

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, Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth



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	A/Principal: Jayne Bosworth: Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 5368 9495	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$419.40 -	Parish: \$590.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$1854.50

Looking Forward:

Members of the Bungaree and Gordon Parish Leadership Teams met in the Gathering Space, St Brigid's Church Ballan on 13 October to further discuss the proposed directions outlined in the *Looking Forward* document. Fr Kevin Maloney and Fr Ed Moloney joined the discussion via telephone link-up. Fr Kevin advised that the review of applications was in process.

Parish of Gordon Update – On Thursday 14 October, Bishop Bird announced two parish appointments in the Diocese that will take effect on January 10, 2022

Fr Justin Driscoll will become Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon Parishes. Fr Justin has served as Administrator of the Cathedral Parish for the past 14 years. I offer my thanks for his outstanding ministry in this role. I pray

for blessings upon him as he moves into the new role of care for the people of Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon.

Fr Ed Moloney will become Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish. Fr Ed has served on the staff of Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne for the past 6 years. I thank Fr Ed for his dedication throughout this time in guiding seminarians on their journey towards priestly ministry. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves back to our Diocese to care for the people of the Cathedral Parish.

COVID – Mass Attendance

Attendance is capped at 20 persons. Bookings will be coordinated via the Parish Office. Please email or ring the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409 to book attendance at all forthcoming masses.

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 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: \$416.00	Parish: 622.00\$
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Looking Forward:

The *Looking Forward* document has been distributed in the Parish. If you would like a copy, please contact Damian Ryan on 0437 125 062 or by email at: ryandjr@bigpond.com

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Parish of Bungaree Update – Fr Kevin explained that demands placed on administrative processes within the Diocese as well as the early retirement of a parish priest due to ill health, has led to a review of the assignment of parish priests and their respective duties and responsibilities. Discussions are on-going.

COVID Due to COVID restrictions, attendance is capped at 20. On arrival, remember to sign-in with the QR code, sanitize your hands & wear a facemask.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
16/17 October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 1416		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Monica Eastwood		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Bert Jarvis		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
23/24 October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31: 7-9; Heb 5: 1-6		
Clarkes Hill-6.30pm	Marty Forbes		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Helen Ryan		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Anne Eskdale		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
30/31 October	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 6: 2-6; Heb 7: 23-28		
Springbank-6.30pm	Liz O'Loughlin		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45am	N Jeffrey		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Catherine Green		

LITURGIES / WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 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	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: John Azzopardi, Jim Wickson, Thomas McKenzie, Kit O'Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Mary Hamm, Connie Edwards, William Maher, Fr. Michael Mulcahy, Bill Flynn, Arthur Murphy, Shelia Boak, Ruth Torpy, Phil Sherry & Gwen Bennet.

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

Baptism: Congratulations to Alex Frances Robbie who will be baptised this weekend at St Patrick's Church, Gordon. We welcome Alex into our faith community, and assure Alex's family of our continuing prayers & support. We also celebrate the anniversary of Lincoln Tippet and Charlotte Sim who were baptised during the month of October. Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

Catholic Mission Month:

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable & disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

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 & asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope & 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 October: **Intention for evangelisation - Missionary Disciples:** We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

Year of St Joseph 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 & character. Bishop Gregory Homering OCD reflects on "St Joseph - A Hidden Life" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

CatholicCare Victoria - Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide: A guide to mental health & wellbeing for regional Victorians has been developed by CatholicCare Victoria. Go to: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide/> to download a free copy.

Palms Overseas Ministry: Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared & supported Catholics for mission. It's our response as a church to calls from Australian & overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart & soul. To be prepared for a 2022 placement go to <https://palms.org.au/enquire-now/> by Friday, October 29. Visit www.palms.org.au, email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine, ph. 02 9560 5333.

Plenary Council – it's a wrap! The first Assembly of the Plenary Council concluded on Sunday. Daily diocesan updates from the Plenary Council & reflections from diocesan members are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. To watch recordings of sessions & Masses from the Council go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>. We will keep you updated on the progress of the Plenary Council towards Assembly Two in July 2022.

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission forum - save the date: Listening, learning... change.

Inspired by the latest Social Justice Statement, "Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor", the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a forum on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. Key speakers included Janet Morris: Acknowledgement of Country & Opening Prayer, Bishop Paul Bird: Introduce the Bishops Statement Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor, Dr Mark Diesendorf: Listening to & learning from the world – what the science is telling us, Dr Sandie Cornish: Listening & drawing wisdom from our own wells – responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor, Vicki Clark: Listening to creation – a call to care for Country & Jacqui Remond: Caring for creation – watering the seeds of change.

The forum can be attended via parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via Zoom. Registration for the forum is free & opens on October 22. Brochures have been placed in the Churches, and can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/> More details to follow in the coming weeks.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission: On October 10, 2021 Pope Francis celebrated Mass to mark the global launch of the Synod of Bishops with the theme For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission. In dioceses around the world, local launches will take place this coming weekend, ushering in a period of local consultation that will assist with the two-year process that will culminate in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. Follow the special timeline to see how the Synod & Plenary will unfold. Go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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.

want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

17 OCTOBER 2021

GREATNESS THROUGH SERVICE

James and John were two especially privileged disciples. Called on the first day of Jesus' ministry with Peter and Andrew, they were special witnesses to the raising of Jairus' daughter and to the Transfiguration. While the other disciples knew this, they were not prepared for their audacious and ambitious request to share in Jesus' reign. Jesus had no sooner predicted, for the second time, the fate that awaited him in Jerusalem than they revealed their complete failure to comprehend Jesus' message. Their request unmasked their ambition and desire for power. Service and giving oneself for others are to be the hallmark of the Christian community, and the manner in which greatness is to be expressed. Like the suffering servant of Isaiah who takes on the punishment which is due to others Jesus will give his life so that others might live. This is what is required of those who would be leaders in the Christian community.

In speaking of Jesus as the great and eternal high priest there was the danger that early Christians would then feel in some way distant from the one who had saved them. The letter to the Hebrews makes the point that even though Jesus' death and resurrection have brought him into the highest heaven he has not lost sight of the people. That Jesus was without sin does not mean that he does not understand our human situation. He has shared our human experience and is therefore able to mediate on our behalf with mercy and grace.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord. is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

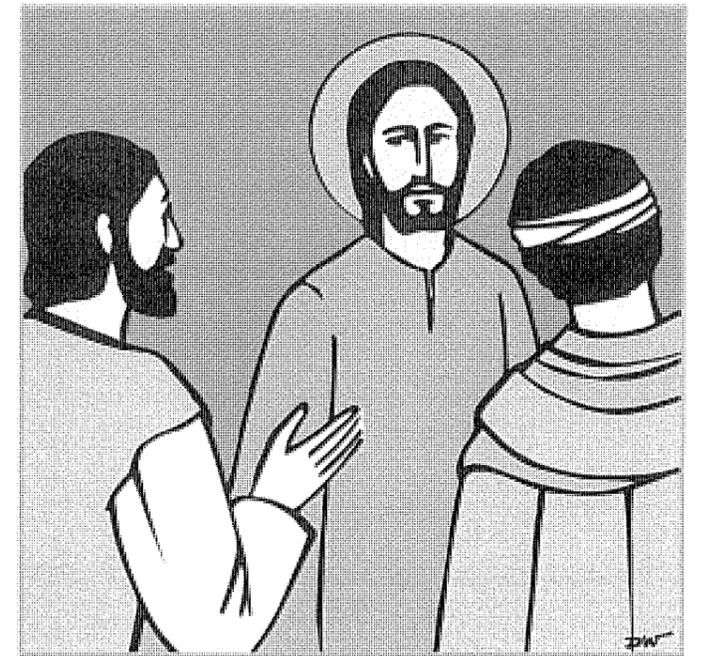
SECOND READING

Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to



the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we

Forum Schedule

Time	Session	Speaker
9:45-10:00	Sign in on Zoom	
10:00-10:05	General welcome	Jim Ryan
10:05-10:20	Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer	Jeanette Morris
10:20-10:30	Social Justice Statement 2021 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'	Bishop Paul Bird CSsR
10:30-11:10	Keynote speaker <i>'Listening to and learning from the world—what the science is telling us'</i>	Dr Mark Diesendorf
11:10-11:20	Response and reflection	Fr Barry Ryan
11:20-11:40	Questions	Jim Ryan
11:40-12:00	Morning tea break	20mins
12:00-12:45	Keynote speaker <i>'Listening and drawing wisdom from our own wells—responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor'</i>	Dr Sandie Cornish
12:45-1:00	Response and reflection	Fr Barry Ryan
1:00-1:15	Questions	Jim Ryan
1:15-2:00	Lunch break (BYO)	45mins
2:00-2:20	Indigenous response <i>'Listening to creation—a call to care for country'</i>	Vicki Clark
2:20-2:40	An interconnected Response <i>'Caring for creation—watering the seeds of change'</i>	Jacqui Rémond
2:40-3:00	Thank you and closing prayer	Jim Ryan

Forum location:
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish
Mary Glowery Room
 (Covid restrictions apply)

Forum can also be attended via Zoom

Register though Eventbrite
 (search forum title: 'Listening, learning...change' when registering)

Registration opens
22nd October

FREE Event



Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission
<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/social-justice-commission/>
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Cry of the Earth

Cry of the Poor

A Ballarat Response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22

Saturday 6th November

10:00am-3:00pm

FREE Event

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor

Listening, learning... change

The Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* affirms that “we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour.”

It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations.

The Bishops invite us to take up Pope Francis’ invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si’ Goals. These Goals are:

- ◆ Response to the cry of the earth;
- ◆ Response to the cry of the poor;
- ◆ Ecological economics;
- ◆ Sustainable lifestyles;
- ◆ Ecological spirituality;
- ◆ Ecological education; and
- ◆ Community engagement and participatory action.

Dr Mark Diesendorf

Dr Mark Diesendorf is Honorary Associate Professor in Environment & Governance at UNSW Sydney. Previously, he was a Principal Research Scientist in CSIRO, Professor of Environmental Science and Founding Director of the Institute for Sustainable Futures at University of Technology Sydney, and Education Program Leader of the Australian Cooperative Research Centre for Low



Carbon Living. His most recent book is *Sustainable Energy Solutions for Climate Change* (UNSW Press & Routledge-Earthscan). He also enjoys bushwalking, kayaking and tending to his native garden.

Dr Sandie Cornish

Dr Sandie Cornish is a practitioner in the field of Catholic Social Teaching. She leads the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and is a sessional lecturer with the Australian Catholic University, and with BBI-TAITE. Sandie is a member of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development and is one of the periti for the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia.



Sandie holds a PhD in Practical Theology, a Licentiate in Catholic Social Doctrine and Ethics from the Pontifical Gregorian University, a Master of Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Economics.

Vicki Clark

Vicki Clark OAM is a proud Mutti Mutti/Wemba Wemba woman who lives in Nyah. Vicki’s contribution to the Australian Catholic Church, Catholic Education and Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities has been profound. For 25 years she was the coordinator of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria. Vicki is involved in the national Reconciliation process, Opening the Doors Foundation and Yingadi Aboriginal Corporation which nurtures Indigenous spirituality and works at preserving culture. Vicki is a member of numerous boards in Victoria and across Australia. Vicki will offer challenges to us from an Indigenous perspective.



Jacqui Rémond

Jacqui Rémond is Co-Coordinator of the Vatican Ecology Taskforce at the Dicastery for Integral Human Development and Co-Founder of the Global Catholic Climate/ Laudato Si’ Movement. Jacqui is the Former National Director of Catholic Earthcare Australia, the ecological agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (2007-2017) and Laudato Si’ Consultant at the Australian Catholic University. With a long history in environmental advocacy,

Jacqui previously worked as the Coordinator of the Northern Australia Environment Alliance. and served as Chair of Environs Kimberley. In 2006, Jacqui undertook training with Al Gore to become a ‘Climate Change Leader.

