

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
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$188.75	Parish: \$180.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$1264.50

Looking Forward:

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. The document details the challenges facing parishes, & outlines proposals for restructuring parishes. The proposed changes will directly affect the Parish of Gordon. The Gordon Parish Leadership Team invites all parishioners to carefully read & review the draft *Looking Forward* document. To ensure that all parishioners will have the opportunity to read the document, it has been forwarded to subscribers of the Parish Bulletin & printed as an attachment to the 2/3 October copy of the Combined Newsletter. Because of COVID restrictions, copies of *Looking Forward* have also been placed in the bins/boxes at all churches for pick up. Copies are also available from the Parish Office. The Parish of Gordon Leadership Team met

during the week to discuss the *Looking Forward* document with Fr Kevin and Fr Ed. It is likely that our Parish will have a shared parish priest arrangement with the Parishes of Daylesford and Creswick from early in 2022. Further details will be provided on our future arrangements as they are confirmed.

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 at all forthcoming masses. Remember to leave your name, contact phone number & preferred mass time/place. The booking register will close every Friday at 3pm. If you have 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
www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$470.00	Parish: \$275.00
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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 is currently reviewing the document. Copies of the *Looking Forward* document will be distributed during this week.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
2/3 October	27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Therese Winter		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green, Mark Conlan		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
9/10 October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7: 7-11; Heb 4:12-13		
Springbank-6.30pm	Donna Simpson		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	Shelley Ryan		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Winnie Zammit, Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month
16/17 October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 1416		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Dorothy Sheenan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Monica Eastwood		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	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	Clarks 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: Pat Toohey, Emmanuel Barbara, Ag Wheelahan, Kevin Conway, Joseph Smallman, Lorraine Keilar, Jim Field, James Doyle, Jan Quinlan, Thomas Davis, Des Shanahan, Anne Snell, Eric Jones, Gerald Mullane, Francis (Red) Forbes & Marguerite Eddy.

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

Diocesan Director of Caritas

After many years of generous service, Sue Searls is retiring from the role of Diocesan Director of Caritas. Bishop Paul would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking up this role. The position will be funded by Caritas as a part-time role, averaging one day a week, although most of the work is concentrated in the months of February to May in relation to Project Compassion. There is a role description available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. If you would like to be considered for this position or if you would like more information, please contact Bishop Paul at bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au by Thursday, October 7. Please include your contact details and some notes about your interest in this position and the experience you could bring to this role.

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 & asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope & 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 September: **Universal intention – an environmentally sustainable lifestyle:** *We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple & environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

Light from the Southern Cross-Catalyst for Conversation Series

The 2nd online conversation 'Synodality & Co-Responsibility' will be held on Monday, Nov 1. Speakers & Topics: Rev. Assoc Prof Orm Rush (ACU): *The Roots of the Synodality in the Vision of Vatican II*; Most Rev Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst: *Discovering Synodality by trying it out: Reflections on the First Assembly of the Plenary Council*; Ms Teresa Brierley, Director Pastoral Ministries, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle: *The long and winding Road: 30 years of discovery*.

For more information go to <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/events/synodality-and-co-responsibility>

Season of Creation: Sept 1–Oct 4 is 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 of God'. Oikos is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger. For info go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. Statements from the Premier regarding COVID-19 matters are published immediately on his webpage: [hishttps://www.premier.vic.gov.au/](https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/). At the very end of the page is also published the upgraded table of restrictions, PDF format, that are based on his most recent press conference. This page is updated daily.

Plenary Council – Opens on 3 October

After 3 years of preparation and journeying, the First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia commences this Sunday 3rd October with Mass at 2.00pm (Melbourne time) from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Sunday, Oct 3. Watch the live-streamed Mass & access information on the Plenary Council website at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

It is anticipated that the 10.30am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird for the start of the Assembly will be livestreamed. A link will be uploaded in due course to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary-council/> The Plenary Council website is the place for viewing daily Plenary Council Masses and livestreams of the daily Plenary Sessions <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> Download daily Plenary Council Mass booklets and Morning Prayer from <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

Due to ongoing the situation of the pandemic, many Plenary Council Members will not be gathering in physical hubs but be attending virtually via 'one person-one device' mode. With many challenges existing within our church and our society, now more than ever, we call on the God's protection and care, seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we discern the future that God is calling us to. We are urged to take heart, to be courageous and to listen deeply to the voice of God and the voices of others. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT. 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. 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, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.