

The Most Holy Trinity (Year B): ~ 29/30 May 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 Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
St. Patrick's Primary School Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 5368 9495 www.spagordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$493.00	Parish: \$244.00\$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$31,289.2 (updated)

We gratefully acknowledge all parishioners who generously donated to each of these collections:

St. Patrick's School, Gordon welcomes all enquiries and enrolments for 2022. For further information or to organise a school tour, please contact the Principal, Mr Paul McDowell on

5368 9495; or email principal@spagordon.catholic.edu.au

St. Brigid's School 2022 PREP Enrolments

Enrolments open Tuesday, April 20, 2021. School tours/ Information sessions will be held on Wed 19 May. For info and registration go to: www.sballan.catholic.edu.au/school-tours

National Count of Attendance at Mass - Gordon

THE Mass Count has finished for 2021. We thank all who participated in the count, especially the counters for the three churches.

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 Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$NA	Parish: \$330.00
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Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections:

Bungaree Parish Leadership Team Barry Sheehan has volunteered to join the Parish Leadership Team. We thank Dianne Reynolds for her ongoing commitment to the Parish

of Bungaree, and special thanks to Karen Cahir who recently resigned from the Leadership Team.

National Count of Attendance at Mass- Bungaree

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Upgrades

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
29/30 May	The Most Holy Trinity Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40; Rom 8: 14-17		
Springbank-6.30 pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	A. Elliott & O. Elliott	P. Ryan	Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Catherine Green & Sandra Miller	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
5/6 June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Ex: 24: 3-8; Heb 9: 11-15		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Rachael Peterken	Peterken Family	Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Julie Dargan Family	Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month
12/13 June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezek 17: 22-24; 2 Cor 5: 6-10		
Springbank-6.30 pm	Therese Winter & Debbie Golding	Margaret & Gary McTigue	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45 am	N. Jeffrey	Leah Hanrahan	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan & Anne Eskdale	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) at Bungaree at 9.30am
All Welcome!

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
4Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes 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: Brian Maher, Fredrick Gilles, Calvert Croxson, Peter Frichot, Barry Wise, Jean Bourke, Jim Wheelahan, Stephan Brockman, Nora Maher, Con Sheehan, Marg Cahir, Gerard Cullinan, Peter Auchetl, Winnie Flynn, William Jones, Tom White Snr, John Bourke, George Pearse, Barry Wise, Tommy White & Jim Keating.

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

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

No church services will be held this weekend. Also, no marriages or baptisms will be held. The Combined Newsletter will be uploaded onto the Gordon Parish and Bungaree Parish webpages. Copies of the Combined Newsletter and the Saving Word will be forwarded to parishioners by email. Hard copies will be placed outside St Michael's Church, Bungaree, St Brigid's Church, Ballan and St. Michaels' Church Springbank.

Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections & Daily Prayers

- **Monthly Reflection:** 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. Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen OFM Conv reflects on "St Joseph the Migrant Worker" - <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>
- **Daily Prayers to St Joseph:** The ACBC have provided daily prayers and a shorter Litany to St Joseph available from <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts Oct 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/

Alive in the Spirit Virtual Pastoral Ministry Conference

We are encouraged to engage in a special opportunity inviting us to experience new vision, new energy, new life as we become the community Christ calls us to be. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online pastoral ministry conference from July 8-10, 2021, will enliven and inspire our Catholic Church through a variety of keynotes, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. To register or find out more details, go to www.aliveinthespirit.com.au

Helder Camara Lecture 2021

The Church of Australia continues its preparations for the First Assembly of the Plenary Council in October 2021. Various dialogue, discernment and discussions are being held, including an upcoming public lecture led by Plenary Council President, Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB. The lecture will be held on Wednesday, June 30 at Newman College Parkville at 5.00pm. Bookings are essential as places are limited. RSVP by June 28 via email mark.oconnor@marists.org.au

Vinnies launches 2021 Winter Appeal to support homelessness

As Vinnies responds to a growing demand for services following the end of JobKeeper and cuts to Job Seeker, the National Council of St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia is calling for donations to help support the rising number of people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including children, which have all been exacerbated by the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Society provides vital services and support for individuals and families facing financial hardship. With generous support from the public, Vinnies aims to maintain the dignity of those on the edge and restore hope to people who have fallen on hard times. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

National Reconciliation Week: May 27 - June 3, 2021

The 2021 National Reconciliation Week theme, More than a word. Reconciliation urges the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. The Reconciliation movement is at a tipping point: In the past year, with Black Lives Matter protests and huge numbers at Invasion Day rallies across the country, we're seeing people are understanding the truth and speaking up on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. *More than a word. Reconciliation takes action* asks people to take this awareness and knowledge, and use it as springboard to more substantive, brave action. Resources and further information is available from <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/> The "Uluru Statement from the Heart" seeks your support for a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution. Go to <https://ulurustatement.org/>.

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Apoc 1: 8
Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was,
and who is to come. / Alleluia!

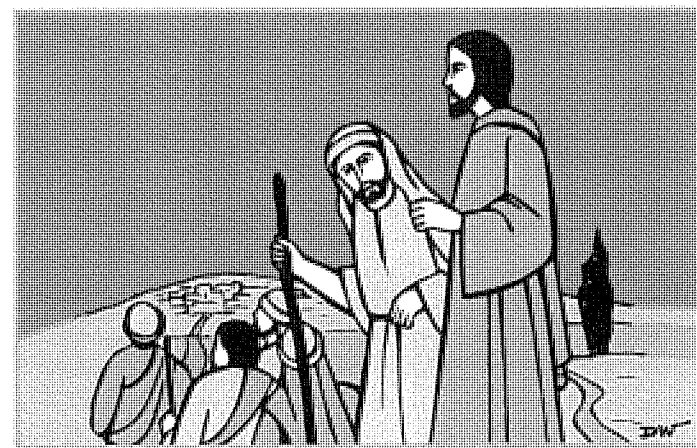
GOSPEL Mt 28: 16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew

*Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the
mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet
them. When they saw him they fell down
before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came
up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority
in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore, make disciples of all the nations;
baptise them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them
to observe all the commands I gave you. And
know that I am with you always; yes, to the end
of time.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word



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THE SAVING WORD

30 MAY 2021

THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S SHARING

The feast of the Trinity reminds us that the
mystery we celebrate today is the mystery of
God's sharing in our story through the ages.
It is an invitation to remember the story of
God among us and the task that has been
entrusted to all of us who have been baptised
in the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit.

The scripture readings for today lead us to
explore the nature of God from a number of
different perspectives. First of all, Moses
asks the people to take stock of what their
experience of God has been. He asks them,
and us, to reflect on our experience of God's
graciousness and faithfulness. For the people
of Israel, the time in the desert was their
opportunity to discover the living God as
one who cared for them; it was a time of
discernment and decision.

Secondly, Paul speaks of the meaning of our
baptism in Father, Son, and Spirit. While some
members of the community were convinced
that they were closer to the Lord on the basis
of their spiritual gifts Paul sees that all who are
baptised share in the same dignity as children
of God. Furthermore, every Christian is called
to share in the same inheritance, and even
more importantly, to be united in sharing in
the suffering and glory of Jesus. Thirdly, the
Gospel calls us to remember that we have been
baptised into the Father, Son, and Spirit. As
such we are given a mission; to share what we
have experienced with others.

FIRST READING Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on
earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to
the ages that are past, that went before you,
from the time God created man on earth: Was
there ever a word so majestic, from one end of
heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard?
Did ever a people hear the voice of the living
God speaking from the heart of the fire, as
you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god
ventured to take to himself one nation from
the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders,
war with mighty hand and outstretched arm,
by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your
God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and
take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in
heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no
other. Keep his laws and commandments as I
give them to you today so that you and your
children may prosper and live long in the land
that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

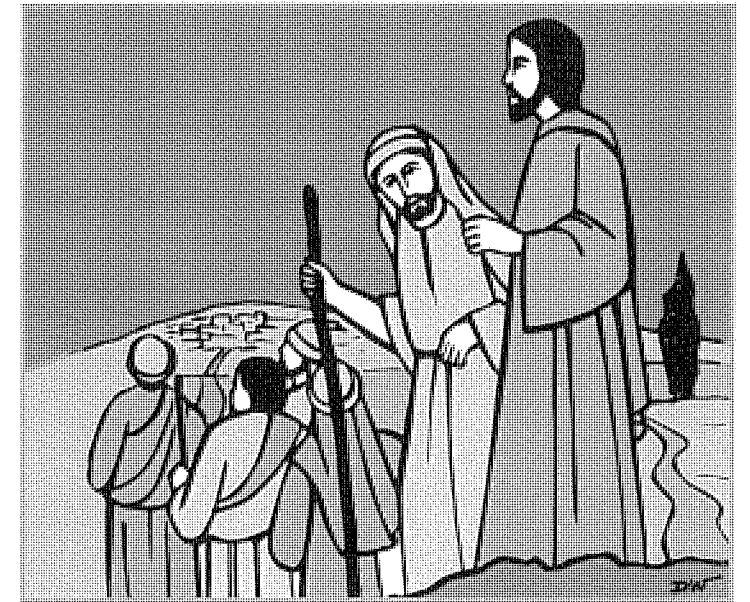
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM Ps 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen
to be his own.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and all
his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves
justice and right / and fills the earth with his
love. **R.**

2. By his word the heavens were made, / by
the breath of his mouth all the stars. / He
spoke; and they came to be. / He commanded;
they sprang into being. **R.**



3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, /
on those who hope in his love, / to rescue
their souls from death, / to keep them alive in
famine. **R.**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord
is our help and our shield. / May your love be
upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in
you. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 8: 14-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

*You have received the Spirit that makes you God's
own children, and in that Spirit we call God:
Father, our Father!*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.
The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves
bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit
of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'
The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united
witness that we are children of God. And if we
are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God
and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings
so as to share his glory.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Christopher Monaghan CP