

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 13/14 November 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

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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

Principal: Ms 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: \$245.60-	Parish: \$1894.90
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$4044.40

Holy Souls donations as of 12 November -\$110.00

St Brigid's Primary School: Congratulations to Jayne Bosworth on her appointment as Principal to St Brigid's Primary School, Ballan.

COVID As of 29 October, & 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 5 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**. Keep up-to-date with COVID-19 restrictions on

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>.

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 & laminate vaccination certificates for \$4. You need to provide a copy of the printed certificate.

Sacramental Program The Sacramental Program will be held during the weekends of 12 & 13 November at St Patrick's Gordon, and 19th & 21 November at St Brigid's Ballan.

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: \$255.00	Parish: \$135.00
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COVID As the state records an 80% vaccination rate, COVID restriction will ease. Attendance caps have been re-introduced based on a density quotient of one person per 4 square metres. All parishioners attending weekend masses after 5 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.

Change of Venue for 9.30 am Mass on 14 November

The mass at Pootilla Cemetery has been cancelled due to the likelihood of rain. Instead, the mass will be held at St Michael's Bungaree at 9.30 am. Mass attendance will be capped at 35 persons (fully vaccinated). You will need to book. Please ring Damien Ryan on 0437 125062.

	READER/INTERCESSION S	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
13/14 November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dan 12:1-13 Heb 10:11-14, 18		
Springbank-6.30pm	Donna Simpson		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree- 9.30 am (time change)	Damien Ryan		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-11.00am (time change)	Rosemary Canavan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
20/21 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dan 7: 13-14 Apoc 1: 5-8		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Many Simpson		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Kerryn Taylor		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Mark Conlan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
27/28 November	First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16 1 Thess 3:12-4:2		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Con Powell		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45 am	Beth Calleja		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		

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	Clarkes 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					

Diocesan News: Commencing Monday 8 November

From November 5th, the numbers able to attend Masses will increase significantly for those who are fully vaccinated. When someone's vaccination status is unknown, there is a limit of 20 people able to attend Mass. Aware that not everyone will be fully vaccinated, our parishes will offer one Mass during the week where no vaccination status will be required. Twenty people will be able to attend and it will be a requirement to book in with the respective parish. These Masses will commence on Monday November 8th

Mon-10 am	St Patrick's Cathedral	5331 2933
Tues-9.30am	St Michael's Bungaree	5334 0450
Wed 9.30 am	St Aloysius' Redan	0455 212 123
Thurs 10 am	OLHC Wendouree	5339 2302
Sat 9.30 am	St Alipius' Ballarat East	5332 6611

Anniversaries: Bob Conroy, Valerie Adams, Dorothy Toohey, Mathew George, Frank Teuma, Catherine Keating, William Barry, Richard Butler, Daniel Jones, Danny Hanrahan, Harold Cahir, Agnes Leonard, Robert (Bobby) Britt & Ted Holloway

We offer our prayers 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.

Baptisms: Congratulations to Edwina and Harriet Lewis, Abby Anderson, Niamh McAnearney and Lola Mahar who will be baptised this weekend at St Michael's Church, Springbank. We welcome them into our faith community, and assure their families of our continuing prayers & support. We also celebrate the anniversary of Harry and Max Reynolds and Jack Steenhuis who were baptised during the month of November. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.*

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 November: **Universal intention – people who suffer from depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support & a light that opens them up to life.

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. Fr Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn & has been parish priest of St Joseph's, O'Connor since 2017. He also serves as archdiocesan vocations director & chaplain of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus. Fr Paul reflects on, "St Joseph – A Powerful Intercessor" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

End of Year Christmas Dinner at Donegan's Farm This year's Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday 7th Dec. The meal will be \$30/pp. Drinks at bar prices. If you wish to attend please sign the booking form (next to the sign-in registry) or contact the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409 or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

How Do We Know What We Don't Know?

Free online public lecture by Most Rev Michael McKenna, Bishop of Bathurst, in celebration of 25 years of ACBC commitment to Pastoral Research. Respondents: Daniel Ang, Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, Archdiocese of Sydney, & Danielle Cronin, Director of Education Policy, Catholic Schools NSW. The lecture will look at how research & analyses undertaken by the NCPR have informed the planning for parish, school & other ministry developments, & have supported major Church initiatives, including the Plenary Council. The lecture is hosted by ACU & will be held online on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 5.00pm (AEDT). To register go to <https://www.acu.edu.au/ncpr25>

Cemetery Visits during November

November is the month when we particularly remember All Souls. It is a time for families & friends to gather & remember our deceased family members. Spread the word; let family members & friends living outside the parish know the day, place & time.

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

On Sunday 14 November mass will be held at St Michael's Bungaree at 9.30 am (venue change)

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

Attendance is based on vaccination status (fully vaccinated) & 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.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before
the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 NOVEMBER 2021

'MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY'

The language of Daniel's prophecy and Jesus' dire warnings concerning the day of judgement that will accompany the return of the Son of Man were intended to be deliberately unsettling. In the centuries immediately preceding Jesus' birth a style of literature developed which is now known as apocalyptic.

The seeds for this style of preaching and literature had been sown earlier by the prophets who had spoken of the day of the Lord. At its heart was the belief that God would forcefully intervene in human history and set in order all that humanity had wounded through violence, sin, and unfaithfulness. It was theological reflection on a large scale since it gave expression to the deep-seated belief that God was the Lord not only of life and death but of human history as well.

Faced with a world that desperately needed to be set in order, the apocalyptic literature expressed the belief that the means that God would use would be cataclysmic, involving the resurrection of the dead prior to the distribution of rewards and punishments. The signs that would accompany this moment of judgement and grace were cosmic, involving the disruption of the natural order of the universe.

It is this mode of expression which Jesus himself uses in speaking of God's intervention in our world at the coming of the Son of Man. It is crucial to note that while the heavens and earth will be overturned there is a point of reference that does not change or pass away – Jesus' life-giving word.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Dan 12:1-13

A reading from the prophet Daniel

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

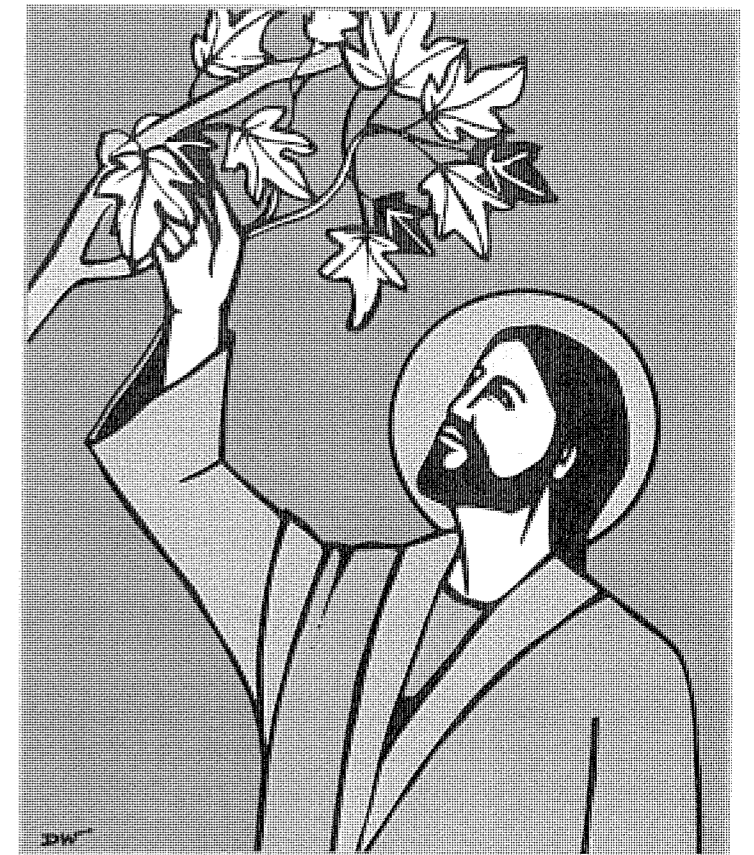
Ps 15:5, 8-11

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

3. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

■ **The word of the Lord.**