

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 13/ 14 February 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

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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: \$408.90	Parish: \$247
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$24,785 to date

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

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: \$319.00	Parish: \$390.00
	Christmas Dues \$1085.00

Victorian Child Safe Standards

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.

Bungaree Sacramental Program 2021
(Year 2 and above)

Tuesday, April 27 – Parent Information Night – 7.30pm
Bungaree Parish Centre - Reconciliation

Enrolment Masses – Parish Masses (TBC) - May 1st 2nd

Tuesday, June 8 – Reconciliation Ceremony – 5.30 – 7pm
St Michaels Church, Bungaree

Parish Leadership Team:

There are currently two vacant positions each from Dunnstown and Bungaree on the Parish Leadership Team. If you would be interested in filling any of these roles or would like some more information, please contact Damian Ryan - ryandjr@bigpond.com

Working With Children Check: Is your WWC check up to date? Currently, we are reviewing our data base, so it is important that all parishioners who assist with parish ministries hold valid and current WWC cards. Please contact Leah Hanrahan for more details if you are unsure of your status. (lg3@optusnet.com.au or 0411 859 544)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	
13 / 14 February	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1 Mk 1: 40-45		
Springbank – 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	
Bungaree – 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	
Ballan – 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan / Anne Eskdale	Lorraine DeSpirt / Vikki Boka	
20 / 21 February	1st Sunday of Lent – Gen 9: 8-15 1 Pet 3: 18-22 Mk 1: 12-15		
Dunnstown – 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Cahir Family	
Gordon – 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	
Ballan – 10.30am	Margaret Green / Mark Conlan	Gian Schweighofa / Anne Eskd	
27 / 28 February	2nd Sunday of Lent – Gen 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Rom 8: 31-34 Mk 9: 2-10		
Clarkes Hill	Joan Powell	Kate Bennett	
Gordon	Maria Donegan / Eddie Davis	Michael & Therese Winter	
Ballan – 10.30am	Winnie Zammit / Lloyd Lamb	Cairan & Janine Donohue	

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**

Terry O'Keefe, Peter Bretherton, Frank Leonard, Patrick Mahar, Kathleen Rix, Betty Martin, Tommy Mullane, Nina Cassar, Reg Hayes, John Trounce, John Ronan.

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 Baptisms of the following children – Oscar Conlan (2018) Ruben Borg, Hannah Bourke, Kasper Driscoll (2019), Chloe Rivett, Jade Rivett, Hannah Rivett, Jimmy Robinson (2020).

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

My apologies for the wrong dates listed last week on the bulletin – I hope you weren't too inconvenienced.

Opening School Mass St Brendan's, Dunnstown – Fri, February 12 – 9.15am

Ash Wednesday Mass – St Brendan's, Dunnstown – Wed, February 17 – 9.15am
 St Patrick's Gordon – Wednesday, February 17 – 11.45am
 St Brigid's Ballan – Wednesday, February 17 – 1.30pm

Lenten Anointing Mass St Brendan's, Dunnstown – Wednesday, March 17 – 9.15am



NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY - Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic -another alternative: The distribution of ashes could proceed with the use of an individual cotton bud dipped in the ashes and signed on the forehead of each person present, without saying anything, ensuring the process is contactless. Three people would be required for the distribution of ashes – the leader distributing the ashes, one person with a bowl to provide the leader with a new cotton bud for each person and one person with a larger bowl to collect the used cotton buds. The leader would be the only person touching the cotton bud. The leader cleanses their hands, puts on a face mask (gloves are optional) and distributes the ashes to those who come to them or, if appropriate, the leader goes to those who are standing in their places.

Liturgy Rosters have been listed in the bulletin, however, if some names are incorrect or not available, can you please arrange for another person to take their place and also inform the office so the names can be brought up to date. At this stage, there will be no Minister for Communion until further notice

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) The latest updates regarding COVIDSafe practices are available from the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. This includes information on Victorian COVIDSafe directives in relation to places of worship as at February 4, 2021.

Project Compassion Virtual Immersions Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities for parishes via Zoom video conferencing. These digital engagements will allow participants to focus on prayer and reflection, Catholic Social Teaching and an interview and Q&A with Caritas International Program staff. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour across Australia. You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>

Year of St Joseph - Monthly Reflections: Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. The February reflection, written by Scripture scholar Sr Michele Connolly RSJ, explores the many ways in which St Joseph was "Attentive to the Word of God" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

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.

POSITION VACANT: The Parishes of Gordon & Bungaree are looking to jointly employ a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Parish Secretary across both parishes. (12 hours pw Gordon / 5 hours pw Bungaree). More information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. Applications close February 26, 2021.

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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Thank you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

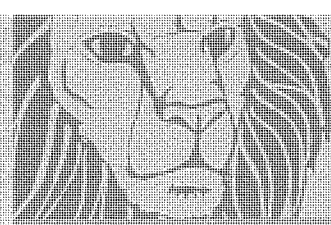


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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 FEBRUARY 2021

COMPASSION FINDS A WAY

One of the painful learnings we have had from COVID 19 is just how difficult it is to deal with contagious diseases. In Ancient Israel they had learned that quarantining people suffering from skin diseases was necessary until they could be declared by priests ready to safely return to the community. For lepers and those who loved them, it was a brutally painful experience of fear, isolation, and rejection.

In the Gospel today a leper has heard about Jesus and in his desperation risks his life, and the health of others, by entering the city. Falling to his knees he pleads with Jesus to be healed. In his boundless compassion for the man, Jesus reaches out and touches him. In doing this Jesus takes the extraordinary step of making himself an outsider. Healed by Jesus, the man can now be declared fit to return safely to the community. His life has been returned to him and while Jesus has commanded him to be silent, he simply cannot hold it in – the good news of Jesus cannot be contained. At the end of the episode, an outsider has been brought back home and now Jesus has become an outsider himself, and that's where everyone can find him.

Not seeking our own good, but the good of others by not causing them scandal or harm was a lesson Paul was trying to teach the community of Christians in Corinth. Jesus' compassion leads him to reach out to all those in need. Paul hopes that his Christians will live their lives in the same way.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

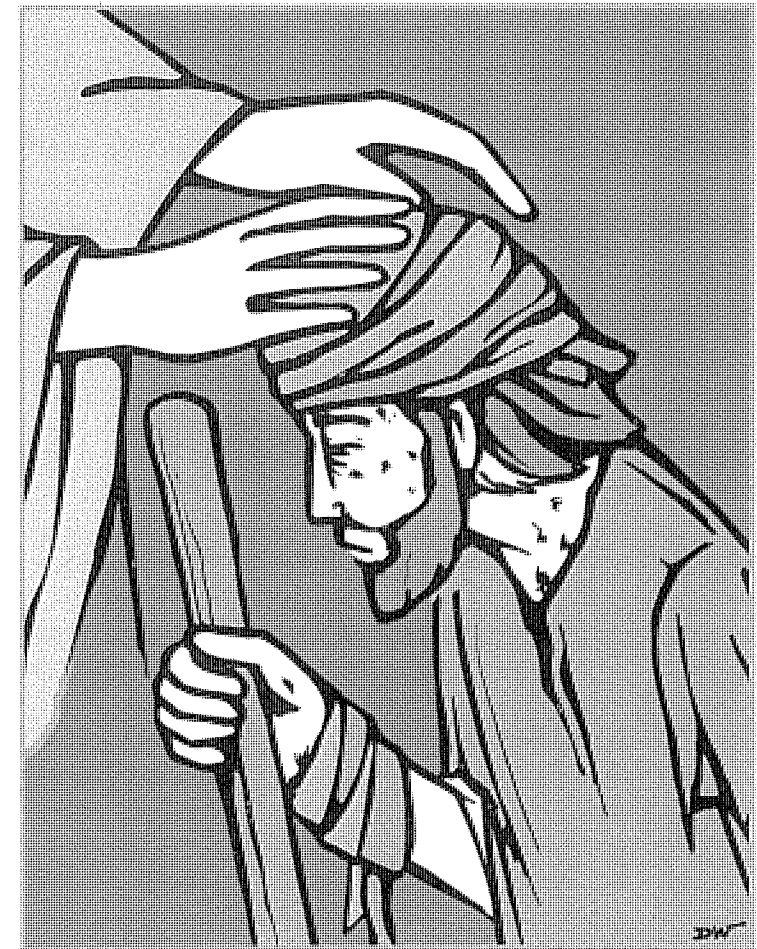
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 31: 1-2, 5, 11. R. v. 5

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, / whose sin is remitted. / O happy the man to whom the Lord / imputes no guilt, / in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; / my guilt I did not hide. / I said: 'I will confess / my offence to the Lord.' / And you, Lord, have forgiven / the guilt of my sin. **R.**

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, / exult, you just! / O come, ring out your joy, / all you upright of heart. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone — to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! / A great prophet has appeared among us; / God has visited his people. / Alleluia!