

## 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 0492 903 409

✉ 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 Principal: Mr Tim Delaney	☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 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:

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery:\$	Parish: \$	
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$500.00	
<b>Year to Date:</b>		\$7,606.00	

### Parish Update

We hope you are all keeping safe, well, warm and connected to our parish as we work our way through the Victorian Government's Stage 3 restrictions in regional Victoria. This means our churches are closed with no masses until at least September 13. There are exceptions for funerals and weddings. Our thoughts are with our fellow Victorians in Melbourne suburbs enduring Stage 4 restrictions. May their faith and strength keep them strong. The Parish Leadership Team are still meeting via zoom every fortnight. We're not making any major decisions, just ensuring that the Parish is running smoothly, and addressing any pastoral needs within our community. Hopefully we can gather together as one community soon.

### New Parish Phone mobile phone number:

Please note the new mobile phone number for the Gordon Parish Secretary is 0492 903 409 The Gordon Parish landline number remains the same: 5368 9280. Thanks

### Social Justice Sunday

This will be celebrated on 30 August 2020. The 2020-2021 Statement, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia*, encourages faith communities, governments and each of us to make mental health a priority. It is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19. The pandemic is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities. To download the Statement go to [https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020/nf41c/517738642?h=b7LnsSffvhXe8L\\_3veb7Qju-uUYyLp9P8cTF6ExiGKg](https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020/nf41c/517738642?h=b7LnsSffvhXe8L_3veb7Qju-uUYyLp9P8cTF6ExiGKg).

### Church Cleaning

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK

## 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 Acting Principal: Inez French	☎ 5334 5280 ☎ 5334 7604	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$		<b>Parish:</b> \$	
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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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and the Retreat Day & Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

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

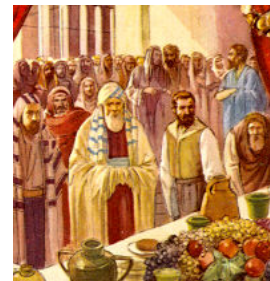
[bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or to Sue Prendergast: [sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
<b>THERE WILL BE NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE</b>				

LITURGIES

**There will be no masses until further notice**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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)			



**Recent Deaths**

Irene Parkin and Emmanuel Gerada

**Anniversaries**

Jim Caddy, Dawn Kelly, Frank Kennedy, Emma Squire, Elise Butler, Sylvia Fisher, Dorothy O'Donohue, Sylvia Cahir, Elizabeth McDermott, Rita Fuller, Jack Mahoney, Peter Cefai, Frank Leahy, Rommy Sapuri, Tom McTigue, Gerald Clifford, William Bourke, Kath Mulcahy, Alma Eastwood, Evelyn Nash and Kevin Reddie

**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, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Anne Micallef and Clare Adriaans

**How to get the Parish Newsletter**

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)
- Emailed copies at [Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au)
- Tubs outside churches. Please deliver to those unable to obtain their own.

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Stage 3 restrictions were re-introduced in regional Victoria effective from August 5, 2020. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://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. We are available via email or phone. Contact details: [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au), ph. 03 5337 7121

**Diocesan Resource Centre Closed until further notice**

With the reintroduction of Stage 3 Restrictions, the Diocesan Resource Centre will be closed until further notice. (at least 14 September)

**Cancellation of Chrism Mass for 2020**

Bishop Paul has advised parishes by email that the Chrism Mass has been cancelled for 2020 due to the coronavirus restrictions which do not allow for large gatherings. We look forward to celebrating this mass on the Monday of Holy Week in 2021

**Annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

Due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday September 13th** to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians, parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land.. This year, we are facing great challenges due to COVID-19. If you are able, your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. You can donate by-

- Placing your donation in the Holy Land Appeal envelopes that are in each of the tubs outside the churches and returning them to either the Bungaree

Presbytery or Gordon Parish office (Tuesday or Wednesday's between (9.30am-2.00pm)

- Donating online- Bungaree: BSB 083 526  
Account no 51565761895  
Gordon: BSB 633 000  
Account no 160275764

**Please note:** If paying into either account you must write 'Holy Land Appeal' as a reference. Thanks.

**Social Justice Statement 2020-2021**

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-2021, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. For more information

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [http://bit.ly/SocialJustice\\_2020](http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020)

**Staying Connected ... Doing Ministry Safely Online**

A 90 minute online workshop designed for those working with children and young people in church communities. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 5pm-6.30pm. More info and free registration at: [www.trybooking.com/BKZSO](http://www.trybooking.com/BKZSO)

**Child Protection Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)

**Damascus College Information Webinars & Virtual Tours for 2022 Commencement**

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Webinars on Wednesday, September 9 at 5.00pm and Tuesday, October 20 at 6.30pm. The Information Webinars are a great way for prospective families to learn more about Damascus College. Guided Virtual Tours are held fortnightly on a Thursday at 9.00am. Register at <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us>. You will be sent an online link the day prior to the event.

**Virtual Gathering for Prayer**

Victorian Council of Churches and Christian leaders have felt a need to stand together to uphold our State, government, frontline health workers, communities and one another as we work our way through this time of restrictions and uncertainty. Stand Together in a virtual gathering at 2pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August. Screened at facebook.com/viccouncilchurches

**ALL NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN TO BE SUBMITTED BY 3.00PM WEDNESDAY AT [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) THANKS**