

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year B): ~ 5-6 June 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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
                                  **St. Patrick's Primary School**      Principal: Mr Paul McDowell      ☎ 5368 9495      [www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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

### QR Code Gordon Parish

The Victorian Government has introduced a new centralized QR code system that all Victorians must follow. The QR Code Service will automatically record the date, time and location of your visit. The Gordon Parish implemented the new QR code 2 weeks ago, with specific QR codes assigned to the three churches & to the Parish Office (Old Gordon Convent). All parishioners must sign-in using the QR codes. If you do not have a mobile phone or you have left your phone at home, then please use the sign-in log sheet placed at the lobby

area/inner porch of the church. The sign-in log sheets are held in the Gordon Parish Office so that they can be easily accessed, if needed.

**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; email: [principal@spgordon.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

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

Enrolments open Tuesday, April 20, 2021. 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

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Parish Schools      **St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill**      Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280      [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
                                  **St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown**      Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604      [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$NA	Parish: \$NA
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### QR Code Bungaree Parish

The Victorian Government has introduced a new centralized QR code system that all Victorians must follow. The Bungaree Parish implemented the new QR code two weeks ago, with specific QR codes assigned to the three churches & to the Parish Office (Presbytery). All parishioners must sign-in using the QR code. If you do not have a mobile phone or you have left your phone at home, then please use the sign-in log sheet placed at the lobby area/inner porch of the church. After every mass and other ceremonies (i.e. baptisms), the sign-in log sheets must be

returned to the Bungaree Parish Office so that a central registry can be maintained and quickly accessed, if required.

### Reconciliation Retreat Day and Sacrament

The Reconciliation Retreat Day and Sacrament will still take place next Tuesday 8th June. In light of the recent restrictions, we ask that there be a maximum of two guests per family attending the Sacrament at St. Michael's Church, beginning at 5:30pm with their child/ren. We thank all of the families for the work they have been doing preparing their child/ren to receive this sacrament. Sue Prendergast & Fr Sajan

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>5/6 June</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Ex: 24: 3-8; Heb 9: 11-15</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Rachael Peterken	Peterken Family	<b>Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
Gordon-8.45 am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	<b>Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
Ballan-10.30 am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Julie Dargan Family	<b>Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
<b>12/13 June</b>	<b>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezek 17: 22-24; 2 Cor 5: 6-10</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	Therese Winter & Debbie Golding	Margaret & Gary McTigue	<b>Friday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
Bungaree-8.45 am	N. Jeffrey	Leah Hanrahan	<b>Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree</b>
Ballan-10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan & Anne Eskdale	James & Alison Eskdale Family	<b>Holy Hour – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month</b>
<b>19/20 June</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 38: 1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5: 14-17</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Helen Spratling	Helen Spratling	<b>Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass</b>
Gordon – 8.45 am	Beth Calleja & Michael Winter	Brian & Kate Carey	<b>Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass</b>
Ballan-10.30 am	Margaret Green & Mark Conlan	Leon & Pat Burvill	

## 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	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					

**Recent Deaths:** Jim Keating, Anthony Hall

**Anniversaries:** Frank Brennan, Molly O'Neil, Angela Teuma, John Egan, James Terris, Nick Cassar, Heather 'Rose' Marisen, Kevin Dowsley and Jean Bourke.

**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.

**Baptisms:** This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Alex Turner, Liam Turner, Quinn Mitchell, Bridget Grigg and Kiara Grigg. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.*

### Year of St Joseph 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. Fr Khalid Marogi, Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office, reflects on "Joseph as 'Protector'" (Mt 2:13-18). Refugee Week, June 20-26, 2021 - <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/](http://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 keynote, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. To register or find out more details, go to [www.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au)

### 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 – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for June:

**June universal intention for evangelisation – the beauty of marriage:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### First Time to Sign-In with QR Code?

Place your smartphone camera over the QR code image (matrix barcode) and scan it. If your phone doesn't start the check-in process automatically, you must download and open the [Service Victoria](https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/) app (click on link). You can also find the app at: <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/> Scan the QR code and follow the prompts to check-in. Submit your name and phone number & wait for app to signal sign-in approved.

Dear Friends,

2 Jun 2021

The Victorian Government has foreshadowed an easing of restrictions for regional Victoria. The following provisions will apply in **regional Victoria** from 11.59pm on Thursday June 3, *provided regional Victoria has no new COVID cases.*

**Religious gatherings and ceremonies** will be permitted for up to **50 people** per venue, with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres.

**Funerals** will be permitted with no more than **50 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral.

**Weddings** will be permitted with no more than **10 people** (including the two persons being married, the celebrant and two witnesses).

**Face coverings** must be carried at all times. Face coverings must be worn inside the church and must also be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres distancing cannot be maintained.

There will be no restrictions on travel *within regional Victoria*. **Please note that these provisions will only take effect if confirmed by a Victorian Government announcement on Thursday, June 3.**

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

### 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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 6: 51-52

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; / whoever eats this bread will live for ever. / Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*This is my body. This is my blood.*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) / B

06 JUNE 2021

**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

The idea of killing animals and then sprinkling their blood on an altar is foreign and abhorrent to many people of the 21st century. It would be fair enough to say that the last things we would expect to see on a Sunday morning would be the carcass and blood of an animal on the altar and our pastor holding a butcher's knife! The ancient people saw such sacrifices with different eyes than ours. Sacrifices were symbolic of their desire to express the precious nature of the bonds that united them to the living God. Sacrifices were a sign of the sealing of the relationship between a people and their God, such as the sacrifice of Moses in the desert. Sacrifices were an important means of healing the rupture of this relationship that came about through human failure and sin. They were a sign of promises made, broken and renewed, of new beginnings and the return of peace.

The letter to the Hebrews expresses beautifully how the early Church came to appreciate that in Jesus' death all that the old sacrificial system had striven for was now finally achieved. Jesus' gift of his life is not an event that is limited to one time and place. Rather, his gift is one that continues to have the power to restore, renew, and bring us into the fullness of life. This is ultimately the gift we celebrate in the Eucharist where, faithful to Jesus' command, we gather to be nourished, healed, and renewed.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

**FIRST READING**

Ex 24: 3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESP PSALM**

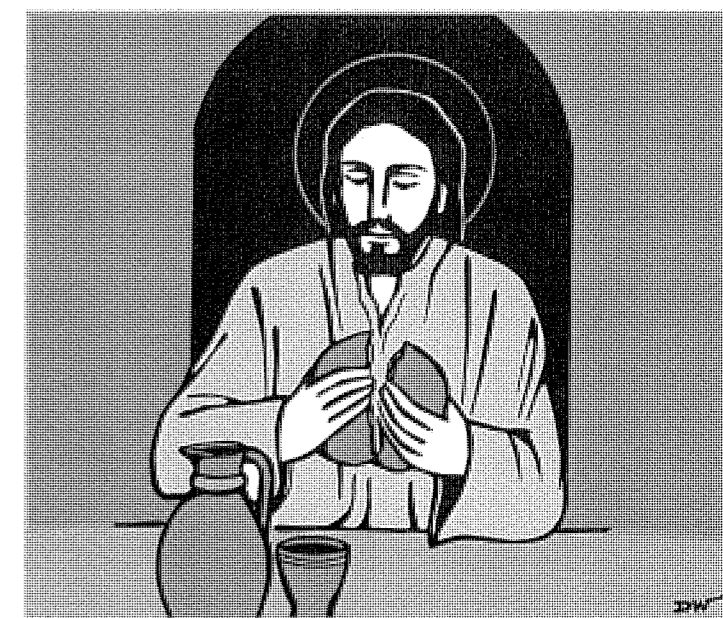
Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13

**R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)**

1. How can I repay the Lord / for his goodness to me? / The cup of salvation I will raise; / I will call on the Lord's name. **R.**

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. / Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. **R.**

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord's name. / My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Heb 9: 11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

■ **The word of the Lord.**