

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B): ~ 06/ 07 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 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 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: \$343.10	Parish: \$832
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$27,673 (updated)

Gordon Sacramental Program 2021

Fourteen children were presented at the Rite of Enrolment for Reconciliation at Gordon and Ballan last weekend. We assure them of our ongoing prayers and support on their journey in preparation for Reconciliation and for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist later in the year.

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	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$349.20	Parish:	\$904.00
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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	
6 / 7 March	3 rd Sunday of Lent – Ex 20:1-17 1 Col 1:22-25 Jn 2: 13-25		
Dunnstown – 6.30pm	Mary Hanrahan	Declan Hanrahan	
Gordon – 8.45am	Kate Carey / Marie Durham	Mark & Narelle Conroy Family	
Ballan – 10.30am	Bert Jarvis / Lin Bowers	Eddie & Mary Cassar	
13 / 14 March	4 th Sunday of Lent – 2 Ch 36: 14-16 19-23 Ep 2: 4-10 Jn 3: 14-21		
Springbank– 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Molly Ronan	
Bungaree – 8.45am	D. Rix	Frank Hanrahan	
Ballan – 10.30am	Catherine Green / Sandra Miller	Binks Family	
20 / 21 March	5 th Sunday of Lent – Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 12: 20-30		
Dunnstown – 6.30pm	Peter Britt	Britt Family	
Gordon – 8.45am	Therese Winter / Debbie Goldie	Margaret Smith / Georgina Wright	
Ballan – 10.30am	Marie Shanahan / Julie Dargan	Bridget Sims Family	

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	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am					



Recent Death: Imelda McGrath

Anniversaries: Maureen O'Donohue, Anne Quinn, Fr Henry Nikel, Bill Wheelahan, Tommy Simpson, Gert Cummins, Antal Boka, Matt Jamieson, Maurice Conlan, Gabrielle Johnson, Kath Squire, Albert Small.

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.

Music Ministry Volunteers for Bungaree: We are seeking volunteers to join the music ministry roster at Bungaree. You will only be rostered on a few times a year. If you are able to assist, please contact Julie Boyd - boydh.1@bigpond.com.au



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.

Welcome: Congratulations to Nina Jayne Trigg (daughter of Bryce and Emma) who is being baptised at Gordon this weekend. We welcome the family into our faith community and assure them of our prayers and support.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

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 3

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 2: Olivia's Story (Tanzania)** on Tuesday, March 9 at 7.30pm (VIC). You can register for a Virtual Immersion by going to <https://lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions>.

Lenten Resources - Week 3

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their Lent 2021 leaflets which invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' “Let us Dream”, together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for week 3 is, “How are we to be a Healing Church, a ‘Field Hospital?’” 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>

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.

Gracious God,

May we discern your call in our lives

so that we have the courage to make choices,

commit to them wholeheartedly,

learn from our mistakes,

build love and hospitality in our families and communities,

and participate with trust in your mission. Amen.

(by Sr Ann Gilroy RSJ in *Take Fresh Courage – Celebrating the 10th anniversary of St Mary MacKillop's Canonisation,*