

# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 18-19 September 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  
St. Patrick's Primary School

A/Principal: Jayne Bosworth:  
Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015  
☎ 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: \$425.90	Parish: \$125.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$820.00

### Looking Forward: Pastoral Planning for Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat 2021-2025 Update:

The Diocese of Ballarat recently released the draft *Looking Forward: Pastoral Planning for Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat 2021-2025* document for discussion. It details the challenges facing parishes & outlines proposals for restructuring parishes. The proposed restructure will directly affect the Parish of Gordon. The Gordon Parish Leadership Team wrote to the Diocese of Ballarat seeking clarification on specific matters outlined in the draft *Looking Forward* document. Fr Kevin Maloney, the Vicar-General of the Diocese of Ballarat, recently forwarded his written response. The draft 'Looking Forward' & the Vicar-General's response 'Parish of Gordon-Looking Forward 2021-25' will be distributed this week-

end for discussion. The Leadership Team will meet this coming week to continue to review outstanding issues related to the documents.

### COVID - Mass Attendance

Attendance is capped at 20 persons. Bookings will be coordinated via the Parish Office. Please email or ring the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409 to book attendance for all forthcoming masses. Remember to leave your name, contact phone number & preferred mass time/place. The booking register will close every Friday at 3pm. The list of parishioners attending mass will be posted Saturday midday at the entrance to St Brigid's Church & St Patrick's Church. If you said you will attend mass & cannot go, please inform the Parish Secretary. On arrival, sign-in with the QR code, sanitize your hands & wear a facemask.

## 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  
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)

### Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$267.00	Parish: \$1185.00
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**COVID** Due to COVID restrictions, attendance is capped at 20. On arrival, remember to sign-in with the QR code, sanitize your hands & wear a facemask.

### Looking Forward: Pastoral Planning for Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat 2021-2025 - Update:

The Diocese of Ballarat recently released the draft version of the *Looking Forward: Pastoral Planning for Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat 2021-2025* document for

discussion. The document details the challenges facing Parishes & outlines proposals for restructuring parishes. The proposed restructure will directly affect the Parish of Bungaree. The Bungaree Parish Leadership Team has decided to defer the release of the Looking Forward Document until it has consulted with the Diocese of Ballarat & the Parish of Gordon. The Leadership Team will then be in a better position to evaluate the document & to respond to any of your comments & questions.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>18/19 September</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2: 12, 17-20; James 3: 16-4:3</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Dominic Hanrahan		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Beth Calleja		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Catherine Green, Sandra Miller		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
<b>25/26 September</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Num 11:25-29; James 5: 1-6</b>		
Clarkes Hill-6.30pm	Tim Bennet		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Joan Bourke		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Marie Shanahan, Julie Dargan		Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>2/3 October</b>	<b>26 Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Therese Winter		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green, Mark Conlan		

## 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				

**Recent Deaths:** George Azzopardi, Fredrick Bendeich

**Anniversaries:** Jimmy Winter, Ewen McCarthy, Michael Williams, John McCarthy, Wayne Torpy, Genoveffa Micallef, Carmen Gatt, Primo Bettolatti, Eileen Davis, Hilda Blackmore, Steven Molloy, Gerard Williams, Phillip Camelleri, Josephine Catania, Corey Fletcher, Eileen McDermott, Muriel Snaith, Bill O'Donohue, Kathleen Sheehan, John (Jack) Frawley.

**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

### 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. Robyn Rodwell, Principal of Bethany College Hurstville (NSW) reflects on "St Joseph - Model for Fathers" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### Sr Anne McMilliam

The community of the Gordon Parish were saddened by the recent death of Sr Anne McMilliam. Sr Anne was a member of the rebuilding committee formed after the fire at St Brigid's Church Ballan in 2009. Her liturgical knowledge and expertise was invaluable with protocols, sourcing and naming items of significance which all led to the refurbishment of our beautiful Church. Sr Anne was instrumental in the acquisition of the Marble Altar, Lectern, Baptismal Font and Tabernacle from the former Redemptorist Monastery situated in Wendouree. We are ever grateful for her support in a time when the Ballan community was coming to terms with the loss of the Church and were seeking guidance by such a person as Sr Anne who willingly shared her wealth of knowledge. May she rest in peace.

### 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 September: **Universal intention – an environmentally sustainable lifestyle:** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

**Season of Creation – September 1 – October 4, 2021** runs annually from Sept 1 to Oct 4 – the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Dedicated to prayer, reflection & celebration of God as Creator, it also reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation & the mission given to us by God to care for creation & respond to its needs & crises. This year our theme is 'A Home for All? Renewing the oikos (Greek: home) of God'. Oikos is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger. For info go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

### Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program applications invited

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program offers financial assistance for women undertaking tertiary studies at a recognised theological institution. Core components of the program include opportunities for spiritual direction, mentoring and dialogue with like-minded women. For more information go to <https://www.goodsams.org.au/2021/08/17/study-and-mentoring-leadership-program-focuses-on-womens-gifts/>

**Corpus Christi College Seminary Concert** The Annual Entertainment Night for CCC has gone online to due to COVID-19. "The Triple C Show – 2021" show will be premiered online on Friday, September 17, 2021 at 7.00pm on the College Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/CorpusChristiCarlton>.

### No Interest Loans available for those doing it tough

Safe, fair and affordable credit is available for essential goods and services such as fridges, washing machines, car repairs and medical procedures for up to \$1,500. Repayments are set at an affordable amount over 12 to 18 months. To find out more go to [https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rka12LjFX9wvLl503cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq\\_zz-oy91Dwclick](https://goodshep.org.au/services/nils?fbclid=IwAR33rka12LjFX9wvLl503cHFFK4h-QOrmJcuquetRO4iUDq_zz-oy91Dwclick).

### Plenary Council – Continuing the Journey

We extend to people in the diocese an invitation to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT. Please feel free to complete this individually or after lockdown as part of a small group depending on COVID restrictions.** It can be printed out, then emailed or posted back in or you can just send answers via email to [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au). Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.

### 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. Amen. Father of the*