

## 6th Sunday of Easter (Year B): ~ 8/19 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 ☎ 5368 1015 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 5368 9495	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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#### Collections last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$360.85	Parish: \$87.00 \$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21: \$30,667 (updated)	

#### 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. Please nominate counter/s before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information and ensuring that the form is completed correctly. The three forms should be returned to the Parish Secretary for forwarding on to the Diocese Office

#### 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

#### St. Brigid's School 2022 PREP Enrolments

Enrolments open Tuesday, April 20, 2021. School tours/ Information sessions will be held on Mon 10 May & Wed 19 May. For information and registration go to: 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 0430 ~ 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	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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#### Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$314.00	Parish: \$390.00
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Parishioners of Bungaree donations included **Easter Dues** \$30.00. Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections:

#### COVID Registration Form - Bungaree

To assist parishioners in registering their attendance, we ask for a volunteer attending Mass on the day to facilitate the sign-in procedure before the commencement of Mass. After completion, the registration forms will be held by the Parish Office

**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

#### 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. Please nominate counter/s before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information and ensuring that the form is completed correctly. The three forms should be returned to the Parish Secretary for forwarding on to the Diocese Office

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
8/9 May	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4 7-10</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	N Jeffrey	S Steenhuis	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Margaret Green & Mark Conlan	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
15/16 May	<b>The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Fran Peterkin	Fran Peterkin	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Kerryn Taylor	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	WinnieZammit & Lloyd Lamb	Binks Family	Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
22/23 May	<b>Pentecost Sunday Acts 2: 1-11 Gal: 5: 16-25</b>		
Clarke's Hill-6.30 pm	Julie Moran	Julie Moran	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45 am	Maria Donegan & Shane Carey	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Bridget Sims Family	

### 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
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:** Helen Ronan, Eddie Clark, Monica Kelly, Carole Steenhuis, Joan Blood, Jack McGuigan, Carmel McAloon & Arthur Gore

**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 Nolan Carey, Matilda Cain and Patrick Powell 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>

#### **National Count of Attendance at Mass & Sunday Assemblies in the Parishes of Gordon and Bungaree**

The parishioners of Bungaree and Gordon have been asked to participate in the national count during the month of May. The national count is conducted in the same year of the Australian Census so that the information collected can be most effectively used. The count is conducted over the **first four consecutive Sundays (& Saturday evenings) in May**. Counting over four Sundays ensures that fortnightly and monthly Masses are not overlooked. This year, parishes will also be asked to provide estimates of the age and sex of those who attend Mass and Sunday assemblies.

#### **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.

#### **Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2, 2021**

Planning for the second issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2021 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2021 themes of *Plenary Council / Year of St Joseph / Year of the Family*. We are hoping to gather stories and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school community and agency. We hope to have this issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning July 12 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, May 28, 2021. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to [odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au). A reminder that when sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. From time-to-time, these photos will also be used in other diocesan publications. Jane & Julie for the ODC Editorial Committee

### 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.