

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B): ~ 14-15 August 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, Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth

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 Acting Principal: Jayne Bosworth ☎ 5368 1015 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

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$381.15 | Parish: \$160.00 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes 2020/21: | \$532.00 |

Planned Giving Program

If you have not yet received your Planned Giving Envelopes for this financial year, please notify the Parish Secretary.

COVID - Mass Attendance

The number of persons wishing to attend week-end masses will be restricted due to COVID density quotients (one person per 4 sq metres). If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Secretary on 0492903409.

For those parishioners unable to attend mass this week-end, copies of this week's Combined Newsletter will be placed

outside of St Patrick's Church, Gordon and St. Brigid's Church, Ballan for pick up.

COVID-19 Safe Guidelines:

All parishioners are requested to follow COVID-19 Safe Guidelines & remember to check-in using the Service Victoria QR Code app or complete the sign-in register.
FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY INSIDE THE CHURCH

For more info go to:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

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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 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:

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| Presbytery: \$306.00 | Parish: \$385.00 |
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| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | OFFERTORY | WEEDKDAY MASSES |
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| 14/15 August | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Apoc 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10; Lk 1: 39-56 | | |
| Dunnstown-6.30pm | Hugh Ryan | | Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree |
| Gordon-8.45am | Maria Donegan, Eddie Davis | | Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree |
| Ballan-10.30am | Marie Shanahan, Julie Dargan | | Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree |
| 21/22 August | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Josh 24: 1-2, 15-18; Eph 5: 21-32 | | |
| Clarkes Hill-6.30pm | Marty Forbes, Helen Mahar | | Friday - 9.30am Bungaree |
| Gordon-8.45am | Therese Winter, Debbie Goldie | | Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree |
| Ballan-10.30am | Margaret Green, Mark Conlan | | Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month |
| 28/29 August | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 4: 1-2, 6-8; James 1: 17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-22 | | |
| Springbank-6.30pm | To be Advised | | Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass |
| Bungaree-8.45am | Terry Elliot | | Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass |
| Ballan-10.30am | Willie Zammit, Lloyd Lamb | | |

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 |
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| 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 | | | | | |

Anniversaries: Kath Jeffery, Bill McGuire, Leo Kelly, Sr. Lawrence, Tom Parkin, Sam Galea, Lorraine Polkinghorne, Margaret Britt, Thomas Torpy, Joseph Barbara, Anne and John Feild, Con Clifford, Sylvia Finlayson, Mary Lee, James Donegan, George Hamm, Frank Graham, John McCormack, Nina Cassar and Nicholas McGuigan.

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

Baptisms: We welcome Lachy Simpson who will be baptised this weekend at St. Brigid's Church, Ballan into our faith community. We also celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Lacey Toohey and Millicent Simpson. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the 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. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family and Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, reflects on "The Holy Family" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

National Day of Prayer – The Church Together: Sunday, August 22, 2021

The team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting, in consultation with many church leaders and prayer networks, including Bishop Philip Huggins and the National Council of Churches, is calling Australia to unite in prayer in the light of the current COVID-19 crisis. The theme is found in this beautiful liturgical prayer: "Lord have mercy — Jesus have mercy". We encourage you to pray in your own church and in your own way at this time. To facilitate a national prayer focus, the team at the National Day of Prayer & Fasting are providing the following prayer resources and opportunities: Every day from Monday 16 – Sunday, August 22 a Daily Devotion will be sent out to those who register. Each Daily Devotion will include a prayer from a different Church leader. Every night from 8.00pm AEST, Monday 16 – Sunday, August 22 a nightly Prayer Call will take place with input from a different church leader each night. On Sunday, August 22 from 9.00am – 9.00pm the National Day of Prayer & Fasting team will host a Zoom Prayer call featuring Church leaders and Indigenous Christian Leaders. Let us join in prayer for our nation. Register at <http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/LordHaveMercy/>

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021.

'His mercy reaches from age to age' Luke 1:39-56 God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind. (Humble, Healing and Merciful - Discernment Paper p.6), <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/> 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. They include material for each week, and as well as material to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources accessed at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

Crying Out: Exploring the "Statement from the Heart" and care for the environment

The Uniting Church – Roman Catholic Dialogue of South Australia group have been reflecting on two main issues: the place of our First Nations sisters and brothers in Australia, especially in light of the 2017 Uluru Statement of the Heart, and the growing concern over the environment, global warming and treatment of the Earth and have produced the resource "Crying Out: Exploring the Statement from the Heart and Care for the Environment." Through its four sessions, this resource offers people to reflect, in the light of our faith traditions, on the deep cry that comes from our indigenous sisters and brothers which finds an echo in the cry of our earth and to suggest ways that we might respond. The website www.sadialoguercuc.org offers a guide to assist in the leadership of small group discussions.

Social Justice Sunday – August 29, 2021

The launch of the Social Justice Statement was held on August 5 and Bishop Paul features in this video. Watch it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LvLX2BQjOjM&feature=emb_logo

The Social Justice Statement 2021-22: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, affirms that "we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour". It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations. Download the statement from the ACBC Office for Social Justice website <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2021/06/24/social-justice-statement-2021-22/>.

