

5th Sunday of Lent (Year B): ~ 20/ 21 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, 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	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: \$566.75	Parish: \$132
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$27,969 (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 as they prepare for the sacrament of Reconciliation this coming week.

Gordon Sacramental Program 2021

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



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:	\$300.00	Parish: \$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 (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	WEEKDAY MASSES
20 / 21 March	5th Sunday of Lent – Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-30		
Dunnstown – 6.30pm	Peter Britt	Britt Family	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45am	Therese Winter / Debbie Goldie	Margaret Smith / Georgina Wright	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30am	Marie Shanahan / Julie Dargan	Bridget Sims Family	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
27 / 28 March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Isa 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 15: 1-39		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Marty Forbes	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45am	Beth Calleja / Mick Winter	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30am	Margaret Green / Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirt / Vicki Boka	Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
03/04 April	Easter Night Rom 6:3-11, Mk 16: 1-7 Sunday Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4, Jn 20: 1-9		
Gordon - 7 pm	Joan Bourke	Gary and Margaret McTigue	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Bungaree- 8.45 am	As Requested	As Requested	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Clarkes Hill- 10.30 am	As Requested	As Requested	
Ballan -10.30 am	Winnie Zammit and Lloyd Lamb	Cairan and Janine Donohoe Family	

HOLY WEEK			
29 March- 1 April			
Ballan	30 March, 7 pm	Mass	Fr Ed Moloney
Dunnstown	31 March, 7pm	Mass	Fr Sajan Mathew
Ballan	1 April, 7.30 pm	Holy Thursday	Fr Ed Moloney
Dunnstown	1 April, 7.30 pm		Fr Sajan Mathew
Ballan	2 April, 10 am	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross	Lay Lead
Springbank	2 April, 3 pm	Good Friday - Commemoration of the Cross	Fr Sajan Mathew

Anniversaries: Peter Torpy, Maurice Frawley, Peter de Spirt, Harry Wise, Joseph Micallef, Mary Winter, Joseph and Antonia Spiteri, Renee Barbara, Helen Kuczynski, Brian D'Arcy, Joseph Cini, Doreen Torpy, Mona Nihill, Margaret O'Regan, Des Frichot, Joan Shanahan

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.

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. COVID-19 restrictions allow a maximum of 300 people in the Cathedral. To assist the diocese in observing this limit, parishes are asked to nominate up to 10 representatives to attend from each parish. **If you would like to attend please register with our parish secretary 0492 903 409 before Monday 22 March or sign the registration form (next to the sign-in COVID register) after mass today.**

Holy Land Collection to be held on Good Friday April, 2021

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian people of the Holy Land and provides for the upkeep of the sacred places as well as a range of projects and programs including Social and Charitable Activities, Educational and Scientific Activities, Pastoral Activities and Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs. This year's collection is particularly vital as the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a severe loss of income. In his letter to the People of Church in Australia, Fr Mario Debattista OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land – Australia, said: 'I assure you, every bit helps in these challenging times for the people and Church of the Holy Land'. Copies of his letter are available for interested parishioners.

A week of prayer with St Joseph

The Sisters of St Joseph invite all to participate in a week of prayer with St Joseph, beginning on **March 19**. St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, the co-founders of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, chose St Joseph to be patron of the Congregation. During this year, the Congregation will mark each of its primary feasts with special prayers and celebrations. The first of these will be a week of prayer in preparation for the feast of St Joseph. Go to: www.sosj.org.au/yearofstjoseph

Project Compassion Virtual Immersions – Week 5

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. **Week 5: Halima's Story (Indonesia)** on Tuesday, March 23 at 7.30pm (VIC). You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>.

Year of the Family

Pope Francis launched the "Amoris Laetitia Family Year" on March 19, the 5th anniversary of the publication of his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, a document on the beauty and joy of love in the family. The year will conclude on June 26, 2022 on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. The launch was a virtual event entitled, "Our Daily Love", organised by the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, the Family and Life, the Diocese of Rome and the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute, all based in Rome. View online at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckI4OUXU7_LBguDrPZQKsng

Catholic women invited to National Consultation 2021

Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation on March 27, 2pm-4pm via Zoom with the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Archbishop Christopher Prowse (BCELM Chairperson) and Bishop Michael Morrissey (Bishops Delegate for Women) will be present for the meeting. The March consultation will inform the development and agenda of a National Catholic Women's Gathering to be held on 11 September 2021. More information available from the diocesan website or <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/catholic-women-invited-to-national-consultation/> Participants must register to attend. Please register by **4pm, Friday 26 March**.

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). Go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/commissions/bishops-commission-for-liturgy>

Parish Secretary

We are pleased to announce that Aileen Toohey will be our new Parish Secretary for the Parish of Gordon and the Parish of Bungaree. The Parish Secretary is always available by phone (5368 9280 or 0492 903 409). The Gordon Parish office (the former Parish Convent) is open Tuesday, 9.30am - 2pm; Bungaree Parish Office (Bungaree Presbytery) is open Thursday, 9.30 – 2.30