

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 16 / 17 January 2021

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 ☎ 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: \$508.65	Parish: \$403
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$24,111 to date
Christmas Dues	\$70	

We are now all aware of the current restrictions in place 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.

Bank Details for Weekly Collections at Mass:

If you would like to make a deposit directly into our Bank account for the weekly loose collection at Mass, our details are as follows:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000
A/c No: 1602 757 98.

Don't forget to include your name.

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

Presbytery:	\$320.00	Parish: \$525.00
		Christmas Dues \$250.00

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 in 2020. Therefore, new dates for all Sacraments will be planned for similar times in 2021 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
16 / 17 January	2 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19	1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Jn 1: 35-42
Dunnstown – 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
23 / 24 January	3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) Jonah 3: 1-5, 10	1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mk 1: 14-20
Clarkes Hill – 6.30pm	As requested	of Intercession.
Gordon – 8.45am	As requested	
Ballan – 10.30am	As requested	
30 / 31 January	4 th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B) Deut 18: 15-20	1 Cor 7: 32-35 Mk 1: 21-28
Springbank – 6.30pm	As requested	
Bungaree – 8.45am	As requested	
Ballan – 10.30am	As requested	

Recent Deaths:

Rev Fr John Macmillan, Beverley Hicks, Helen Charleson

Anniversaries

Shane Everard, Catherine Maher, Jim Crough, John McDermott, John Parkin, Lex Walsh, Henry Parkin, Josie Ryan, William Greaves, Sam Borg, Kevin Mullane, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada, John Grabovic, Barry Conroy, Catherine Maher, Lyndsay Daly, James Quinlan.

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.

Baptisms:

Congratulations to Thomas Plageman (son of Robert & Hayley) and to Noah Dalton (son of Daniel & Aliesha) who are being baptised this weekend at St Brigid's and to Willow Haase (daughter of Ashley & Rachel) who is also being baptised at St Patrick's this weekend. We welcome Thomas, Noah and Willow into our faith community and assure them and their families of our prayers and 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.
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New Diocesan Website

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

Christmas Offerings

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door. Thank you to generous offerings so far received from both parishes.

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/>

2021 Columban Calendars are now on sale at each Church centre for \$7.

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>

Year of St Joseph:

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St Joseph", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

"Remember O Most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph that no one ever had recourse to your protection or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you.

Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them, Amen"

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.

Accommodation Wanted:

A young man is seeking either shared accommodation or reasonably priced rental unit in the Ballarat area. If you can assist, please call Matthew Malone on 0499 850 369 for more information.

BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS - DUNNSTOWN HISTORY BOOK

Official book launch to be held 2pm at the Dunnstown Recreation Reserve on Sunday 17th January. Sausage sizzle & refreshments available from 12.30pm. Books available for purchase & collection of pre-paid books.

*****Please note the Pastoral Ministry Office is closed until January 18, 2021 for annual holidays*****

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.

