

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B): ~ 13/14 March 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      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 Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.spagordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spagordon.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: \$372	Parish: \$164
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$27,837 (updated)

We welcome the children who are at Mass this weekend as part of their preparation for Reconciliation. We assure them of our prayers and support on their journey.

#### Gordon Sacramental Program 2021

**Thursday, March 25** – Reconciliation Ceremony – 4pm - St Patrick's Church, Gordon

**St Patrick's Day Celebrations:** Students from Gordon & Ballan schools will gather together at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on Thursday, March 18 for 11am mass with Bishop Paul Bird. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

### 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	<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>	\$300.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$390.00
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#### 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>

**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](mailto:lg3@optusnet.com.au) or 0411 859 544)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>13 / 14 March</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent - 2 Ch 36: 14-16 19-23 Ep 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21</b>		
Springbank – 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Molly Ronan	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45am	D. Rix	Frank Hanrahan	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30am	Catherine Green / Sandra Miller	Binks Family	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>20 / 21 March</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent – Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-30</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30pm	Peter Britt	Britt Family	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45am	Therese Winter / Debbie Goldie	Margaret Smith / Georgina Wright	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30am	Marie Shanahan / Julie Dargan	Bridget Sims Family	Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>27 / 28 March</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Isa 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 15: 1-39</b>		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Marty Forbes	Friday – Benediction after each 9.30am mass
Gordon – 8.45am	Beth Calleja / Mick Winter	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Saturday – Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30am	Margaret Green / Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpir / Vicki Boka	

## LITURGIES/ MASS TIMETABLE

	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
<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarke's Hill	Springbank
<b>Sun 8.45am</b>	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
	Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am				



**Recent Death:** Max Rosenow

**Anniversaries:** William Dridan, Roy Britt, Bernie Ryan, Frank Sims, David Carton, Andrew Barbara

**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 – Lennon Joyce, Bowie Pirota, Maeve Lakey, Evan Sheehan (2017), Clancy Berens, Lexi Parsons, Wyatt Parsons (2018), Honey Blake, Clementine House (2019).

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

**Baptism:** Congratulations to Amelia and Oscar Toohey, (daughter and son of Nicholas and Jocelyn) who are being baptized in Springbank this weekend. We welcome the family into our faith community and assure them of our prayers and support.

### **Mass of the Oils: Monday March 29, 2021**

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 29. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat where we celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2021, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptized and confirmed. COVID-19 restrictions allow a maximum of 300 people in the Cathedral (this number includes clergy). Therefore to assist the diocese in observing this limit, parishes are asked to nominate up to five representatives to attend from each parish. If you would like to attend please register with our parish secretary.

**4th Sunday of Lent** - As we are at the half-way mark of Lent, it's time to take stock and review how our journey of repentance and conversion is progressing. Is it time to commit ourselves more deeply, take more time out for prayer to listen to God's promptings in our hearts, resolve to take time to be really present to others – to engage with and listen, to support and love? Every day we have a choice whether to give ourselves to what God has planned for us, a choice to be vulnerable, to be a servant to others, to be open to change and transformation.

### **Eight Ways to Engage Your Family with Lent**

Looking for some simple ways to encourage the families in our faith community to enter more deeply into Lent? Check out these practical suggestions in Catholic Voice (Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn) <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/eight-ways-to-engage-your-family-with-lent/>

### **Project Compassion Virtual Immersions – Week 4**

Each week during this Lenten season, Caritas Australia is holding Virtual Immersion opportunities. Week 4: Arsad's Story (Indonesia) on Tuesday, March 16 at 7.30pm (VIC). You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>.

### **Lenten Resources - Week 4**

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their Lent 2021 leaflets which invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream" These leaflets are available for download from the diocesan website Liturgy Resources page <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

**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. Robert Falzon reflects on how St Joseph may have responded to his astonishing call to be the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. What does it mean for fathers and husbands in today's world? <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### **Celebration of Holy Week 2021**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Bishops Commission for Liturgy webpage has information from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on the celebration of Holy Week 2021, the decree in Time of COVID-19 2020 and Votive Mass Texts and Good Friday Solemn Intercession in Time of Pandemic (2020) <https://www.catholic.org.au/commissions/bishops-commission-for-liturgy>

### **Save the Date - Feast of St Joseph:**

To celebrate the Feast of St Joseph on Friday, March 19, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am at St Michael's, Bungaree.