

The Nativity of the Lord (Year B): ~ 24/25 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

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:

Loose	Presbytery: \$405.65	Parish: \$971.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	
Year to Date:		\$21,646

As you may have seen, the Victorian Govt has announced new provisions for religious gatherings. Attendees will still be required **to register on entering the Church.**

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

Presbytery:	\$384.50	Parish:	\$470.00
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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.

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

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	Please Note
26 / 27 December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year B) Gen 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3, Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2: 22, 39-40	
Clarkes Hill - 6.30pm	As requested	Until we can resume our normal weekend Mass
Gordon - 8.45am	As requested	Timetable, we will call upon volunteers to assist
Ballan - 10.30am	As requested	with reading the Scriptures and Prayers
02 / 03 January	The Epiphany of the Lord (Year B) Isa 60: 1-6 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12	
Dunnstown - 6.30pm	As requested	of Intercession.
Gordon - 8.45am	As requested	
Ballan - 10.30am	As requested	
09 / 10 January	The Baptism of the Lord (Year B) Isa 55:1-11 1 Jn 5: 1-9 Mk 1:7-11	
Springbank - 6.30pm	As requested	
Bungaree - 8.45am	As requested	
Ballan - 10.30am	As requested	

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

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

	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

Fr Stephen O'Rourke, Annie Prendergast, Roy Tynan, Victoria Everett, Gerald Leonard, Marie Graham, Jack Geary, Jim Toohey, Eddie Mullane, Bill Winter, Charlie Mangion, Joe Magnion.

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.

Welcome - Baptism:

We welcomed into our parish community Nellie Rix (daughter of Travis and Tiarne) who was baptised in Springbank last Sunday. We assure Nellie and her family of our prayerful support.

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.

New Diocesan Website

The new diocesan website is now live at 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

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

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.

Bishop Paul's Christmas Message 2020

View Bishop Paul's 2020 Christmas Message on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/bishop-pauls-christmas-message-2020/>. A hard copy is also available to download from the website.

Christmas Wishes

We extend our best wishes for a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas to all parishioners and their families.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all who have managed to keep our parishes running so smoothly through this very challenging year. Again, thank you - we sincerely appreciate all your contributions and efforts.

Also thank you to those who pre booked for all Christmas masses. We realize this was a little inconvenient, however, the whole year has set us many challenges and inconveniences. So again, thank you.

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 or Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au Thank you.

