

# The Ascension of the Lord (Year B): ~ 15/16 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 St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 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

Loose	Presbytery: \$690.95	Parish: \$197.00 \$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$30,864 (updated)

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

### National Count of Attendance at Mass - Gordon

Counting of church attendance will be conducted every week during May. A designated counting sheet has been placed in each of the Gordon, Ballan and Springbank churches to facilitate the count directly after Mass. This week's count will be held at Gordon. The count will include the gender composition of the congregation. Please nominate counter/s

before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information.

### St. Patrick's School, Gordon

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; [principal@spgordon.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@spgordon.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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au/school-tours)

## 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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	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:

Presbytery: \$365.00	Parish: \$390.00
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Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections:

### National Count of Attendance at Mass- Bungaree

Counting of church attendance will be conducted every week during May. A designated counting sheet has been placed in each of the Bungaree, Dunnstown and Clarke's Hill churches to facilitate the count directly after Mass. This week's count will be held at Dunnstown. The count will include the gender composition of the congregation. Please nominate counter/s before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information.

**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.

### Upgrades

The convent flat and the school are currently being rented out to earn vital income for the Parish. With new tenancy regulations, significant works have been carried out. The convent building has been re-roofed, internal painting work completed, a gas oven re-located, gas and electrical systems checked and trees trimmed and lopped. Many thanks to Frank Hanrahan and Jack Steenhuis for their carpentry work in the flat.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>15/16 May</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Fran Peterkin	Fran Peterkin	Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Beth Calleja	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	Binks Family	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
<b>22/23 May</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday Acts 2: 1-11 Gal: 5: 16-25</b>		
Clarke's Hill-6.30 pm	Julie Moran	Julie Moran	Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Maria Donegan & Shane Carey	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Bridget Sims Family	Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>29/30 May</b>	<b>The Most Holy Trinity Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40; Rom 8: 14-17</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45 am	A. Elliott & O. Elliott	P. Ryan	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Catherine Green & Sandra Miller	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	

**LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES**

*Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) at 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
<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarke's Hill	Springbank
<b>Sun 8.45am</b>	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am					

**Recent Deaths:** Frank Sheehan OAM

**Anniversaries:** Barry Torpy, Lillian Cullinan, Bill Deveraux, Tom Owens, James McDermott, Irene Coulter, Brian & Nellie Keighrey, Rev. Norbert Olsen, Keith Eastwood, Doris Eastwood, Ray Smith, Mary Smith, Iala Wise.

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

**Baptisms:** We welcome Zacarios Giliana who will be baptised this weekend at St. Patrick's Church Gordon into our faith community. We also celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Ruby Miles, Genevieve Prendergast, Meredith Bodnar, Jude Joyce, Violet Toohey, Fergus Toohey, Lola Suckling and Ruby Plover.  
*Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: May 16-23, 2021**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from May 16 – 23, 2021 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. The 2021 resources have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp. The theme that was chosen, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit", is based on John 15:1-17 and expresses Grandchamp Community's vocation to prayer, reconciliation and unity in the church and the human family. Resources are available from <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/2021-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

**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>

**Get vaccinated for the common good**

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>. FAQ information sheet from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has been placed in all churches in the Parish of Bungaree and Gordon. Also available from the diocesan website "news" section <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/catholics-in-australia-encouraged-to-receive-covid-19-vaccine/>

**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 May:

**May universal intention for evangelisation** – The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**Laudato Si' Week: May 16 - 23, 2021**

This week is the 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si'* – "Care for Our Common Home". You are invited to join an online event "Sowers of Hope" on Friday, May 21 at 5.30pm. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office of Social Justice and Caritas Australia's Catholic Earthcare program, are co-hosting this prayer and reflection event in *Laudato Si' Week* to celebrate the conclusion of the *Special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year 2020 - 2021*. For more information and registration details go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/04/16/laudato-si-sowers-of-hope/>

**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.*