

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 30 / 31 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 Paul McDowell

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 Paul McDowell ☎ 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: \$333.30	Parish: \$168
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$24,538 to date
Christmas Dues	\$70	

Gordon Sacramental Program 2021:

Thursday, Feb 18 – Parent Information Night,
7pm St Patrick's School Gordon – Reconciliation Preparation
Sunday, Feb 28 – Enrolment Mass – Reconciliation –
Gordon – 8.45am / Ballan – 10.30am

Thursday, March 25 – Reconciliation Ceremony – 4pm - St Patricks Church, Gordon

WELCOME: A warm welcome to our Parish to Mr Paul McDowell, principal of St Patrick's Primary School Gordon.

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.

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: \$282	Parish: \$390.00
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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 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	OFFERTORY	
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			
Bungaree - 8.45am			
Ballan - 10.30am			
06 / 07 February	5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Job 7: 1-4, 6-7, 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk 1: 29-39		
Dunnstown – 6.30pm			
Gordon – 8.45am			
Ballan - 10.30am			
13 / 14 February	6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1 Mk 1: 40-45		
Springbank – 6.30pm			
Bungaree – 8.45am			
Ballan – 10.30am			

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)			

Recent Death: John Falko

Anniversaries

Ted Cass, Noel Quinlan, Catherine Torpy, Peter Ross, Ray Frawley, Mary Blood, Philip Crowe, Justin Toohey, Des Quinlan, Audrey Reddie, John Ryan, Anthony Jarvis.

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 Charlotte Grace Zahra (daughter of John and Jay) who is being baptised this weekend at St Brigid's. We welcome Charlotte into our faith community and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.

THANK YOU: I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you for all the good wishes, gifts, assistance and support that I have received from everyone in the Bungaree and Gordon Parishes over the Christmas Season. **Fr Sajan Mathew**

Other dates for your Calendar: **Opening School Mass** – St Brendans, Dunnstown – Wednesday, February 12 – 9.15am
St Patrick's, Gordon – Thursday, February 13 – 11.45am
St Brigid's, Ballan – Thursday, February 13 – 1.30pm

How to get the Parish Newsletter

Parish links (Gordon or Bungaree) www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or via email

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.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

The latest updates regarding COVIDSafe practices are available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

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.

Vinnies No Interest Loan Scheme

No Interest Loans (NILs) provide individuals and families on low incomes with access to safe, fair and affordable credit for those with a Health Care Card / Pension Card or earn less than \$45,000 a year after tax or \$60,000 for couples or people with dependants. Further information available at <https://www.vinniesnils.org.au>.

Palms Australia seeks mission recruits

For 60 years Palms Australia has been recruiting, preparing, sending and supporting Catholics from all around Australia to fill overseas professional placements in response to requests from international community partners. Rising to the challenges of COVID 19 we are actively recruiting Australian Catholics now to receive preparation and training to undertake overseas professional placements in late 2021 and early 2022. For more information go to <https://palms.org.au/assignments-abroad/current-opportunities/>

Word of God Sunday - February 7, 2021

The Australian bishops have designated the first Sunday in February as "Word of God Sunday". Resources are available from <https://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday> and include homily notes, liturgical notes, prayers of the faithful, musical recommendations, reflections, bulletin notice and images.

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

