

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 26/27 August 2023

We are child safe
Parishes, committed to
safeguarding children,
young people &
vulnerable adults.

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	\$344.50	Parish:	\$654.00
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$7723.10			

Thank You: We are extremely appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners for their donations that contribute towards the care and maintenance of our churches.

Mass at Ballan: This Thursday August 31st at 9.30 am.
(Note: mass time at 9.30 am for this week only).

Thank You: Lyla Geary would like to sincerely thank all who attended her 100th birthday, sent flowers and cards.

Sacramental Program 2023 Update

The Sacramental Program for this year has now been completed. Masses to celebrate the baptism, confirmation and eucharist for those children enrolled in the RCIC who have not yet completed the program, will continue to be held during the latter months of this year.

Father's Day Liturgy/Celebrations – September 1st at 8am

This coming Friday we will be celebrating a Father's Day/ Special Friends' breakfast and liturgy in the **St. Brigid's Church, Ballan**. The event will start from 8am and will end around 10am. All are welcome to attend.



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.
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 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
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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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Thank You:

The Parish of Bungaree thanks Fr Sajan, Inez French, Principal of St Mary's Clarkes Hill and St Brendan's Dunnstown, Louise Haintz, religious education leader, and Dianne Reynolds, member of the Parish Leadership Team who prepared and delivered the Sacramental Program for the parish. We thank the thirteen children enrolled in the program, their parents, families and friends for making Sunday 13th August such a special day.

We also thank all the volunteers who worked so diligently to prepared St Michael's Church for the Bishop's visit last Sunday. We particularly thank the volunteers who cleaned the presbytery grounds and pavements around the church.

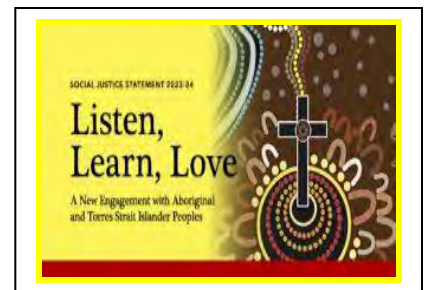
Parish Leadership Team Meeting Update:

The next Parish Leadership Team meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6th at 7 pm. Any items for inclusion in this meeting's agenda please forward to Damien at: ryandjr@bigpond.com/ or email the Parish Office at: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au/

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
26/27 August 2023	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Kgs 19: 9, 11-13; Rom 9: 1-5	
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Margaret Green	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Joan Powell	Julie Moran	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
2/3 September 2023	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 20: 7-9; Rom 12: 1-2	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan	Lorraine DeSpirt and Vikki Boka	
9/10 September 2023	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ezek 33: 7-9; Rom 13: 8-10	
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	Michael Ryan	Eddie & Mary Cassar	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					



Recent Deaths: Gavin Frawley (Ballarat)

Funeral Mass Fr Frank Smith CSsR: Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree on Friday, August 25th at 10.30 am.

Anniversaries: Stan Slater, Martin Gleeson, Jim Caddy, Dawn Kelly, Frank Kennedy, Emma Squire, Elsie Butler, Sylvia Fisher, Velia McFall, William Nunn, Kathleen Ledwidge, Brian O'Regan, Con Toohey, Patricia (Pat) Ryan, Therese Johnson, Maureen Everard, Maureen Maher, Rita Powell and Robert Marshall.

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, Belinda Riley, Paul Ronan.

Social Justice Statement 2023-2024:

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>.

Please join us for a Kitchen Table Conversation!

A Kitchen Table Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to join with others and listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum that will be held in the coming months. Sessions will be held on August 29, September 11 and September 28 from 3.30-4.45pm online via zoom. For Information and registration go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/aboriginal-catholic-ministry/>

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend



Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Season of Creation Resources 2023:

Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow", drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. Resources available from the diocesan website. Go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

CSSV Mission Inspired Leadership Program 2024

CSSV invites organisational leaders, board members and expert practitioners to participate in its four-part leadership program in 2024. The program will be held once a month from March to June 2024 and is designed to provide participants with tools to inspire meaningful societal change. Scan or click the QR code for details and registration information.



Interfaith Conversation for Today

Garratt Publishing, in conjunction with Yarra Theological Union, are holding a webinar series exploring religious traditions from a Catholic perspective - Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam. The webinars will take the form of a 'conversation', hosted by a Catholic scholar well versed in inter-religious dialogue.



Sessions will be held on Monday evenings September 4, 11, 18 & October 9 from 7.00pm – 8.15pm online via Zoom. Cost is \$33.00 incl. GST (excludes Trybooking fee). For more information and to register scan or click on the QR code. Go to: <https://www.garrattpublishing.com.au/blog/post/nostra-aetate-interfaith-conversations-for-today/>

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are Peter, the rock
on which I will build my Church / the
gates of hell will not hold out against it. /
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the
kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea
Philippi he put this question to his disciples,
‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And
they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist,
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of
the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you
say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You
are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living
God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you
are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and
blood that revealed this to you but my Father
in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter
and on this rock I will build my Church. And
the gates of the underworld can never hold
out against it. I will give you the keys of the
kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth
shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever
you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders
not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

27 AUGUST 2023

GOD CAN WORK THROUGH FRAILITY

Some years ago, a group of scholars from
various Christian traditions examined the
role of Peter that emerges from the New
Testament. Despite the diversity in the texts
and the traditions represented by the scholars
themselves, there was general agreement that
Peter played a critical role in the birth of
early Christianity. While the New Testament
writers stress his importance, they never avoid
facing the complex reality of the man himself.
Peter was the rock that crumbled and cracked
under pressure when confronted after Jesus’
arrest. Nonetheless, after the resurrection his
faith did not waver, and he would justify Jesus’
belief and trust in him.

In the concluding section of Romans 11, Paul
is led to praise God for the unexpected ways in
which God’s saving plan for all humanity had
come to fruition. While some in Israel had not
come to believe in Jesus this had opened the
way for the Gentiles. Gentile Christians had
become the unforeseen means by which some
of the people of Israel would be prompted
to accept Jesus as the Messiah. Paul invites
the Christians of Rome to join with him in
wonder at the ingenious ways in which God
always opens a new possibility for us, often
despite ourselves.

That God can work through the frailty of
Peter and the hardness of heart of some of
the people of Israel can serve as a source of
encouragement for us all. Rather than leave
us disheartened God’s word provides us with
a firm basis for hope.

Christopher Monaghan CP**FIRST READING**

Isa 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I place the key of the House of David upon his
shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the
master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

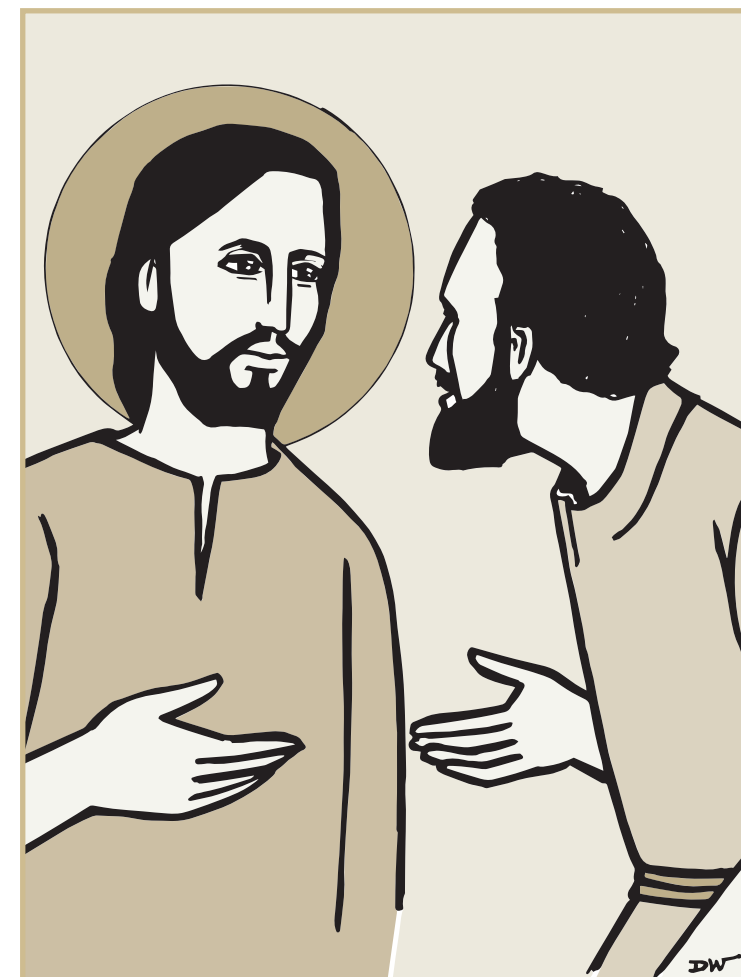
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father’s house.

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you
have heard the words of my mouth. / Before
the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before
your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love /
which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the
day I called, you answered; / you increased the
strength of my soul. **R.**



3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly /
and the haughty he knows from afar. / Your
love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work
of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his
wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible
to penetrate his motives or understand his
methods! Who could ever know the mind of
the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor?
Who could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him; all is
by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!
Amen.

■ **The word of the Lord.**