

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A): ~ 16th & 17th May 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:

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

About Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week honors the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. The theme of the week is "everything is connected." This week launches a year-long journey of transformation, as we grow through the crisis of the current moment by praying, reflecting, and preparing together for a better world to come tomorrow. Following Pope Francis' invitation to join Laudato Si' Week, Catholics everywhere will reflect and prepare for action 16-24 May.

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>

Parish Update

As we continue our period of isolation, we are still meeting via Zoom each Wednesday evening to connect, consult, discuss and support one another through this challenging time. As mentioned last week, we are not making any major decisions, we are just ensuring that the Parish is running smoothly, such as paying accounts, any maintenance issues, checking the safety and security of our churches and buildings ,and addressing any pastoral needs within our community. There

appears to be a slight glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, so hopefully before too much longer, we can all meet again face to face as a faith community to pray, support and worship together. Again, if you know of anyone who is feeling cut off or isolated from our community, could you please let our parish secretary know so that we can follow this up. Of course, please ensure they are perfectly happy for their names to be passed on so that they can be contacted. We hope you are all staying safe, well and healthy. To our parishioners who are not enjoying good health and are facing their medical hurdles, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers as you face those challenges. Fr Sajan continues to celebrate masses privately for our community. We are grateful for his spiritual and prayerful support. We have also explored the opportunity of resuming prayer meetings and masses. At the moment we are not in the position to do so (please refer to added sheet from Paul Bird CSSR – Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat).

Church Cleaning – May

| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
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| | Margaret Mc Tigue 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

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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

There will be no masses until further notice

| | 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) | | | |

love
each other
as I have
loved you.
John 15:12

Anniversaries

Fr Bill Moroney, Jack Mahar, Pat Moran, Nora Mahar, Con Sheehan, Gerard Cullinan, Albert Jarvis, Keith Holmes, Nell Wise, Jack Murphy, Alice Carey, Angela Teuma and Anna Maria Greene

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, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary and Clare Adriaans

Baptism Anniversaries

Harvey Joseph Mc Kay, Ruby Jane Miles and Genevieve Joy Prendergast.

Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

Prayers to our Patron Saints of our Parish Communities

We have produced Prayer Booklets containing prayers from all the Saint of our Parish Communities. They are in the tubs outside the churches with the Bulletins and will also be available in the churches once they are opened.

How to get the Parish Newsletter

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au for emailed copies.
- Tubs outside churches. Please deliver to those unable to obtain their own.

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"

Message from Pope Francis to Pray the Rosary in May

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary during May and has composed two new prayers asking for Our Lady's intercession to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. See attached or go to the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Laudato Si' Week - May 16-24, 2020

Pope Francis invites you to celebrate *Laudato Si'* Week which takes place May 16-24. This year marks the fifth anniversary of this encyclical. The theme for the week is "everything is connected." Pope Francis has invited Catholics all around the world to reflect, pray and join to take action during this week. Go to the diocesan website for further information, which includes the Catholic Earthcare media release and a wide variety of resources www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

World Communications Day – May 17, 2020

This Sunday, May 17, the Church in Australia will celebrate World Communications Day. It is observed a week earlier in

Australia because of our liturgical transfer of the Feast of the Ascension from Thursday to what is elsewhere the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Pope Francis' message for the 54th World Communications Day 2020, which was released in January, focuses on the topic of storytelling. Read the message on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/feature-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=2799&categoryId=101>

Week of Prayer and Christian Unity 2020

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from May 24-31, 2020 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. This year's theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action and remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. Resources are now available at the website [The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/feature-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=2799&categoryId=101).

COVID 19 Fee Relief for School Families

The Catholic Education Office Ballarat have provided information for families experiencing difficulty paying school fees during the COVID-19 crisis. See the video on their website <https://ceob.edu.au/>

Position Available — Ballarat East Parish Coordinator

Applications are currently being sought for the position of Parish Coordinator. This is a part-time position that ensures the effective operation of the parish office by providing office coordination, reception and administrative assistance. A copy of the position description and application form are available on the St Alipius' Parish website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Applications close Friday, June 26, 2020.

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.

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.