

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 21/22 January 2023



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280

Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Brendan Maher, Nola Kersley, Mark Conlan

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

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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:

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections 1-16 January 2023

Presbytery: \$1545.55	Parish: \$847.45
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Christmas Dues: \$310.00

Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners for their generous contributions towards the support and wellbeing of our parish.

Ballan Mass: Fr Justin will celebrate 10.30am Mass at St Brigid's Ballan on Thursday January 26th to celebrate Australia Day. All Welcome.

2023 Columban Art Calendar: Cost: \$10. Calendars will be available in the New Year.

Parish Leadership Team Update:

We thank Marie Shanahan who resigned last December for her invaluable assistance to the Parish over many years, and welcome Mark Conlan to the Leadership Team. Mark, along with Nola Kersley, will be representing the Ballan community.



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, Dianne Reynolds, Dom Prendergast,

Marty Forbes, Chris Frawley & Inez French.

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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

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St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$NA	Parish: \$NA
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2023 Columban Art Calendar: Cost: \$10. Calendars will be available in the New Year.

Bungaree Leadership Team Meeting: The first meeting for 2023 will be held on 7th February at 7.30 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery. Please contact Damien Ryan if you have any matters you would like included on the agenda.

Australia Day Celebrations:

The Bungaree and District Historical Society will hold their Australia Day Celebrations on Thursday 26th January at 11am at the Historical Society building (opposite the Bungaree General Store). BBQ, displays, raffles and competitions. All Welcome.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
22/22 January 2023	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 8:23-9:3 1 Cor: 10-13, 17		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan– 6.30 pm* (new time)	Rosemary Canavan	Brigit Sims & Family	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
28/29 January 2023	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1: 26-31		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Tony & Edith Paarhammer	
4/5 February 2023	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 58: 7-10; I Cor 2:1-5		
Dunnstown	Liz Hanrahan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan	Tania Hoffman	Mark & Sue Conlan	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES

	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
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 6.30pm - 1st Sunday ~ Daylesford 6.30pm - 3rd Sunday Sunday Masses ~ Creswick 9am - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday; Daylesford 10.30 am - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday					



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

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

Baptism: We welcome Esme Montano, daughter of Sam and Claire, who will be baptised this weekend at St Peter's Church, Clarks Hill. We welcome her into our faith community and assure her and her family of our prayers and support. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

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. 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 educators:** *We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.*

RCIA for Children: We are inviting expressions of interest from parents who seek baptism for their children who are 7 years and older who have not yet been baptised. *Expression of Interest Forms* have been placed in the churches or ring the Parish Office (mobile: 0492903409).

2023 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: Expressions of interest are invited to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, June 11th - 24th 2023 - Jordan, Petra, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mt of Olives, Jericho, Qumran. Fully escorted, all-inclusive pilgrimage accompanied by Fr Justin Driscoll and arranged through Lifestyle Travel in Ballarat. Contact Fr Justin for further information (Daylesford 0448 220 685) or info@lifestyletravel.com.au

Advance Notice:

Rite of Election 2023: Saturday, February 25 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

Mass of the Oils 2023: Monday, April 3 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

World Interfaith Harmony Week 2023 - Flag Raising Event: Ballarat Interfaith Network invites you to join their Flag Raising Event in celebration of United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week on Wednesday, February 1 from 11.00am to 12.00noon at St Peter's Anglican Church, 1307 Sturt Street, Ballarat. After the raising of our own unique Ballarat Interfaith Network flag, we will adjourn into the church for a keynote address from a member of the local Muslim community, prayers for peace offered by representatives of other faiths, and one or two musical performances. Welcome - Mayor of Ballarat, Cr Hudson. Muslim Keynote Speaker - Obaid Noor. Refreshments provided. Contact 0400 650234.

Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania 2023: The Assembly of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania will be held in Fiji from February 5-10, 2023. People of the diocese are invited to pray for blessings on this assembly <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/federation-of-catholic-bishops-conferences-of-oceania/>

Helping those affected by floods: St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions: Call 13 18 12 or visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. Make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

2023 NLC and APMN Conference "The Art of Liturgical Celebration": The Australian Pastoral Musicians Network and the National Liturgical Council are pleased to announce a combined liturgy and music conference at the Brisbane Hilton from September 28-30 called "Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration." The international keynote speakers are well-known British liturgical composer Bernadette Farrell and US liturgist and author Timothy O'Malley (Notre Dame). There will be local workshop presenters and facilitators with 42 workshops on offer across the three days, and opportunities to engage in discussions and to build networks with liturgists, musicians and educators. Registration opens in January, but to assist with your budgeting and planning for next year, conference fees are: Full Registration \$480.00.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form: 4: 12-17

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

22 JANUARY 2023

CHRIST'S LIGHT

Many of us have had the experience of searching desperately for a torch or candle in the midst of a blackout. It can be a confusing and discouraging time till we find some source of light. Isaiah knew that the people of Galilee were in need of some encouragement and light in those dark days after the Assyrians had conquered their cities and led them into exile. He looks forward in hope to the day when God will lead them home and remove their burden.

For Matthew Jesus' ministry could be best understood and viewed through the filter of Isaiah's prophecy. A light dawns as Jesus begins his ministry, a ministry of teaching, healing and encouragement. The burden the people carry is now being gently lifted away by Jesus' compassion and care. It is, however, a ministry that is not to be Jesus' alone. From the beginning, others such as Peter and Andrew, James and John, are called to share generously in bringing others into the light of the kingdom.

When members of Chloe's household reported to Paul that the Corinthian community was divided he knew that they had unwittingly returned to fumbling around lost in the dark. How was he to bring them back? First of all, he reminds them that Paul, Apollos and Cephas were to be seen as nothing more other than the bearers and preachers of Christ's light. He forcefully reminds them that their unity is to be found in Jesus who gave the most eloquent sermon of all when he offered his life on the cross.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 8:23–9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 26:1, 4, 13–14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; /
whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I
shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, /
for this I long, / to live in the house of the
Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour
the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his
temple. **R.**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness /
in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold
firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:10–13, 17

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

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!