

## 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year B): ~ 12/13 December 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 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

<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b> <b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
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#### Collections last weekend

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$459	Parish: \$287
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	
<b>Year to Date:</b>		\$20,000

As you may have seen, the Victorian Govt has announced new provisions for religious gatherings. At this stage, there is no need to pre-book for each mass, but you will still be required **to register on entering the Church.**

Please refer to the attached message from Bishop Paul regarding these latest restrictions.

Please note also that there are QR Codes in our three churches to enable you to scan your mobile phone to register.

#### Counters Needed:

If you are able to assist with counting the Sunday takings, could you please contact the Parish Office for more details - 0492 903 409. Thank you

### 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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<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill</b> <b>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown</b>	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>
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#### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$341.30	<b>Parish:</b>	\$590
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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

Dear Parishioners,  
Due to the ongoing uncertainty and COVID restrictions, it has been decided by Fr Sajan and the Sacramental Team that the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be postponed this year. Therefore, new dates for all Sacraments will be planned for similar times next year and all children eligible for the programs will be able to participate.

THE Bungaree Parish offers a Family Based Sacramental Program which is led by the Sacramental Team and supported by the Parish schools, St Mary's Clarkes Hill and St Brendan's Dunnstown. The Sacraments and Eucharist are offered for Children in Year 3 and above. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered for children in Year 2 and above. Therefore, 2021 will look slightly different as there will be multiple age groups participating and we will make adjustments to the programs as necessary. If there is anyone in the Parish Community who would like to join the Sacramental Team or know more information, Please contact the Parish Office on 5334 0450 or 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	Please Note	
12/13 December	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year B)	ISA 61:1-2, 10-11 1 Thess 5:16-24 Jn 1: 6-8, 19-28	
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	As requested	Until we can resume our normal weekend Mass	
Bungaree~ 8.45am	As requested	Timetable, we will call upon volunteers to assist	
Ballan~ 10.30am	As requested	with reading the Scriptures and Prayers	
19/20 December	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year B)	Sam 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Rom 16: 25-27 Lk 1: 26 - 38	
Dunnstown ~6.30pm	As requested	of Intercession.	
Gordon ~8.45am	As requested		
Ballan~10.30am	As requested		
24/25 December	The Nativity of the Lord		
Please refer next page	As requested		
For Christmas Mass	As requested		
Times	As requested		

## LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) in Bungaree at 9.30am – all welcome!

	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)			

### Anniversaries

Peter Quinlan, Maurice Torpy, Maureen Frawley, Ron Devlin, John Senserrick, Raymond Butler, Jessie Robinson, Fred Begbie, Bill Mahar, Margaret Clifford, Margaret Fuller, Ronald Graham, Brian Shanahan, Jeanette Delbridge, Margaret Toohey.

### 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, Noel Craven, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary and Anne Micallef.

### Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversaries of the following baptisms: Oliver Dalton, Henry Cain, Rose Cain (2018), Aillie Sharp, Violette Sharp (2017), Lucy Berens, Austin Attard (2016) and Audrey Montano.

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

### 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.

### New Diocesan Website

The new diocesan website is now live at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### e-News

The Diocesan e-News is the online newsletter of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. It is supported by the print publication "Our Diocesan Community" and the Diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Plenary Council Update

In light of the ongoing uncertainty around future COVID-19 restrictions regarding travel and public gatherings, especially social distancing, a decision has been taken for the first Plenary Council assembly to take place using a combination of online and in-person delivery. Read more at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/first-plenary-council-assembly-mixes-in-person-online-format/>

**Discernment Papers:** The six discernment papers have been released and are available to read at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/read>

### Vinnies launches 2020 Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is asking people in a position to do so to dig a bit deeper this year as the Society launches its Christmas Appeal after a very tough year.

To donate go to [https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal?\\_ga=2.45291745.433958477.1606174687-2061808706.1606174687](https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal?_ga=2.45291745.433958477.1606174687-2061808706.1606174687)



### Advent Resources

Advent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### #AdventHope

Read the latest from the Global Catholic Climate Movement at <https://preview.mailerlite.com/u9i6z9/1558374805588153901/06p7/>

### Thank God for Mass!

Just as lockdown begins to ease and Churches open for prayer and the celebration of Mass, Sue Ellis has produced an interactive book that will help every family, school and church to inspire children to enjoy the many aspects of this key event in the life of every Catholic. More information available from the diocesan website "Liturgy resources" page.

### Advance Notice – dates for 2021:

Rite of Election: Saturday, February 20, at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 12.30pm.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 29 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm.

**Ministry & Cleaning Rosters** for 2021 are currently being updated. If you wish to be added or taken off the roster, could you please inform the parish member of this. We appreciate all the efforts all parishioners do to make our parish life run smoothly.

### Christmas Mass Times:

Dec 24 – Clarkes Hill – 6pm  
(Christmas Eve) Springbank – 6pm  
Gordon 7.30pm  
Bungaree – 8pm

Dec 25 - Ballan – 9am  
(Christmas Day) Dunnstown – 9.30am



(Please read the attached note from Bishop Paul outlining the latest information regarding mass attendances in particular to our Christmas celebrations)

Could all items for the newsletter please be forwarded via email if possible to the Parish Office no later than Wednesday, by 2pm. [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Thank you.