

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: \$232.60-	Parish: \$90.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$2104.50

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 As of 29 October, and based on 80% vaccination rate, we will return to the density quotient of 4 square metres for church attendance, with all attendees fully vaccinated as of 5th November. After checking in via QR Code (or sign-in register), the COVID Safe Marshall will ask to see your **COVID-19 Digital Certificate** (paper copy or mobile phone) or your **medical exemption**.

COVID-19 vaccination certificate The Australian Immunisation Register can post immunisation history statements for those having difficulty accessing a digital copy (it may take up to 14 days to arrive). Phone 1800 653 809, Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm. Officeworks are offering to downsize and laminate vaccination certificates for \$4.00. You need to provide a copy of the printed certificate.

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: \$434.00	Parish: 160.00\$
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COVID The Victorian Government has announced that COVID restrictions will ease further, as the state records an 80% vaccination rate. The limit of 20 persons per mass will no longer be followed. Instead attendance caps have been re-introduced based on a density quotient of one person per 4 square metres. All parishioners attending weekend masses after 5th November will be asked to show their vaccination status (**COVID-19 Digital Certificate**) or your **medical exemption**, to the designated COVID Safe Marshall at the

time of sign-in to mass. Remember to wear your facemask indoors.

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	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
30/31 October	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 6: 2-6; Heb 7: 23-28		
Springbank-6.30pm	Liz O'Loughlin		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree (30 persons only)
Bungaree-8.45am	N Jeffrey		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
6/7 November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 17:10-16; Heb 9: 24-28		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Trish White		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Marie Conroy		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Julie Dargan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
13/14 November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dan 12:1-13 Heb 10:11-14, 18		
Springbank-6.30pm	Donna Simpson		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Kerryn Taylor		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Rosemary Carnavan		

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: Reg Mullane, Desmond Kane, Philip Calilleri, Kathleen Kennedy, Martin Seiger, Bronislaw Blazek, Richard Keating, Catherine Hayward-Brown, Brian Britt, Leo Leonard, Eileen Ryan, Patrick Elliot, Alma Holloway, Allan Dixon, Noel Torpy & Ronnie Spratling

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.

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

Upcoming Forum: Listening, learning... change

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – a Ballarat response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. This free event can be attended via some parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via the Zoom platform. Register through Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learningchange-tickets-185567857457?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1. Brochures are available through your parish or can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

The National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPRI) marks 25 years of service to the Church

To acknowledge this significant anniversary, Bishop Michael McKenna of Bathurst, who was General Secretary in 1996 when the then Pastoral Projects Office (forerunner to the NCPRI) was established, will deliver a lecture, 'How do we know what we don't know?' The lecture will look at how research and analyses undertaken by the NCPRI have informed the planning for parish, school and other ministry developments, and have supported major Church initiatives, including the Plenary Council. The lecture is hosted by ACU and will be held online on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5.00pm (AEDT). There is no cost to attend. To register go to <https://www.acu.edu.au/ncpr25>

Thank You On behalf of the Parish of Gordon, we wish to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers who have contributed to the great work that has been done at the Gordon Cemetery during recent months. We are very appreciate of this wonderful community spirit that recognises and commemorates the generations who are no longer physically in our midst but have left their imprints on our lives.



Cemetery Visits during November

November is the month when we particularly remember All Souls. It is a time for families and friends to gather and remember our deceased family members.

Fr Sajan will visit the **Gordon Cemetery** on Sunday afternoon 7 November at 3 pm

On Sunday 14 November mass will be held at the **Pootilla Cemetery** at 8.45 am

Fr Sajan will visit **the Ballan Cemetery** on Sunday afternoon 28 November at 3 pm

Attendance is based on vaccination status (fully vaccinated) and density quotient of 2 sqm with 500 capacity limit for outdoor events. Please bring your **COVID-19 Digital Certificate or your medical exemption** with you on the day, as COVID Safe Marshalls will check your **COVID-19 Digital Certificate** at the gate. (In order to have a crowd of more than 30, attendees must be double vaccinated). Remember to bring a facemask, just in case you are unable to maintain the 2 sqm rule.

Spread the word; let family members and friends living outside the parish know the day, place and time.

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.