

## 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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$	Parish: \$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$372.00

### COVID – Mass Attendance

The number of persons wishing to attend week-end masses will be restricted due to COVID density quotients. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Secretary on 0429 903 409. For those parishioners unable to attend mass this weekend, copies of this week's Combined Newsletter will be placed in containers outside St Patrick's and St Brigid's for pick-up. For parishioners who do not receive the Combined Newsletter via the Parish Bulletin email, copies of the 18 July

2001 and 25 July 2021 newsletters will be available for pick-up before the regular weekend masses during August.

### COVID-19 Safe Guidelines

All parishioners are requested to follow COVID-19 Safe guidelines:

Always wash your hands before, and when you return home  
Keep at least 1.5 metres between yourself and others  
Never, ever go out if you are unwell unless it is to get tested  
Get vaccinated if you are eligible.

**FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY INSIDE THE CHURCH.**

Remember to check-in using the **Service Victoria QR code app** or complete the sign-in registry.

## 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  
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280  
Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

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	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>31 July/1 August</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Di Cahir		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Monica Eastwood, Mark Conroy		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Bert Jarvis, Lin Bowers		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>7/8 August</b>	<b>St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) 1 Kings 17: 8-16; Col 3: 12-17</b>		
Springbank-6.30pm	Sue Daly		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	Julie & Sophie Boyd		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Catherine Green, Sandra Miller		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>14/15 August</b>	<b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Apoc 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10; Lk 1: 39-56</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Hugh Ryan		Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Kate Carey, Marie Durham		Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Marie Shanahan, Julie Dargan		

## LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 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	Clarkes 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					

**Anniversaries:** James Glenane, Ted Ryan, Kevin Leonard, Mervyn Britt, Jim Britt, James Rix, Tim Devereux, Frank Pearce, Margaret Maher, John Fuller, Josephine Borg, Mary Flynn, Angus Finlayson, Patrick Hodgson, Robert McGiffin, Carmen Buttigieg, Joe D'Arcy.

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

**National Mass to mark Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day has been cancelled.**

### 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 August: **Universal intention for evangelisation – the Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

### Plenary Council – Fan the Flame Prayer Campaign

You are invited to join the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become 'Prayer Partners' to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. The "Fan the Flame" resources have been designed so they can be used by individuals or by groups of any size and in any setting. Parishes are encouraged to use these in any way that suits. They include material for each week, and as well as material that can be used at any time to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/>

### Preventing Violence Against Women in a Faith Context

CSSV invites anyone interested in preventing violence against women in a faith context to join a one hour webinar to share the findings of the evaluation of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne's Preventing Violence Against Women (PVAW) Program. The webinar will incorporate presentations from the lead evaluator, the Program Manager and two parish project leaders. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the program and prevention work. The webinar will be held on **Wed August 4** 2021 from 3.00pm – 4.00pm at [https://training.dvrcv.org.au/course-details?course\\_id=94502&course\\_type=w](https://training.dvrcv.org.au/course-details?course_id=94502&course_type=w)

Legislative Council Member, Fiona Patten of the "Reason Party" is introducing a motion in the Victorian Parliament to have the Lord's Prayer banned and in its place introduce a moment's silence at the start of each sitting. Her reasoning is that many Victorians are not Christians and it's discriminatory toward other religions and to Victorians with no religious affiliation. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact your local Member of Parliament.

### 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.

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced **an easing of COVID restrictions**. The new provisions apply **throughout Victoria from midnight tonight (Tuesday July 27)**.

**Religious gatherings and ceremonies** are permitted for up to **100 people indoors** and up to **300 people outdoors**.

In general, a **density quotient** of 1 person per 4 square metres applies. However, a venue smaller than 100 square metres can have up to 25 people per venue before the density quotient applies. In other words, even very small churches are permitted to have up to 25 people for a religious gathering. For a gathering of more than 25 people, the number would be calculated at 1 person per 4 square metres. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

**Funerals** (indoor and outdoor) are permitted with up to **50 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

**Weddings** (indoor and outdoor) are permitted with up to **50 people**, including the two persons being married and two witnesses. The celebrant and photographer are not included in the cap. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

**Masks** must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home or if an exception applies.

I rejoice that we will be able to gather again for Mass and other celebrations, even though the numbers will be limited. I thank those people in each parish who are helping us to come together while attending to the COVID-safe directives. I thank you all for your patience as we make the adjustments needed so that we can pray as a community while keeping everyone safe.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul