

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 3-4 July 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

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www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend & Parish Office Drop-Off

Loose	Presbytery: \$228.00	Parish: \$830.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$37,441.15 (updated)

Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections.

St. Patrick's Church, Gordon

Sadly, the cypress trees on the southern side of the church were removed last week due to storm damage. The regular mass schedule will resume this Sunday (3/4 July 2021).

Planned Giving Program

We thank all parishioners who contributed to the Planned Giving Program during the past year, and who continue to support the mission of the Church by participating in the Parish's pastoral programs and contributing to the upkeep of our Churches. The Leadership Team is deeply appreciative of

the generosity of all parishioners and their families, especially those who contribute to our Planned Giving Program.

This year's Planned Giving Envelopes (2021/22) can be picked up during the month of July. Addressed envelopes have been placed next to the sign-in registry in the inner porch of St Patrick's Church, the Gathering Space at St Brigid's Church, and the foyer of St. Michael's Church, Springbank.

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. Enrolment forms to be returned by Friday 16 July 2021. For info 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 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

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$519.20	Parish: \$630.00
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We gratefully acknowledge all parishioners who generously donated to each of these collections.

QR Code Bungaree Parish

The Government has introduced a new QR code system that all Victorians must follow. 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.

Organisations that do not comply with the QR Code app may be fined.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There will be further easing of restrictions in regional Victoria from 11.59pm on Thursday, June 24. More information available, when updated, on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
3/4 July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezek 2: 2-5; 2 Cor 12: 7-10		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Jennifer McKay & Sally McKay	Nick McKay Family	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Beth Calleja, Michael Winter	Brian & Kate Carey	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
10/11 July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 7: 12-15; Eph 1: 3-14		
Springbank-6.30pm	Sue Daly	Brendan & Donna Simpson & Family	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	A Elliott, O.Elliott	F. Hanrahan	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Rosemary Canavan, Anne Eskdale	Lorraine DeSpirt, Vikki Boka	Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
17/18 July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23: 1-6; Eph 2: 13-18		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Jennifer McKay	Sally McKay	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Debbie Goldie, Therese Winter	Pat Barry, Eily Carey	Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green, Mark Conlan	Gyan Schweighofa, Anne Eskdale	

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

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

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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: John Moran

Anniversaries: Joseph Paarhammer, Stan Mullane, Ken Tipple, Patricia Conroy, Dan Toohey, James Hopkins, Alma Jones, Kevin O'Donohue, Isabella Senserrick, Ellie Mooring, Phil Collins, Ken Ludbrook, Mary Walsh, Loretta Ryan.

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

NAIDOC Week - July 4-11, 2021

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. NAIDOC Week coincides with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday and both events are sharing the theme "Heal Country". For more information go to <https://www.naidoc.org.au/>

Catholic Religious Australia Conversation Services

CRA is launching online 'conversations' as a springboard for dialogue to explore 'The Light from the Southern Cross' report and to provide formation opportunities. "Mission and Church" will be held online on Wed, July 7, 2021 from 9.00am to 2.00pm (AEST). The speakers are Richard Lennan, John Warhurst & Melissa Dwyer FDDC. Other themes, "Co-responsibility" and "Accountability and Synodality" will be held in conversation before the second assembly of the Plenary Council (July 2022). Speakers will be announced soon. For further info go to CRA website: <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/events>

Alive in the Spirit: National Virtual Conference to Enliven Catholic Communities

Reconnect, Renew and Reimagine. Community and Mission. Our faith communities are hungering for inspiration and support as we emerge from the pandemic and approach the first national plenary session. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online conference from July 8-10, 2021, offers a next-level experience to participants through a variety of keynotes, home-grown workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. The mixture of live and on-demand opportunities is fully adaptable to strengthen the mission and aims of local Catholic communities. Find out more: www.aliveinthespirit.com.au/ contact Lisa Bright, ph. 0448 652 720.

Sea Sunday – July 11, 2021

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. To donate or for more info, visit www.stellamarisaustralia.org

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

A national campaign has been launched to support a prayerful build-up to the first assembly of the Plenary Council. The "Fan the Flame" campaign is offered as resources for individuals and groups of various sizes and contexts who are providing essential support by praying for the Council journey and specifically for the Council assemblies, including the members who will participate. Resources available from <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

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. Pope's intention for July: **July universal intention – social friendship:** We pray that in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

National Mass to mark Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day – August 2, 2021

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry are planning a live broadcast of a national Mass to mark National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on August 4, 2021 with the theme, "Proud in Culture - Strong in Spirit". Archbishop Peter Comensoli will celebrate this livestreamed Mass at the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Chapel in Thornbury at 12.00noon. Parish Priests are invited to concelebrate and be a visual for teachers and students. This will include provisions for schools to participate in the Prayers of the Faithful, the bringing in of symbols that represent their schools journey and place so that they are fully engaged and part of the wider mass. This could be extended to parishes who also wish to participate. For more information contact Sherry Balcombe, Manager Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, ph. 0439 780 899 or email Sherry.balcombe@cam.org.au

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

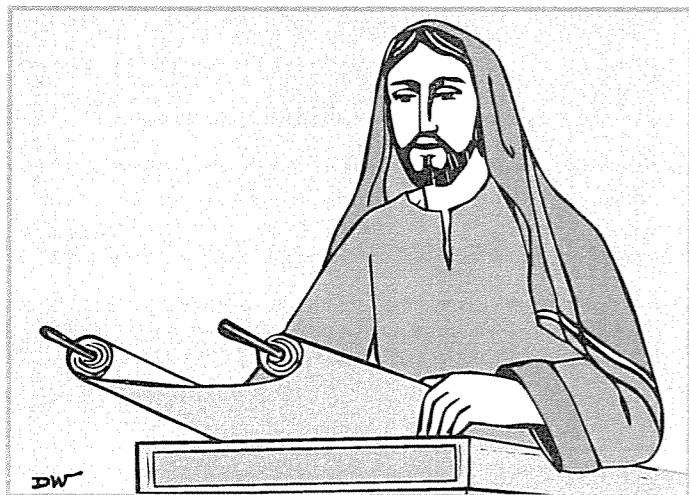
Mk 6: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

04 JULY 2021

GOD WORKS THROUGH OUR WEAKNESS

It has been said that we are now living in a post-Christian society, where the Christian values that have undergirded our social fabric are being increasingly challenged. While the impact of our multicultural and multifaith society have their part to play, it is perhaps more helpful to consider that preaching the word of God has always been a task fraught with the danger of facing misunderstanding and rejection. When Ezekiel was sent to preach the word to the people of Israel he did not suffer from the illusion that success was certain. In fact, God commissioned him knowing that the task ahead was difficult. His task was to preach the word whatever the response.

Like Ezekiel before him, Jesus faced rejection from his neighbours and his relatives. Even Jesus had to work within the room he was given and his healing ministry was limited by the disbelief he encountered. Mark points out that not even God's Son worked miracles where there was no faith to request or receive them.

Like Jesus and Ezekiel, Paul had to come to terms with rejection from those close to him. In this case the very community which he had founded was divided and there were some who rejected him and resented the ways that he exercised his spiritual leadership and authority. As a means of trying to heal the rift Paul admits, unlike his opponents, that his weakness and frailty are real and yet God has chosen to work through them.

FIRST READING

Ezek 2: 2-5

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v. 2

R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, / you who dwell in the heavens: / my eyes, like the eyes of slaves / on the hand of their lords. R.

2. Like the eyes of a servant / on the hand of her mistress, / so our eyes are on the Lord our God / till he show us mercy. R.

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. / We are filled with contempt. / Indeed all too full is our soul / with the scorn of the rich, / with the proud man's disdain. R.

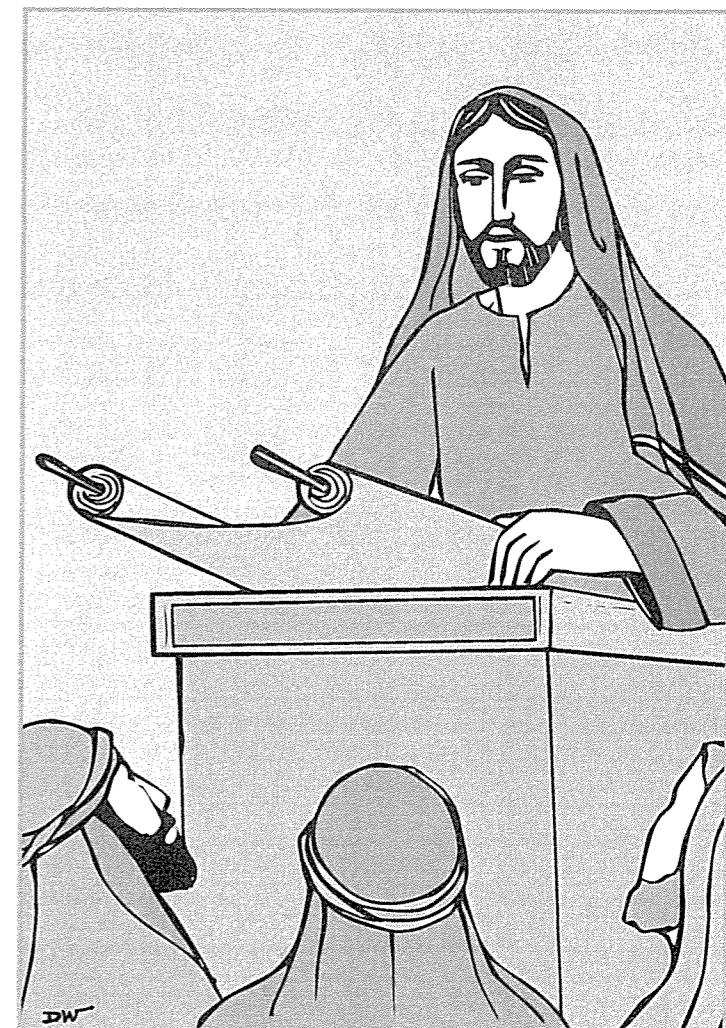
SECOND READING

2 Cor 12: 7-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord



three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 4: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Christopher Monaghan CP