

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: \$419.40 -	Parish: \$590.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$1854.50

Looking Forward:

Members of the Bungaree and Gordon Parish Leadership Teams met in the Gathering Space, St Brigid's Church Ballan on 13 October to further discuss the proposed directions outlined in the *Looking Forward* document. Fr Kevin Maloney and Fr Ed Moloney joined the discussion via telephone link-up. Fr Kevin advised that the review of applications was in process.

Parish of Gordon Update – On Thursday 14 October, Bishop Bird announced two parish appointments in the Diocese that will take effect on January 10, 2022

Fr Justin Driscoll will become Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon Parishes. Fr Justin has served as Administrator of the Cathedral Parish for the past 14 years. I offer my thanks for his outstanding ministry in this role. I pray

for blessings upon him as he moves into the new role of care for the people of Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon.

Fr Ed Moloney will become Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish. Fr Ed has served on the staff of Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne for the past 6 years. I thank Fr Ed for his dedication throughout this time in guiding seminarians on their journey towards priestly ministry. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves back to our Diocese to care for the people of the Cathedral Parish.

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.

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

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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: \$416.00	Parish: 622.00\$
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Looking Forward:

The *Looking Forward* document has been distributed in the Parish. If you would like a copy, please contact Damian Ryan on 0437 125 062 or by email at: ryandir@bigpond.com

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Parish of Bungaree Update – Fr Kevin explained that demands placed on administrative processes within the Diocese as well as the early retirement of a parish priest due to ill health, has led to a review of the assignment of parish priests and their respective duties and responsibilities. Discussions are on-going.

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.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
16/17 October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 14-16		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Monica Eastwood		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Bert Jarvis		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
23/24 October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31: 7-9; Heb 5: 1-6		
Clarkes Hill-6.30pm	Marty Forbes		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Helen Ryan		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Anne Eskdale		Holy Hour – 1st Thursday of each Month
30/31 October	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 6: 2-6; Heb 7: 23-28		
Springbank-6.30pm	Liz O'Loughlin		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45am	N Jeffrey		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Catherine Green		

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: John Azzopardi, Jim Wickson, Thomas McKenzie, Kit O'Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Mary Hamm, Connie Edwards, William Maher, Fr. Michael Mulcahy, Bill Flynn, Arthur Murphy, Shelia Boak, Ruth Torpy, Phil Sherry & Gwen Bennet.

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, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Eileen Haintz.

Baptism: Congratulations to Alex Frances Robbie who will be baptised this weekend at St Patrick's Church, Gordon. We welcome Alex into our faith community, and assure Alex's family of our continuing prayers & support. We also celebrate the anniversary of Lincoln Tippet and Charlotte Sim who were baptised during the month of October. Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

Catholic Mission Month:

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable & disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

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 October: **Intention for evangelisation - Missionary Disciples:** We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

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. Bishop Gregory Homering OCD reflects on "St Joseph - A Hidden Life" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

CatholicCare Victoria - Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide: A guide to mental health & wellbeing for regional Victorians has been developed by CatholicCare Victoria. Go to: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide/> to download a free copy.

Palms Overseas Ministry: Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared & supported Catholics for mission. It's our response as a church to calls from Australian & overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart & soul. To be prepared for a 2022 placement go to <https://palms.org.au/enquire-now/> by Friday, October 29. Visit www.palms.org.au, email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine, ph. 02 9560 5333.

Plenary Council – it's a wrap! The first Assembly of the Plenary Council concluded on Sunday. Daily diocesan updates from the Plenary Council & reflections from diocesan members are available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>. To watch recordings of sessions & Masses from the Council go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>. We will keep you updated on the progress of the Plenary Council towards Assembly Two in July 2022.

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission forum - save the date: Listening, learning... change.

Inspired by the latest Social Justice Statement, "Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor", the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is hosting a forum on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. Key speakers included Janet Morris: Acknowledgement of Country & Opening Prayer, Bishop Paul Bird: Introduce the Bishops Statement Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor, Dr Mark Diesendorf: Listening to & learning from the world – what the science is telling us, Dr Sandie Cornish: Listening & drawing wisdom from our own wells – responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor, Vicki Clark: Listening to creation – a call to care for Country & Jacqui Remond: Caring for creation – watering the seeds of change.

The forum can be attended via parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via Zoom. Registration for the forum is free & opens on October 22. Brochures have been placed in the Churches, and can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/> More details to follow in the coming weeks.

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission: On October 10, 2021 Pope Francis celebrated Mass to mark the global launch of the Synod of Bishops with the theme For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission. In dioceses around the world, local launches will take place this coming weekend, ushering in a period of local consultation that will assist with the two-year process that will culminate in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. Follow the special timeline to see how the Synod & Plenary will unfold. Go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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.