

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

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:		\$11,411.00

Parish Update

We hope you are all keeping safe, well, warm and connected to our parish. There has been some easing of the Victorian Government's COVID-19 restrictions in regional Victoria, which is fantastic news. Unfortunately as far as masses go, we are still unable to celebrate mass and church gatherings indoor. This means our churches are closed with no masses until further notice from the Victorian Government. All going well, we will be able to meet for masses very soon. We will be informed at a later by the Victorian Government when these changes will take place. There are exceptions for funerals and weddings. 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, dealing with the Gordon

Parish finances and addressing pastoral needs within our parish community. Hopefully we can gather together as one community soon.

Thought this beautiful prayer was very appropriate at the moment.

The Sapling: Loving God, we thank you for the gift of new growth.

For the people who never give up.

For the ones who look after the sick.

For those who insist that black lives matter.

For those who bring food to those who can't leave home. They are all like saplings, small plants that point to a bigger future.

We thank you for the call to new growth in our own lives, To new commitment, to fresh honesty, to deeper love.

Be with us as we begin to branch out.

Make us stronger.

Amen.



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

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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.

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
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)				

Anniversaries

Bill Moroney, Steven Molloy, Mark Leonard, Kevin Jeffrey, Jean Leonard, Andrew Forbes, Brian Frawley, Eric Jones, Gerald Mullane, Ag Wheelahan, Emmanuel Barbara, Kevin Conway, Lorraine Keilar, Joseph Smallman, James Doyle, Jim Field, Thomas Davis and Des Shanahan.

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
- Emailed copies at Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Tubs outside churches.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has issued information regarding gatherings in places of worship now that restrictions have eased in regional Victoria. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

New Diocesan Website

The new diocesan website is now live at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. It is different than we could have expected; the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is so important.

Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of September we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Prayerful & Eucharistic?** Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. You can read the discernment paper at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-3.pdf>. We welcome any comments you have. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission Mental Health Webinar

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a zoom webinar for anyone who wants to know more about mental health in Australia and to empower participants to understand mental health, the supports available here in Australia and provide an opportunity to reach out, encourage hope and bring fullness of life to those we love and care for. The Zoom webinar will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 from 2.00pm – 3.00pm. For more information, registration details and to download the flyers, go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>



It's St Mary's 10th Anniversary and you're invited!

To mark the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint, the Sisters of Saint Joseph invite you to celebrate the wonderful life and inspirational legacy of Saint Mary of the Cross. The Sisters have created commemorative prayers, videos and a global vigil in honour of Mary throughout September and October <https://www.sosj.org.au/10th-anniversary>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program Online Study

Low-cost online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parish and other ministries. 5 week study cycles include Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Registrations open now until October 12 for the next cycle which begins October 18. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Season of Creation: September 1 – October 4, 2020

The fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si'* was the beginning of the Special *Laudato Si'* Anniversary Year (May 24, 2020 – May 24, 2021) with the hope that it be a time of grace, a true Kairos experience and "Jubilee" time for the Earth, for humanity and all God's creatures. The theme for Season of Creation 2020 is *Jubilee for the Earth* in which we are invited to consider the integral relationship between the rest for the Earth and ecological, economic, social and political ways of living. The need for a just and sustainable system revealed this year by the global COVID-19 pandemic, is a time to reflect and act on the urgency of the situation of our world today and for future generations. Liturgically, we celebrate remembering God's action in prayer. Resources from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/a-season-of-creation/> include a reflection from Bishop Paul, liturgical resources to guide reflections of the season and ecumenical resources.

106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – this Sunday, September 27, 2020

The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has prepared a Migrant and Refugee Kit, which includes stories from local communities, reflections and prayers https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit?fbclid=IwAR0oHRtrkYbmKFV4Tjy09SqFOMYSEeUVn3dUN-aWote00KR2-JArGmZS8_8

Engaging Your Catholic Faith

Engaging Your Catholic Faith is a series of short sessions offered online by Catholic Theological College lecturers on a range of topics including theology, scripture, pastoral studies and spirituality. Sessions will be held from September 14 - October 31 and will cost \$20 per session. The sessions will be held via Zoom and will run for approximately 90 minutes. More information and enrolment details are available from www.ctc.edu.au.

All notices for weekly bulletin need to be submitted by 3.00pm Wednesday at gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au or bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au THANKS