

Pentecost Sunday (Year A): 27/28 May 2023

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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 (Wednesday/Thursday 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

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.sbballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last week

Presbytery: \$575.40	Parish: \$ 730.40
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Easter Dues: \$50.00

Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Mass at Ballan: Fr Justin will celebrate 10.30am Mass at Ballan next Thursday June 1st.

Parish Maintenance & Repairs: The fence and front gates at St Brigid's Church were repaired and painted during

March and April. Work on the Gathering Space's window frames and windows is ongoing. The toilets at St Patrick's Church are currently being repainted.

Mass Counts from weekend May 6-7 to May 27-28:

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will finish this weekend. Please collate the weekly counts for the four weeks and leave the completed form/s in the churches. The completed forms will be collected after this weekend's mass.



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,
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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
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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$411.00	Parish: \$195.00
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Thank You: We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to these collections.

Welcome Home – Fr Sajan:

We are very happy that Fr Sajan has returned from his holiday in India, after spending time with his father, family and friends. We look forward to hearing about his visit and his impressions of Indian society since his last visit. Please note, the regular weekday masses have resumed.

Sacramental Program:

Dates for the Sacramental Program will be published in next weekend's newsletter.

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	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
27/28 May 2023	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Catherine Green	Edith & Tony Paarhammer	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett	Jill Prendergast	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
3/4 June 2023	The Most Holy Trinity Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13: 11-13		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Sue & Mark Conlan	
10/11 June 2023	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10: 16-17		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To Be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan	Rosemary & Michael Canavan	Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6pm* 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Ballan* Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan		Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 5 pm ~ 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					

Fresco, pentecostal dove, Karlskirche (St. Charles Borromeo Church), Vienna. User: Manfreed, 25/02/2006.



Recent Deaths: William Borchert (Debbie Goldie's father), Chris Holt (Daylesford), Kevin Polkinghorne (Ballarat North)

Anniversaries: Alice Carey, Anna Maria Greene, Brian Maher, Jim Keating, Fredrick Gilles, Calvert Croxson Clarke, Paul Reddie, Peter Frichot, Pat Moran, Mora Mahar, Con Sheehan, Gerard Cullinan, Peter Auchetti, John Bourke, Marg Cahir, Winnie Flynn, William Jones, Tom White (Snr).

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, John Healy and Elaine Conlan.

Parish of Gordon: Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, our parish is celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass at St Brigid's Ballan, with our ten children who have been part of the Parish coordinated, family based and Catholic school supported sacrament program.

We welcome Bishop Paul Bird CSsR to our Parish to confirm the candidates and we welcome all families and friends who have come to celebrate with us. Thank you to Therese Winter who coordinates the sacramental preparation for our parish and we also thank Jayne Bosworth and Paul McDowell, the Principals of our two parish schools as well as Libby Jerram, the Religious Education Leader at St Pat's Primary in Gordon.

Having been baptised and now confirmed, our candidates – Sophie Barton, Anni Clarke, Meg Conroy, Milly Conroy, Conor Donohue, Sienna Kenna, Grace Monterosso, Lillianna Moshoudis, Thomas Sims and Nate Toohey – will celebrate their first Eucharist (communion) at Parish Masses on Sunday August 6th (Gordon) and Sunday August 20th (Ballan).

We also have children preparing for baptism, confirmation and first Eucharist (communion).

We pray for all of our children as they celebrate these sacraments of initiation.



Laudato Si' Week: May 21-28, 2023: Interested in learning and doing more?

The theme for the 2023 *Laudato Si'* Week is "Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity". This annual celebration allows us to commemorate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' historic encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: "On the care of Creation".

The Vatican urges parishes to view the documentary **The Letter: a message for our Earth** which was released in October 2022. Watch together as a parish community or view at home at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

Would like to join the Laudato Si' Platform?

Discuss with Fr Justin or Fr Sajan whether your parish can register as an Earthcare Parish at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/earthcare-parishes/> For more information, contact Jillian Hogbin, ph 5337 7117 or email caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer: May 21-28, 2023:

The theme for the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Do good; seek justice." (Isaiah 1:17). The Australian context for this theme is, "Learn to do good - Seek justice - Rescue the oppressed - Defend the orphan, plead for the widow".

The focus of this week Christian Unity is an understanding of the history of Christianity in Australia, and how reconciliation initiatives seek to heal divisions caused by injustices. Further information go to <https://www.ncca.org.au/about-faith-unity>

Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) are pleased to invite you to a series of webinars to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament on Thursdays May 25, June 29 and July 27 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm (AEST) via zoom. Cost is \$12.00 per session or \$30.00 for all 3 Sessions. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799?eid=1052799&>. Enquiries: Kate Stilwell, Email office@css.org.au

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.

■ 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 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you'.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / A

28 MAY 2023

FOSTERING COMMUNITY

The great feast of Pentecost is traditionally understood as a celebration of the birth of the Church. The outpouring of the Spirit empowered the first disciples to engage in their ministry of preaching the word of Jesus and continue the work of building a community of faith. The presence of devout Jews from throughout the known world is a signal to Luke's Christians that the message that has been entrusted to them is to be shared with the wider world.

Paul was at the forefront of preaching the word and establishing new communities throughout the Eastern Mediterranean world. He knew that the gifts of the Spirit had been abundantly poured upon the community of Corinth but there were some in the community who started to look down on those who had received gifts different from their own. Imagine his consternation when the gifts which were meant to build up the unity of the community had become a sign of its division! Paul's response is to use the image of the parts of the body as a means of overcoming division, competition, arrogance, and envy.

John knew that the gift of the Spirit is one that both builds up the community and commissions it for mission. It is a gift that encourages and strengthens us for the road ahead. Two elements necessary to foster community are stressed in today's Gospel: firstly, that of building up the community through forgiveness and secondly, protecting it by retaining sins when necessary, and indicating to members of the community when their behaviour is destructive of the community.

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.'

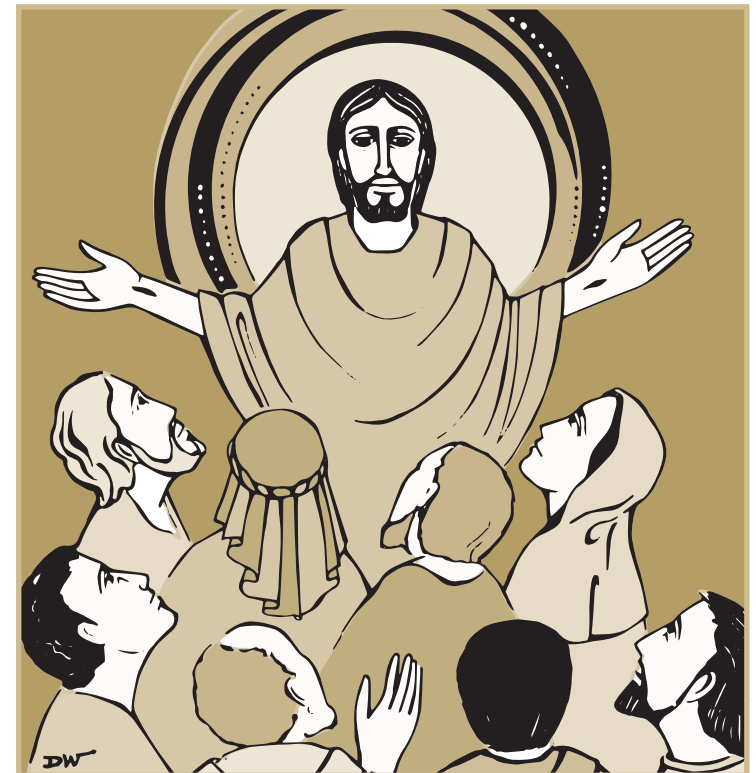
■ The word of the Lord.

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

1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

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

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.