

The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A): 5/6 August 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; Out-of-hours: 0448 220 685
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.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last week

Presbytery	\$457.25	Parish:	\$182.40
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$3,189.90			

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

Mass at Ballan: Fr Justin will celebrate mass this Thursday, August 10th at 10.30am.

Sacramental Program – Eucharist Mass at Gordon
Congratulations to all the children who will celebrate their baptism, confirmation and eucharist mass at St Patrick's this Sunday at 8.45am.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Tuesday, August 15th

St Patrick's Church Gordon at 9.15am
St Brigid's Church Ballan at 10.30am
St Michael's Church Springbank at 5.30pm

Happy Birthday Celebrations

Lyla Geary turns 100 on Sunday 13th August. There will be an "Open House" at the Ballan Golf Club from 2-5 pm on Sunday 13 August. No presents please.



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
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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$988.00	Parish:	\$245.00
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Thank You: We are extremely appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners for their donations to the pastoral care and the maintenance of our churches.

Parish Leadership Team Meeting – 7 August 2023
The next Parish Leadership Team meeting will be held this coming Monday, August 7th at 7 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery. Any items for inclusion in this meeting's agenda please forward to Damien. His email is: ryandjr@bigpond.com

Sacramental Program Update: Preparation for Eucharist and Confirmation begun at the commencement of Term 3 on Monday, 24th July, and will run for three consecutive weeks. The mass for Eucharist and Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 13th August at 8.45 am at St Michael's Church, Bungaree.

Diocesan e-News:

The diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese. Go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

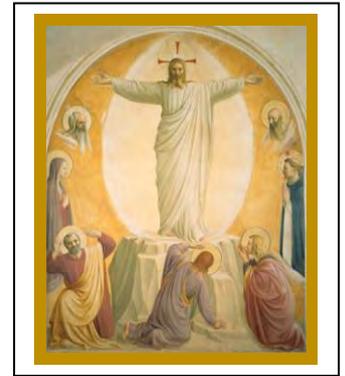
	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
5/6 August 2023	The Transfiguration of the Lord Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1: 16-19		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Tania Hoffman	Rosemary & Michael Canavan	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
12/13 August 2023	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9: 1-5		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan	Jum Leahy & Julie Dargan	
19/20 August 2023	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jane Bosworth	Mark & Sue Conlan	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

Transfiguration fresco San Marco's monastery in Florence, at San Marco by Fra Angelico (1395–1455), Photo © Scala / Art Resource, NY. <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/art/transfiguration-fra-angelico>



Recent Deaths: Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Glenane (néé Britt)

Anniversaries: Carmen Buttigieg, Joe D'Arcy, John Green, Vincent O'Neil, Carmel Grano, Clare Creaney, Frank White, Scott Dupoy, Jack Everard, Brendan Nihill, Michael Patmore, Joseph Gerada, Maureen Louisa Rolls, Annie Crawley, Anthony (Tony) Driscoll, Jim Britt, James Rix, Frank Pearce, Barry Duffin, Margaret Frawley, Biddy Murphy and Patrick McDermott.

Bishop Paul's Letter to Parishioners:



Hello Everyone,

With sadness I share the news that Fr Frank Smith died last night (2 August 2023).

Fr Frank had strong links with Ballarat. In the 1960s he did his studies for the priesthood at the Redemptorist Seminary in Wendouree. Then in recent years, he lived in Wendouree West, serving the local people as a member of the Exodus community. When his health declined, he moved to Melbourne for medical care. He died at the Berengarra Aged Care Facility in Kew.

This year Fr Frank celebrated 60 years of religious profession as a Redemptorist. We will let you know details of the funeral once arrangements have been made.

May Christ the Redeemer welcome Fr Frank into eternal life.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

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

Baptism: We pray for Coen Wines, son of Stewart and Rebecca, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Patrick's Church, Gordon. We welcome him and his family into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Praying with Pope Francis

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. 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. **Pope's intention for August – For World Youth Day:** *We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives. Lord, hear us.*

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – August 2023

CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17: 5

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: / listen to him. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 17: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

His face was shining like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD / A

6 AUGUST 2023

DARKNESS TO LIGHT

There are moments in our lives when the pieces fall into place, moments in which we come to a clearer understanding of ourselves and the direction of our lives. As Jesus prepared to journey towards Jerusalem, he knows what lies before him, but the disciples will need a vision to sustain them on the road ahead. Peter, James, and John are privileged to glimpse the glory of Jesus and the voice from heaven that proclaims his identity as Son of God. They want to remain on the mountain, but now is the time to listen to Jesus' message and grow as disciples following him on the road. Learning to listen to him will not be easy. Fear and ambition will make it difficult for them to understand that he is the one who has come to offer his life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). Those who profess to be his disciples must do the same.

Years later after the resurrection Peter reflects on the experience of the Transfiguration. He speaks of it as a moment in which he had been privileged to see the previously hidden majesty of Jesus. With the passing of the years this moment continued to act as a guarantee of the Lord's return, as a lamp that illuminates the dark. It was a beacon that gave him the courage to proclaim Jesus as saviour and ultimately to give his own life following the example of his master and friend.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14

A reading from the book of Daniel

His raiment was as white as snow.

As I watched:

Thrones were set in place
and one of great age took his seat.
His robe was white as snow,
the hair of his head as pure as wool.
His throne was a blaze of flames,
its wheels were a burning fire.
A stream of fire poured out,
issuing from his presence.
A thousand thousand waited on him,
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
A court was held and the books were opened.
I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

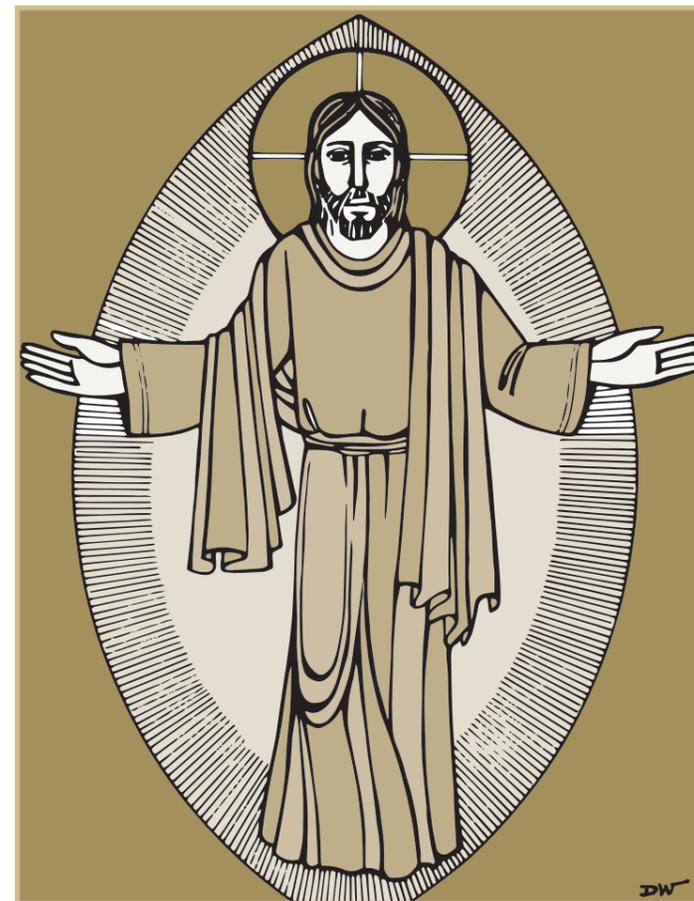
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 96: 1-2, 5-6, 9. R. vv. 1, 9

R. The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, / let all the coastlands be glad. / Cloud and darkness are his raiment; / his throne, justice and right. **R.**
2. The mountains melt like wax / before the Lord of all the earth. / The skies proclaim his justice; / all peoples see his glory. **R.**
3. For you indeed are the Lord / most high above all the earth / exalted far above all spirits. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Pet 1: 16-19

A reading from the second letter of St Peter.

We heard this voice from out of heaven.

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

■ **The word of the Lord.**