

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year A): ~ 25th & 26th July 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 Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Aileen Toohey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll and Tim Delaney

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 Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$90.20	Parish: \$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$1,601.00
Year to Date:		\$4,805.00

Parish Update

Due to the recent increase in reported cases, places of worship can only open for the celebration of mass for up to 20 people in a single undivided space and this will stand until further notice. If you would like to be one of the 20 attendees this week, (Sunday July 26, Gordon 8.45am or Ballan 10.30am) it is important that you register your name with the Parish Secretary on 0491 601 162 to book your place. Thank you to those parishioners who have registered their attendance at each mass. We hope you are continuing to keep connected, safe and healthy. Hopefully we can gather as a community soon.

Fr Ed and the Parish Leadership Team in conjunction and dialogue with the Ballarat Diocesan Finance Office, have invested the majority of the funds from the sale of the Gordon Presbytery into a high interest Term Deposit at the Catholic Development Fund in order to gain an increase in returns from the investment. In light of resignations from the parish finance committee as the challenges associated with COVID 19 began to impact, we have adopted a combined Committee approach (incorporating Finance Committee and Pastoral Council functions) over the last few months. Considering the on-going nature of COVID 19 implications, it has been agreed to maintain this structure for the foreseeable future.

Church Cleaning - July

BALLAN		GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Colleen and Dargan	Ryrie Julie	Ann Micallef, Georgina Wright and Monica Eastwood	Faye Toohey and Julie Toohey (David)

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 St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$249.00	Parish:	\$390.00
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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.

Thank You

A big thank you to Andrew Peterkin for your work in tidying up around the Bungaree facility.

Sacramental Program Up-Date

The Bungaree Sacramental Program was set to start in early June, however due to the restrictions during this COVID-19 time, in consultation with Fr Sajan, the following decisions have been made:

- The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be postponed till 2021. Children in Years 3 and 4 will be able to receive those sacraments then. Dates will be decided later in the year.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will still go ahead this year, at this stage. Any children who have not received this Sacrament and are in Year 2 or above, are eligible for this program. The Parent Meeting is 13th October, 2020 and the Retreat Day & Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Tuesday 10th November 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct these to The Bungaree Parish Office via email:

bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or to Sue Prendergast: sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
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LITURGIES

Masses this week of 20 (refer to mass days and times underneath)

	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

Jimmy Toohey, Patrick Maher, Marie Britt, James Glenane, Ted Ryan, Margaret Maher, John Fuller, Angus Finlayson, Mary Flynn, Robert McGiffin, Carmen Buttigieg and Joe D'Arcy

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 Hodgon, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Ann Micallef and Clare Adriaans

How to get the Parish Newsletter

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Emailed copies at Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- 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 online at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au under "News and Events"

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

We continue to distribute information regarding the coronavirus as it received. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section" www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bishop's Office

The Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times, and continue being available via email or phone. Contact details: bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au, ph. 03 5337 7121

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is different from what we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

New Assembly Dates announced: New dates for the Plenary Council Assembly 1 and 2!. Read the full media release here: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/dates-locked-in-for-plenary-council-assemblies/#more-8501>

Discernment Papers:

The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will look at one paper for a month. For the month of July we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Missionary & Evangelising?**

To read the discernment paper, visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-1.pdf> or collect a copy from the box at the church entry.



Plenary Council – Some Proposals

MISSIONARY AND EVANGELISING

2. INTERFAITH

- That every diocese in Australia have an interfaith commission and that these commissions exchange and promote interfaith programs and resources.
- That all students studying for ecclesial ministry undertake academic units on interreligious dialogue which include practical exposure to Jewish-Christian and Christian-Muslim relations and relations with other major traditions.
- That the Church in Australia celebrate the UN-established Interfaith Harmony Week in the first week of February, with an approved Mass for Interfaith Harmony Sunday on the first Sunday of February.

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is being offered as an online event for registered participants on Saturday, July 31. The aim is to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. For the event program and registration go to www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal

This year's appeal will focus on addressing the needs of those impacted by COVID-19. Funds raised during this appeal are critical in ensuring that Vinnies can continue to be there for people when most needed. You can donate either Online at vinnies.org.au or by phone 13 18 12. Donations over \$2 tax deductible.

ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is on July 30

COVID-19 is impacting those most vulnerable to trafficking because they often live in poverty and lack suitable housing and healthcare. ACRATH is asking for your support as we mark the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30. Online donations at <https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/acrath> or go to Youth Social Justice page of the diocesan website at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-and-agencies/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=238> for other donation options and more information.

Places of worship can only open for the celebration of mass for up to 20 people in a single undivided space. Fr Sajan will be celebrating mass this coming Saturday (July 25) at Clarke's Hill at 6.30pm, Sunday, (July 26) at Gordon 8.45am and at Ballan 10.30am. We still have to register to record details of all attendees at each mass, plus signage, hygiene and safe cleaning practices as well. Please contact the parish secretary on 0491 601 162 to register.

ALL NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN TO BE SUBMITTED BY 3.00PM WEDNESDAY AT gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au or bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

THANKS