

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - 2 5368 9280

Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey Parish Secretary/Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): \$\infty\$ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409 🖂 gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🖰 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:

2 5368 1015

www.sbballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

2 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

* Includes planned giving contributions through CDF, Bendigo Bank, and Churches

Presbytery: \$\$556.00 Parish: \$\$3,510.00*

Feast of the Assumption of Mary-Monday, 15th August: Mass at St Michael's Springbank at 10.30am, mass at St Brigid's Ballan at 5 pm. All welcome.

Resignation of Lin Bowers: During the week the parish received the resignation of Lin Bowers from the Parish Leadership Team and her resignation as the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Lin will be leaving the district. The Parish Leadership Team will arrange a farewell for Lin that will provide an opportunity for us to thank Lin for her ministry, service, commitment, leadership and faith that she has shared so generously over many years. Fr Justin has appointed Aileen Toohey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Volunteers Wanted: The Parish is inviting parishioners from Gordon and Springbank to accompany Maria on her Sunday morning home visits to give communion to the sick or to those parishioners who are unable to attend weekend masses. Parishioners who are willing to volunteer once every 6 weeks or so, are asked to contact Maria Donegan on 0406 241 240.



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 Leadership Team: Damien Ryan, Barry Sheehan, Di Reynolds, Dom Prendergast, Maurice Maher, & Inez French.

Parish Secretary/Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): \$\infty\$ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409

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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Inez French 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Principal: Inez French 5334 7604 We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$907.50 Parish: \$385.00

COVID-19: Face masks are recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19. Carry a mask with you.

Volunteers Update: Are you interested in joining the Parish as a volunteer? Contact any member of the Parish Leadership Team for further information. Pick up a Volunteer Welcome Pack from Parish House (Bungaree

Presbytery). Stay up to date via the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) newsletter at: info@acsltd.org.au/

Feast of the Assumption of Mary-Monday, 15th August: Mass at St Michael's Bungaree at 9.30am. All welcome.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022: The July edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Copies can be picked up at all churches.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES			
13/14 August 2022	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10; Heb 12: 1-4					
Springbank- 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree			
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Terry Elliott		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree			
Ballan – 10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree			
20/21 August 2022	21 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 66: 18-21; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13					
Dunnstown- 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree			
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree			
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lin Bowers		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month			
27/28 August 2022	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3: 17-20; 28-29; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24					
Clarkes Hill– 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass			
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass			
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green					

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES								
Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am								
	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			
Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick Sunday 9am ~ Daylesford Sunday 10.30am								



https://fortbelvoircatholiccommunity.com/vocations

Anniversaries: Rene Hanrahan, Marie Leonard, Kath Jeffrey, Bill McGuire, Leo Kelly, Sr. Lawrence, Tom Parkin, Lorraine Polkinghorne, Margaret Britt, Celie Mullane, Eily Mahoney, Sam Galea, Joseph Barbara, Con Clifford, Sylvia Finlayson, Mary Lee, James Donegan, George Hamm, Anne & John Field, Frank Graham and Tom Clifford.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick: Anna Bartaska, Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner and Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

Apostolic Letter "Desiderio Desideravi" of the Holy Father Francis: The Apostolic Letter from Pope Francis to the Bishops, Priests and Deacons, to consecrated men and women and to the lay faithful on the liturgical formation of the People of God, is available to download from the diocesan website https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/apostolic-letter-desiderio-desideravi-of-the-holy-father-francis/

Online breakfast gathering to discuss plenary, women and leadership: ACRATH is hosting an online breakfast on Tuesday, August 16 at 8.00am (AEST) to celebrate women leaders going forward from the recent Plenary Council. The breakfast will feature speakers Clare Condon SGS and Elizabeth Young rsm sharing their thoughts about the Plenary Council, with breakout room discussions to follow. More info at https://acrath.org.au/join-acrath-for-breakfast/

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert: The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era of Music" on Sunday, August 14 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. No booking required. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Catholic Women's League Victoria Wagga Wagga Annual Conference: August 20–21: Members of CWLVicWW, along with family and friends, are invited to attend the 2022 Annual Conference on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 at Australian Catholic University in Fitzroy. Hear from Keynote Speaker Monica Doumit and others, while enjoying an opportunity to reconnect and refresh. Registration forms must be received by August 12 and are available via email cwlvicww@gmail.com. More information at https://www.cwlvicww.org.au/current-event/conference/

All Saints Parish Portland 175th Anniversary: Over the weekend of August 27 & 28, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 175th anniversary of All Saints Portland. All Saints Portland is the oldest parish in the Diocese of Ballarat. For more information, contact the parish office by email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5523 1046.

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3, 2022: Planning for the final issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2022 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2022 themes of the Plenary Council and the International Year of Glass. We are hoping to gather stories and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school community and agency. We hope to have this issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning October 10 so the latest date for submissions is Friday, September 2, 2022. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au/ When sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. Photos may be used in other diocesan publications. Jane & Julie for the ODC Editorial Committee.

Social Media/Communications Officer - **Australian Pastoral Musicians Network:** The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network promotes the art of Religious Music in the service of the Church in Australia. Preference will be given to those who have experience and skills in Digital Marketing, customer service and online networking. The position is casual, work from home, on a contracted hourly rate. ABN required. Contact the secretary at secretary@apmn.org.au/ for information and the job description. Applications close Monday 5th September 5pm.

St Augustine's Church, 150th **Anniversary – 17-18 September:** Join the Parish of Creswick in celebrating St Augustine's Church 150th anniversary. Celebratory dinner at Doug Lindsay Recreational Reserve, Saturday 17 September at 6 pm, cost \$40. For info and bookings: email staugustines150@gmail.com. Sunday mass on September 18th at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Paul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

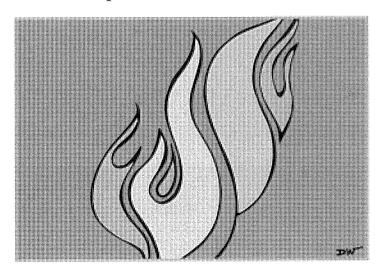
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

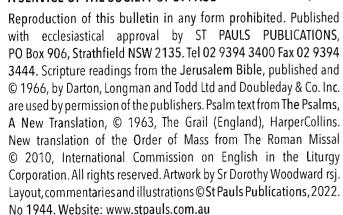
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughterin-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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14 August 2022

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Jeremiah could have been excused for thinking that he had been taken out of the frying pan and cast into the fire! No sooner had he been released from prison and placed under the watchful eyes of the royal guard, than he found himself up to his neck in mud in a water cistern! Little wonder he poured out his heart to God 'the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision' (Jeremiah 20:8). The lot of those who speak the word of God is often one which meets with misunderstanding, rejection and isolation. Speaking the truth is no guarantee of being accepted. Jesus was aware that his mission of preaching the good news to the poor, bringing freedom to captives, and proclaiming the Lord's year of favour (Luke 4:18-19) would bring about division and rejection. As the early Church knew all too well, even family members could be divided based on their response to Jesus' message.

The letter to the Hebrews continues its reflection on the life of faith by noting that despite opposition and difficulties we are not alone. Just as the people of Israel in the desert were accompanied by a cloud that guided them, we are now surrounded by a cloud of witnesses – people of faith that stretch back through the ages to Abraham and Sarah. Above all, Jesus' presence, his example of endurance and his courage in facing the cross, can help us to keep running steadily in the life of faith.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

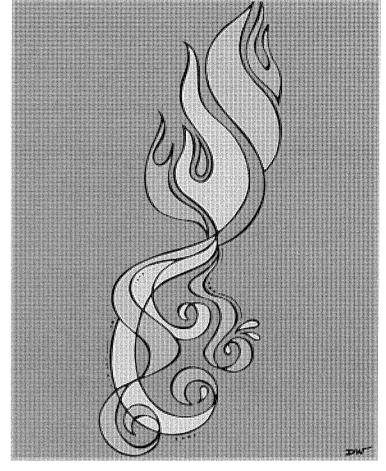
The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Ieremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14 R. Lord, come to my aid!

- 1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. R.
- 2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock / and made my footsteps firm. R.
- 3. He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear / and shall trust in the Lord. R.
- 4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, / O God, do not delay. R.



SECOND READING

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.