

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 21-22 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

Loose	Presbytery: \$356.80	Parish: \$243.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$775.00 (updated)

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:

Presbytery:	\$414.00	Parish:	\$510.00
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	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Therese Winter, Debbie Goldie		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green, Mark Conlan		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
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 - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	Terry Elliot		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Willie Zammit, Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour - 1st Thursday of each Month
4/5 September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 35: 4-7; James 2: 1-5		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Mick McKay		Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon -8.45am	Joan Bourke		Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Bert Jarvis, Lin Bowers		

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				

Anniversaries: Ken Ludbrook, Margaret Spence, David Griffiths, Stan Slatter, Bill Nunn, Ton Clifford, George Dusa, Merle Blizzard, Michael Ronan, Brian Blood, Jim Conroy, Joseph Camilleri, William Gleeson, Velia McFall and Kathleen Ledwidge.

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 Billy James Rix who will be baptised this weekend at St. Michael's Church, Springbank into our faith community.

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> Copies of *Reflections-The Holy Family* can be picked up at Church.

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

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. Come for a short while or come for a long while. 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

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. They include materials to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Go to www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/

Oceania Pastoral Ministry Webinar - Being Alive in the Spirit

Leisa Anslinger, Associate Director for Pastoral Vitality for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the founder of Catholic Life and Faith, a centre for evangelization, stewardship, and servant leadership development, will join local presenters as we share how we continue to be Alive in the Spirit. The webinar will be held on Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021 from 10.00am – 11.30am (AEST) is open to all who seeks continual renewal in the Spirit. For more info go to <https://aliveintheflame.com.au/oceania-webinar-with-leisa-anslinger/>

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 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/>.

World Day of Prayer for the Environment (1 September)

Pope Francis has set aside 1st September each year for praying for the care of creation. For news, prayers & other resources Go to: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/UK-news/Celebrate-World-Day-of-Prayer/> and <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation/> The Season of Creation is celebrated from 1st September to 4th October (Feast St Francis of Assisi). The next issue of *living Liturgy* will have resources and music suggestions, links to how your community can make meaningful changes to live more sustainably and in harmony with the earth. Read *Laudato Si'* and visit the *Laudato Si'* Action Platform to see how we can all play our part. <https://laudatosiplatform.org/>

Engaging Your Faith is a series of 13 online sessions offered by the Catholic Theological College/University of Divinity from 21st August to 16th September. Topics cover many interesting facets of Christian teachings through reflection and meditation. The first session will be held on 21 August at 2pm "Lectio Divina: A Contemplative Way of Reading the Bible" by Rev. Assoc. Prof. John Dupuche. The following session on Monday 23 August at 7pm "Mercy in the Gospel According to Mark" will be run by Dr Rosemary Canavan. Online delivery via Zoom. Registration is essential, \$20 per session. Flyers available via email and at Church. Visit the Engaging Your Faith webpage for more detail at <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>

Major earthquake hits Haiti

There is an urgent need for food, water, shelter, hygiene kits and first aid for the peoples of Haiti. To provide support, you can donate to Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.

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.