

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B): ~ 10/11 April 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	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b> <b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
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**Collections last weekend**

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections: Donations to the Parish are vital to the sustainability of our Parish community.

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$603.65	Parish: \$137.00
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$28,756 (updated)

**Gordon Parish Leadership Team:** There are vacancies for representatives from Gordon and Ballan. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the administration of the Parish, please contact Lin Bowers at [bowerslinda133@gmail.com](mailto:bowerslinda133@gmail.com)

**Insurance:** The upkeep of our churches and grounds is an ongoing cost. This coming month the Parish Leadership Team will be reviewing the insurance premiums for all parish buildings.

**Holy Land Collection on Good Friday April, 2021.**

The Holy Land collection this year was \$837.35. Many thanks for the generosity of all who attended the Good Friday ceremonies.

**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

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

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Parish Schools	<b>St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill</b> <b>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown</b>	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>	\$894.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$70.00
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**Easter Dues**

Easter Dues were \$335.00; the Caritas Project Compassion Appeal amounted to \$350.00. Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections:

**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](mailto: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)

**2021 Sacramental Program & Liturgical Dates**

Parents of children in Year 2 and 3 and above, please note that the **Parent Information Night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be on **Tuesday 27th April, at 7:30pm** at the Bungaree Parish Centre. It is important that you have a parent or representative for your child at this meeting for them to be able to be enrolled in the program. As the Sacramental Program could not go ahead last year, the Year 3 children will receive three sacraments this year as the Confirmation and Eucharist Sacramental Program will be offered later in the year. This year Priscilla Johnson, who is a member of the St. Michael's Parish, will be joining the Sacramental Team. If you have any queries please contact: **Fr Sajan, ph. 5334 0450 or Sue Prendergast, ph. 5334 7604 or Priscilla Johnson 0428 384 015**

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
<b>10/11 April</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 4: 32-35, 1 Jn 5: 1-6, Jn 20: 19-31</b>		
<b>Springbank</b>	David Toohey & Family	Brendan Simpson & Family	<b>Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
<b>Bungaree</b>	Shelley Ryan	D Rix	<b>Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
<b>Ballan</b>	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Leon & Pat Burvill	<b>Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
<b>17/18 April</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5</b>		
<b>Dunnstown – 6.30pm</b>	As Requested	As Requested	<b>Friday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
<b>Gordon – 8.45am</b>	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Brian & Kate Carey	<b>Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
<b>Ballan – 10.30am</b>	Kathryn Green & Sandra Miller	Blinks Family	<b>Holy Hour – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month</b>
<b>24/25 April</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2</b>		
<b>Clarkes Hill</b>	Pat Prendergast	Jill Prendergast	<b>Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass</b>
<b>Gordon</b>	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	<b>Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass</b>
<b>Ballan</b>	Kathryn Green & Sandra Miller	Eddie & Mary Cassar	

## LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) in Bungaree at 9.30am – all welcome!

	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
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					

**Anniversaries:** Laurie O'Neil, Martin Whelahan, Marie Dromey, Marie Leahy, Antonio Zumba, Katerina Camilleri, Jack Toohey, Isabella Moran, Isabel Britt, Fr. Thomas Linane, Mary Britt, Barbara Frawley.

**We offer our prayerful support for the sick** Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Lyla Geary, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Noel Craven, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating.

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

We thank the parishioners from Bungaree and Gordon and visitors to the Parish who attended the -Commemoration of the Cross last Friday at Springbank Church.

### Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

The latest updates regarding COVIDSafe practices are available from the diocesan website "news" section. Available at: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Mass of the Oils

A recording of the Mass of the Oils is available on the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/mass-of-the-oils-2021/>

### Ballan Thursday Morning Prayer Group

The Morning Prayer Group will resume on Thursday, April 15 at 10 am in the Gathering Space, St Brigid's Church. All welcome.

### 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. A number of resources have been developed by the ACBC to encourage and support the celebration of the Year of St Joseph. The resources are available from the ACBC website <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>. Diocesan prayer cards have been distributed to parishes and schools. If you require further copies of the prayer card, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office.

**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. Michelle Vass, Director of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park NSW, reflects on "St Joseph – Man of Dreams" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

**Daily Prayers:** The ACBC have provided daily prayers & a shorter Litany to St Joseph <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### Celebrating 60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree - Save the Date

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Wendouree will celebrate 60 years of Catholic Education in Wendouree on Friday, October 15, 2021. Register for event updates on the OLHC Wendouree school website [www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olhcwendouree.catholic.edu.au) or by contacting the school office, ph. 5339 4726.

### Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for April: **Fundamental Rights:** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

### Diocesan Liturgical Commission Membership

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is currently seeking new members from all areas of the diocese. Membership is for an initial term of three (3) years with the option of two further terms (3 years per term). The Commission meets five times per year in Ballarat. Video linking facilities are available for meetings. All members of the Commission must hold a current Working with Children check or VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) registration. The Charter of the Liturgical Commission is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/diocesan-liturgical-commission/>. Expressions of interest can be forwarded to [liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember O Most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them, Amen.