

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 22/23 January 2022

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Justine Driscoll

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 Jayne Bosworth:
Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015
☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$386.85	Parish: \$105.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$6,473.60

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions. Go to Victorian government website for more info at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> Updates are also available from the Diocese of Ballarat website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. FYI, a printout of the COVID Test & Isolate National Protocols is available at the back of the church.

Update: Fr Justin Driscoll will be on leave for one month. He will take up the position of Parish Priest during the second week of February 2022. Fr Sajan will continue to celebrate mass in the Parish of Gordon in accordance with the regular schedule.

Liturgy Readings:

The Parish is inviting all parishioners – young and old – to consider volunteering for liturgy readings this coming year. The Parish is especially supportive of family groups who wish to participate. Coordinators of the liturgy roster are Monica Eastwood (Gordon), Anne Eskdale (Ballan) and Donna Simpson (Springbank), or contact the Parish Secretary at: gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au/

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

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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

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$552.00	Parish: \$460.00
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Ministry and Cleaning Rosters for 2022 - St Michael's Church, Bungaree: The Ministry List and Cleaning Roster have been updated for 2022. If you have not yet received an electronic copy, hard copies of the List and Roster have been placed at the back of St Michael's Church.

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	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
22/23 January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10; cf. Lk 4: 18		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Julie Moran		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Margaret Green		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
29/30 January 2022	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 13: 4-13.		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	Terry Elliott		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Julie Dargan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
5/6 February 2022	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6: 1-8; 1 Cor 15: 1-11		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Di Reynolds		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Mark Conlan		



LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES					
<i>Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am All Welcome!</i>					
	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
Koroheit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am					

Recent Deaths: Leon Burvill

Anniversaries: James Quinlan, Rae Simpson, James Edward Jarvis, Una Toohey, Ted Hanrahan, Margaret Amos, Patrick Green, Gerald Shanahan, Frank McDaid, Henry Parkin, Josie Ryan, Ross Murphy, Lois Britt, Catherine Crough, Patrick Crough, Tom Crough, Heilda Maher, Kevin Lenaghan, Tony O'Halloran, Len Howard and Morrie Holloway.

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, Eileen Haintz, 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 January: **For true human fraternity:** *We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

Synod of Bishops: Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Participants are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Caritas Appeal for Tonga: Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation. Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas. The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.

World Interfaith Harmony Week Flag Raising Event: All are invited to the Ballarat Interfaith Network's celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at St Peter's Anglican Church, Sturt Street, Ballarat from 11.00am - 12.30pm. The program includes: Acknowledgement of Country; welcome on behalf of Ballarat Interfaith Network; welcome on behalf of City of Ballarat; raising of the Interfaith Flag; address by Sikh Keynote Speaker (Rajinder Singh Gill); prayers from various faith representatives; virtual choir presentations; and refreshments.

"Jesus The Social Entrepreneur" book launch invitation: A fascinating exploration of Jesus the greatest social entrepreneur integrating intellectual, emotional and spiritual awareness to "change society values and behaviours through a new relationship with God". The book launch and illustrated presentation by Em Prof L Murray Gillin AM will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at Federation University (SMB Campus) Seminar Theatre Technology Centre, 106-110 Lydiard Street South from 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Meet with author, identify power of human intention, obtain your signed discount copy and enjoy refreshments. RSVP for free ticket on www.makeithappenmindset.com

Australia Day- 26 January: The Bungaree and District Historical Society will celebrate Australia Day at the Old Bungaree School (opposite the Bungaree General Store) on Wednesday morning. The flag-raising ceremony and the plaque unveiling will commence at 11 am. The Moorabool Shire Council official Australia Day Celebrations will be closed to the public this year. However, you can join the live stream commencing at 9.30am on the Council's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/mooraboolshirecouncil The festivities include Australia Day Award Presentations and the Australian Citizenship Ceremony. The Koorie Engagement Action Group (KEAG) invites everyone to the January 26 Survival Day Dawn Ceremony to be held from 5.30am on 26 January 2022 at Viewpoint, Lake Wendouree.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to
the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives

and to the blind new sight,

to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 JANUARY 2022

JESUS OUR GUIDE

Often it can be difficult to know how to read the signs of the times. In our search, we naturally turn to the scriptures but often we find that we need a guide in order to fully understand them. The first reading from Nehemiah comes from a time when the people of Israel shared some of the same difficulties. The Hebrew scriptures needed to be interpreted for the people in their own language of Aramaic.

One of Paul's strengths as a pastor was that he was tireless in searching for ways to explain the nature of Christian life in language that his Christian converts could understand. How was he going to show the divided community of Corinth that they needed each other? How could he bring them to see that the variety of gifts within the community was a blessing rather than a source of division? To answer this vexing problem, he drew upon the image of the community as a body where every member of the body depends on every other member. He knew all too well that separated from Christ our head, and divided from one another, we are nothing.

For Luke, Jesus is the one who can best explain the meaning of the scriptures and the signs of the times. As Jesus begins his ministry the new age promised by Isaiah is dawning. Jesus comes among us bringing new sight to the blind, freedom to captives, and good news to the poor.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of the Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

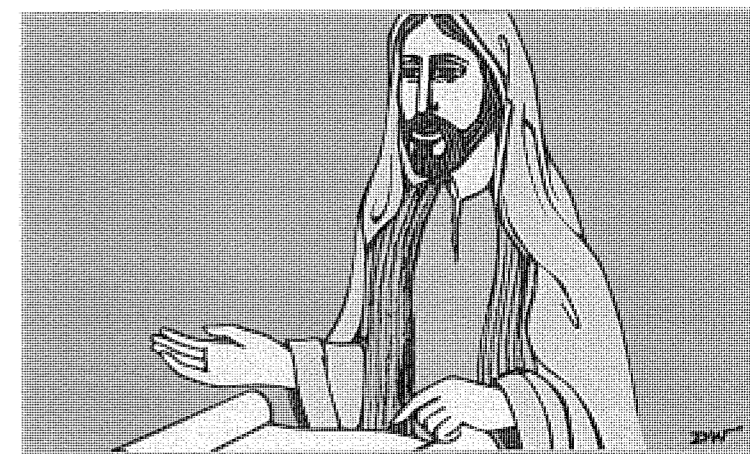
Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 18:8-10, 15. R. Jn 6:63
R. Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. R.



2. The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. R.

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. R.

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, / the thoughts of my heart, / win favour in your sight, O Lord, / my rescuer, my rock! R.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

■ The word of the Lord.

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:12-30.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.
Alleluia!**