

Easter Sunday (Year B): ~ 3/4 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	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: Donations to the Parish are vital to the sustainability of our Parish community.

Loose	Presbytery: \$446.45	Parish: \$172.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$28,619 (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

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.

Easter Week: We welcome Fr Ed Moloney to the Parish for Easter Week. Fr Ed will be celebrating Holy Thursday mass and Easter Sunday mass.

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	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:	\$232.00	Parish: \$825.00
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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)

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
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	Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree - 8.45 am	As Requested	As Requested	Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill - 10.30 am	As Requested	As Requested	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit and Lloyd Lamb	Cairan and Janine Donohoe Family	
10/11 April	2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 4: 32-35, 1 Jn 5: 1-6, Jn 20: 19-31		
Springbank	David Toohey & Family	Brendan Simpson & Family	Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree	Shelley Ryan	D Rix	Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Leon & Pat Burvill	Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month
17/18 April	3 rd Sunday of Easter Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5		
Dunnstown - 6.30pm	As Requested	As Requested	Friday - Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon - 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Brian & Kate Carey	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan - 10.30am	Kathryn Green & Sandra Miller	Blinks Family	

HOLY WEEK			
29 March- 1 April			
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 Led
Springbank	2 April, 3 pm	Good Friday - Commemoration of the Cross	Fr Sajan Mathew

Anniversaries: Ellen Murphy, Allen Payne, Sarah Molloy, Fran Cooen, Nellie Conroy, Kathleen McGiffin, Monica Ramsay, Monica Hryncyszyn, Reg Haintz.

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.

Mass of the Oils: Monday March 29, 2021

The Mass of the Oils (or Chrism Mass) was celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat last Monday, March 29. Despite COVID restrictions on numbers, the mass was well attended with representatives from all the forty parishes of the Diocese present. Bishop Bird celebrated the mass. Judith Hodgson accepted the oils (oil of the Sick, oil of Catechumens, oil for the Holy Chrism) on behalf of the Parish of Gordon and Liz Hanrahan on behalf of the Parish of Bungaree. For those that were unable to attend, the Mass will be available to view from the diocesan website shortly.

Blessing of the Pascal Candles

Fr Sajan will bless the Pascal Candles at the Vigil Mass to be held at Gordon on Saturday 3 April, 7 pm.

The Paschal Candle or Easter Candle is a new candle which is blessed and lit every year in the Church at Easter Vigil. The candle represents Christ, the light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body. Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side. The Easter candle is lighted each day for daily Mass during the Easter Octave and also on all Sunday Masses and all Solemnities during the fifty days of Easter. It is also lighted on special occasions such as Baptisms and Funerals.

Lenten Resources – Easter Triduum

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their reflections 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 the Easter Triduum is, "**He is going before you...**" Copies are available at all churches; and electronic copies forwarded to parishioners. Can be download from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

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.

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. 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.

Our Journey to Easter

As we celebrate Easter, the National Centre for Evangelisation has published a series of four articles, reflecting upon the joy of returning to community celebrations at Easter <https://nce.catholic.org.au/the-resource-centre/our-journey-to-easter>

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