

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 & Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners & visitors are welcomed as family & 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)

Arrangements have been made for live streaming the funeral service. Click on the link for the live stream at <http://patcashinfunerals.slcaust.com.au/76931.html>. Live Streaming will start at 1:55pm

COVID – Mass Attendance

No Mass will be held this weekend in the Parish of Gordon due to COVID restrictions.

The Combined Newsletter will be available via email. Hard copies will be available inside the Churches when COVID restrictions are lifted.

Live Streaming of Robert (Rob) Marshall's Funeral Service

The funeral service for Robert (Rob) Marshall will be held at St Brigid's Church, Ballan on Tuesday 7 September at 2pm.

Thank You

"Margaret & Catherine Green would like to thank the people of the Parish of Gordon & St Brigid's community for their prayers, & their care & support during John's illness & following John's recent passing. John greatly enjoyed the friendship of the people of St Brigid's community & the wider Parish, & he valued these connections as an important part of his life".

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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COVID – Mass Attendance

No Mass will be held this weekend in the Parish of Bungaree due to COVID restrictions.

The Combined Newsletter will be available via email. Hard copies will be available when COVID restrictions are lifted.

COVID Safe Plan

All parishes are required to have an updated COVID Safe Plan with designated COVID Safe Marshalls responsible for attendance caps & other matters for the three church communities in the Parish. Please contact members of the

Parish Leadership Team for further information. Designated Safeguarding Officer for the Parish is Leah Hanrahan.

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 & character. Lara Kirk, Marriage, Family & Relationships Co-ordinator for the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn, reflects on "The Holy Family" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>
Copies of *Reflections-The Holy Family* can be picked up at Church.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
4/5 September	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 35: 4-7; James 2: 1-5		
Dunnstown-6.30pm			Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon -8.45am			Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am			Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
11/12 September	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 50: 5-9; James 2: 14-18		
Springbank-6.30pm			Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am			Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am			Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
18/19 September	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 2: 12, 17-20; James 3: 16-4:3		
Dunnstown-6.30pm			Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am			Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30am			

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					

Recent Deaths: Robert Marshall

Anniversaries: Sylvia Cahir, Elizabeth McDermott, Frank Cass, Irene Parkin, Evelyn Nash, Mary O'Loughlin, Malcolm McKenzie, Rita Fuller, Jack Mahoney, Peter Cafai, Frank Leary, Rommy Sapuri, Tom McTigue, Gerald Clifford, William Bourke, Kath Mulcahy, Alma Eastwood & Kevin Reddie.

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 News

In late August Bishop Bird announced that from Sept 20, 2021, Fr Gary Jones, currently Parish Priest of Creswick & Daylesford, will become Parish Priest of Mortlake & Terang.

Fr Gary has a long association with our local parishes; & provided invaluable support & guidance to our parish communities. We send him our congratulations & best wishes.

National Child Protection Week 5-11 September 2021

Theme: **Every child, in every community, needs a fair go.** To treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family & community has what kids need to thrive & be healthy. For further info go to: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-theme/>

Plenary Council – Continuing the Journey

The last twelve or so months of our Plenary Council Journey has required many unplanned changes due to the impact of COVID-19 & the restrictions which do not allow people to gather. With the publication of the Plenary Council agenda, we can however reflect & pray with the sixteen questions that form the agenda. With this in mind, we extend to people in the diocese an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process & to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED H&OUT (Hard copies of the handout available from Church after COVID Restrictions lifted). 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. Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council.

As we are not able to gather as a community at this time due to COVID restrictions, this opportunity to respond may be a way for you to spend some quiet time in reflection, thinking about the agenda of the Council & the future of the Church, on your life & prayer life. It may be of comfort to know that others from your faith community may be reflecting on this at a similar time.

Another way of "Continuing the Journey" is taking part in the national prayer campaign & in a special way support the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become 'Prayer Partners' to accompany the Members & 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 parishes with groups of any size & in any setting. They include material for each week 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/fantheffame/>

Fan the Flame: Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021. 'This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.' Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23 Unless we train ministers capable of warming people's hearts, of walking with them in the night, of dialoguing with their hopes & disappointments, of mending their brokenness, what hope can we have for our present & future journey? (Pope Francis, Meeting with the Bishops of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, 28 July 2013)
<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/>

Season of Creation – September 1 – October 4, 2021

The Season of Creation 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/>

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - Caring for Those Who Cared for Us – The Church Community's Responsibility

The Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, & who deserve a happy & peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting & caring for seventeen retired priests. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick & retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, & help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes will be distributed after the lifting of COVID restrictions. **A credit card facility is available for your convenience, & contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.**

FATHERS' DAY PRAYER

God, our Father,
We give you thanks & praise
for fathers young & old.
We pray for young fathers,
newly embracing their vocation:
may they find courage &
perseverance
to balance work, family & faith
in joy & sacrifice.
We pray for fathers around the world
Whose children are lost or suffering:
may they know that the God of
compassion
walks with them in their sorrow.
We pray for men who are not fathers
but still mentor & guide us with
fatherly love & advice.
We remember fathers, grandfathers
& great grandfathers
who are no longer with us,
but who live forever in our
memory & nourish us with their
love.
Amen