

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A): ~ 25th & 26th April 2020

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

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

The Gordon Parish is a supervised, community-led parish ~ Parish Pastoral Council: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)

Shane Carey, Aileen Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll, Tim Delaney, Marie Shanahan

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

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

Parish Finance Council Brendan Maher and Dan Toohey

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

Loose	Presbytery:	Parish:
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	
Year to date:		

Christian Meditation Group - Ballan

Join us online once or twice a week to meditate together. This form of silent, imageless prayer using a mantra or prayer word, is rooted in the gospel and the letters of St Paul and originated with the early Desert Fathers of the 4th century. A Benedictine monk, Fr John Main OSB (1926-1982), rediscovered this ancient prayer tradition for contemporary men and women. Today there are over 2000 Christian Meditation groups around the world. The 40 minute online meeting includes a short reading on meditation by John Main, Laurence Freeman, or other teachers in the Community, 20 minutes of silent meditation, followed by a question-and-answer/discussion period. Anybody is welcome, so feel free to invite friends both Catholic and non-Catholic. For further information please contact

contact Miranda Brockman: 0437 682 325 or mirandabrockman@gmail.com

Current Discussions within the different teams of the Gordon Parish

Members of the Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils, the Parish Secretary, together with Fr Ed and Fr Sajan, plus transition team members have and will meet regularly via Zoom to discuss and formulate plans for our future. Fr Ed is very supportive of our parish. We are extremely fortunate and blessed to have his leadership and guidance during these very challenging times. We will endeavour to keep all parishioners informed regarding our discussions about structure, financial status and pastoral care priorities. We will get through this and once again be able to come together as a parish community to worship, pray and share. Please take care and stay well.

Sacramental Program Dependant on Government Directives closer to date

Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night	Thursday 21 st May 7pm St. Brigid's School
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Church Cleaning - May

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anita Lidgett	Margaret Mc Tighe and Maree Toohey	Mary Simpson and Donna Simpson



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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	Parish:
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Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. Our parish's Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct are available on the parish webpage of the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
There will be no masses until further notice				

LITURGIES

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	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarke's Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



Anniversaries

Mary Howard, Merv Howard, Patrick Leonard, Carole Steenhuis, Kathleen Gleeson, Kath Moloney, Jeffrey Micallef, Philip Camilleri and Angela Teuma.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Jan Quinlan, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Reg Haintz, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary and Clare Adriaans

How to get the Parish Newsletter

The bulletin is available under the Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

If you would like to receive it by email please contact the parish office at Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

There are tubs in front of all the churches containing the current weekly newsletter for you to take or deliver to parishioners in isolation.

Our Diocesan Community

The latest edition of ODC and eNews is now available to read online at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au under "News and Events"

Links to online Masses in the Diocese

Go to: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and then the COVID-19 link to find various links to online masses being held in the diocese as well as outside of the diocese. You can also read various Statements and other information in relation to COVID-19.

Updates, information, resources and links to online Masses, in light of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Updates from Bishop Paul, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and other agencies is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Continue to check the diocesan website as new resources are being added to this page for people to access during this time of social isolation. There are also links to online Masses within and outside the diocese.

A special message to our School Communities from our Principals

As we commence Term 2 with the certainty that most students will be learning from home, the Catholic Education Office Ballarat would like to share this special video message with all of our families. Watch the video on the CEOB website www.ceob.edu.au

Anzac Day 2020

The Catholic Military Ordinariate of Australia is charged with the pastoral care of uniformed members of Australia's Navy,

Army and Air Force, their families and civilians employed by the Department of Defence. Unfortunately ANZAC Day Mass for 2020 has been cancelled. Read more at their website <http://military.catholic.org.au/>

Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 postponed

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 scheduled for October in Adelaide, has been postponed. Read the full media release at <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/first-assembly-of-plenary-council-postponed/>. See a message from Bishop Paul on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

With Jesus in the Desert: A retreat for a time of isolation

The staff of Jesuit Communications have prepared a 14-day retreat for the use of people who have to isolate themselves for 14 days during the Coronavirus crisis. Of course, other people who may find it helpful are also welcome to use it. The retreat has suggestions for each of the 14 days, though participants are free to follow it through or to pick out particular days. A shorter retreat that keeps the basic pattern could involve days 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14. More information at <https://www.pray.com.au/with-jesus-in-the-desert-a-retreat-for-a-time-of-isolation/>

Moorabool Shire Council (COVID=19) UPDATE No.1 - Emergency Relief Assistance

Australian Red Cross is supporting Combined Agency Operations Group (CAOG) and Emergency Management Victoria to provide relief (food and water, and psychological support) to community members affected by the COVID-19 social distancing requirements. All enquires and requests for food and essential relief packages should be directed to the COVID-19 hotline **1800 675 398**. Further information at: dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus and the safety measures being undertaken throughout our communities, all places of worship, churches and chapels remain closed until further notice. You can stay connected with your faith through the many links to online Masses above, which are being offered around the Diocese.



Family Prayer

All: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Lord Have Mercy

Christ Have Mercy

Lord Have mercy

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Readings

(Refer to front of the newsletter)

First Reading: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:14, 22–33

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter

1:17–21

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13–35

Silence

Homily

The beauty of the Emmaus story is that it engages us all in all our humanity. It is also so wonderfully told that we are drawn deeply into the experience of the two disciples. We join them on their journey, a physical journey that becomes a journey of heart and mind and soul. We share their despondency, we feel the rekindling of their hope, we identify with their generous hospitality to the stranger, we are astonished by what is revealed to them, and we are filled with their exuberant joy.

Every time we hear this story we are summoned out of darkness into light, out of grief into gladness. We are invited into a world of generous hospitality – not the world of our limited efforts to welcome others but the world of unbounded divine hospitality to us.

Whenever we hear this story our eyes are opened to recognise that what happened at Emmaus is what happens when we meet for Eucharist: we gather, listen to the word of God, sup at the Lord's Table and go forth. This is the dynamic movement hidden in the static names for the parts of the Mass: Introductory rites, Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist, Concluding rites. Would that we recognised the risen Lord in our breaking of bread and were impelled forth with the burning desire to share the good news with the world!

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

READER: Dear friends, on the way to Emmaus Jesus unlocked the scriptures for the two disciples, then revealed himself in the breaking of bread. As we long to be fed again from the tables of word and sacrament, let us pray for a world hungry for good news

READER: We pray for all who bring us hope and love and joy in this time of global upheaval. May they lift our spirits and call us together in solidarity

Lord, hear us.

READER: We pray for parents struggling with home schooling and for teachers at schools that are open. May they find the resources they need to meet these new challenges

Lord, hear us.

READER: We pray for the residents of aged care facilities. May they be well cared for as they suffer the pain of separation from loved ones.

Lord, hear us.

READER: Life-giving God, in the resurrection of your Son you have brought a new world to birth. Make us wholly new in your Spirit. We ask this through Christ, our risen Lord.

Silence

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Amen

Concluding Prayer

Almighty and all-merciful God, lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds, in whom there is no shadow of death, save us in this time of crisis; grant wisdom and courage to our leaders; watch over all medical people as they tend the sick and work for a cure; stir in us a sense of solidarity beyond all isolation; if our doors are closed, let our hearts be open. By the power of your love destroy the virus of fear, that hope may never die and the light of Easter, the triumph of life, may shine upon us and the whole world. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord risen from the dead, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, health of the sick, pray for us. St Joseph, guardian of us all, pray for us.

(Most Rev. Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane)

AMEN