive-covid-19-vaccine/>

### 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. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for May:

**May universal intention for evangelisation** – The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

### Vinnies launches 2021 Winter Appeal to support homelessness

As Vinnies responds to a growing demand for services following the end of JobKeeper and cuts to Job Seeker, the National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including children, which have all been exacerbated by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Society provides vital services and support for individuals and families facing financial hardship. With generous support from the public, Vinnies aims to maintain the dignity of those on the edge and restore hope to people who have fallen on hard times. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

## 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.*

You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

■ The word of the Lord.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful / and kindle in them the fire of your love. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

# THE SAVING WORD

23 MAY 2021

## THE EMPOWERING SPIRIT

If last week spoke of the transition between the time of Jesus’ ministry and the time of the Church, then the feast of Pentecost gives us the opportunity to recognise that we have also been empowered for mission. It is a reminder that we are not alone and that the Spirit is with us to help us by giving us the means to confront the challenges before us. While there is a sense of transition there is a sense of continuity as well. The Gospel for today shows Jesus’ taking great pains to prepare the disciples for the time of the Spirit that will come after his departure. On one level there is loss, and yet they are assured that what the Spirit will bring will be in harmony with what the Father had already entrusted to Jesus, and what Jesus had given them.

A great deal of Paul’s energy was taken up with guiding fledgling communities as they learned to give voice, in their daily lives, to the experience of the Spirit. It is an experience that must lead to the bearing of very concrete and tangible fruits; fruits that ripen when we leave behind self-centredness and turn to our brothers and sisters in love. For Paul the gift of the Spirit is not only God’s gift to us, it also contains a dimension of responsibility. In a sense, the invitation and challenge of Pentecost are always whether we can learn to speak in the language of love, a love that goes beyond oneself and reaches out to the other.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-11

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

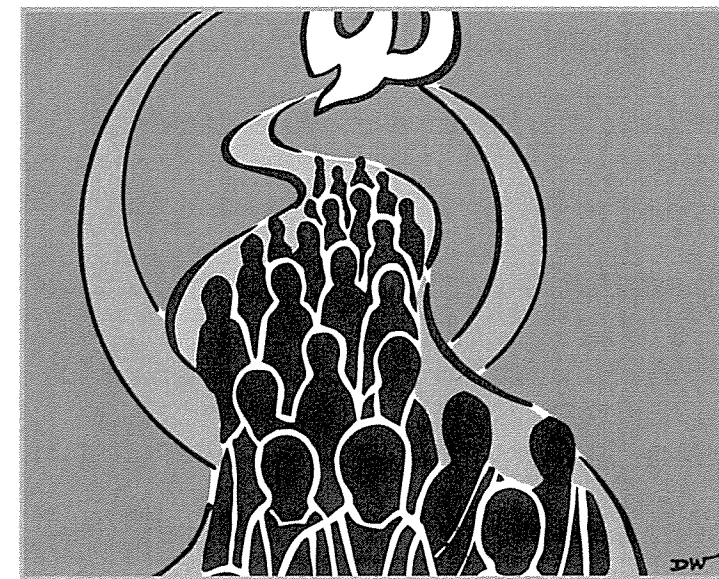
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your works, O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. R.

2. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. R.



3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! / May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in the Lord. R.

## SECOND READING

Gal 5: 16-25

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians**

*The fruit of the Spirit.*

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course.