

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year B): ~ 20/21 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

✉ 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

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: \$476.65-	Parish: \$342.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$4386.40

Holy Souls donations as of 18 November - \$150.00

COVID: Please read Bishop Bird's letter to parishioners dated 18 November 2021 (attachment).

Liturgy Readings:

With Advent approaching, the Parish is inviting all parishioners - young and old - to consider volunteering for liturgy readings during the coming year. The Parish is especially supportive of family groups who wish to participate. Coordinators of the liturgy roster are Monica Eastwood (Gordon), Anne Eskdale (Ballan) and Donna Simpson (Springbank) or contact the Parish Secretary at gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Sacramental Program:

The Sacramental Program is being held during November. The program was held during the weekends of 12th & 13th November at St Patrick's Gordon. The new schedule for St Brigid's Ballan will be: Friday 26th November @6.00pm and Saturday 27th November @ 12.00pm.

Cemetery Visits during November:

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

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:	\$292.00	Parish:	\$444.00
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Newsletter Mailing List:

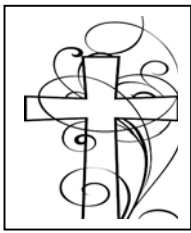
A computer software upgrade last week inadvertently removed the mailing list for the Combined Newsletter. It has now been restored and updated. If you did not receive your e-copy of the newsletter this weekend or would like to

receive an e-copy in the future, please forward your email address to: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Thank You:

A very special thank you to Fiona Loader, Kayleen Faull, Majella Muller, Mary Slater and Pat Prendergast who sang so beautifully during mass last Sunday morning at St Michael's Church.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Eddie Davies		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Mark Conlan		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
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 - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Beth Calleja		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month
4/5 December	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Chris Leonard		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon- 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Lin Bowers		



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
Recent Deaths: Georgina (Josie) Luke		

Anniversaries: Geraldine Nihill, James Britt, Thomas Bawden, Graeme Mason, Mathew Steenhuis, Kath O'Hehir, Vincent Maher, Margaret Tynan, Barry Flynn, Mary Maher, Carmen Maher, Basil Maher, Kath Murphy, Andrew Lund, Maudie Smallman, Joe Fitzpatrick, Mary Ryan, Jack McEldrew, Steven Tingate, Katherin Clarke, Louise Jarvis, Frank Bartaska, Michael Dyer & Mary Canty.

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.

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

Youth ministry leaders invited to online consultation: Representatives of Australian Catholic youth and young adult ministries are invited to take part in a consultation to explore the establishment of a new national network. Hosted by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry, in partnership with the Australian Network of Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinators (ANDYMC), the online event will take place on Thursday, 25 November 2021 from 7.00pm – 9.00pm AEDT. For more information and to register go to www.nce.catholic.org.au/youth

A Day of Prayer for Myanmar: Pax Christi and friends invite you to remember Myanmar in a Day of Prayer on Sunday, November 28, 2021. Suffering and trauma have accompanied the people of Myanmar for decades. On February 1 the military government was reimposed. This day is an opportunity to pray with Myanmar in its yearning to be free. An online prayer service is being organised for Advent Sunday, November 29 at 7.30pm. To register for this service and receive the link, and other information, please email Harry Kerr, ahmkerr@hotmail.com. If you want to know more, pick up a promotional flyer (placed near the sign-in sheet).

Advent: Online Learning: Our online learning partner, Dayton University, is offering two new Advent classes beginning Nov 28. *Advent: A Holy Waiting* is designed as an e-retreat experience; and *Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act* explores the needs of people in their later lives: what is happening and how to maximize these times for the deepening of our spirituality. Registration is open until Nov 25. More info or to register please go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

Red Wednesday–24 November 2021: Red Wednesday is a day that highlights the attention of the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs. An initiative of *Aid to the Church in Need* to support religious freedom, cathedrals, churches and public buildings around the world will light up in red to show solidarity with Christians who are unable to speak freely and look to us to speak on their behalf.

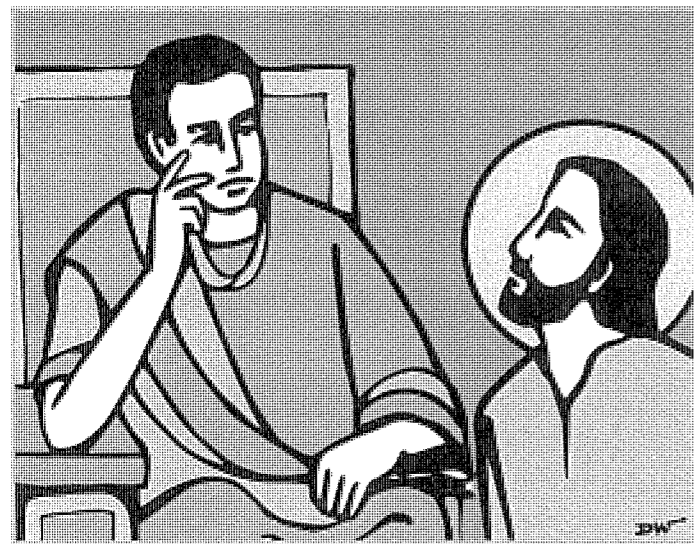
End of Year Christmas Dinner at Donegan's Farm: This year's Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday 7th Dec. The meal will be \$30/pp. Drinks at bar prices. If you wish to attend, please sign the booking form placed next to the sign-in registry or contact the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409 or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

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WITNESSING TO THE TRUTH

In the ancient world, the monarchy was understood as a sacred institution. The ruler was appointed, sustained, and legitimated by the gods. The king was understood to rule with the blessing of the gods and acted on their behalf in the human sphere. Notwithstanding this perception of the dignity of the monarchy, Israel's experience of this institution was a mixed one – not all rulers exhibited the qualities which the psalms and prophets spoke of as desirable and necessary in a monarch.

Today's readings invite us at the end of the Church's year to ponder anew the nature of Jesus' kingship and the royal dignity each of us shares by virtue of our baptism. Pilate was confronted with the problem of determining Jesus' identity and whether he was guilty of the crime of sedition. After some questioning, Jesus' identity as a king emerges, but in an unexpected manner. As king, Jesus' role is not that of earthly rule but of bearing witness to the truth about the God who sent him into the world.

The kingship of Jesus is proclaimed in the reading from the Apocalypse but in such a way that the reader never loses sight of the manner in which it was most clearly given expression. Jesus' death on the cross is the means by which we are once again reconciled to God and is the source of the dignity of all those who are baptised. It is by witnessing to the truth that we exercise the dignity which has been given to us in baptism.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Dan 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel
His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; /
the Lord has robed himself with might, / he
has girded himself with power. **R.**

2. The world you made firm, not to be
moved; / your throne has stood firm from of
old. / From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**

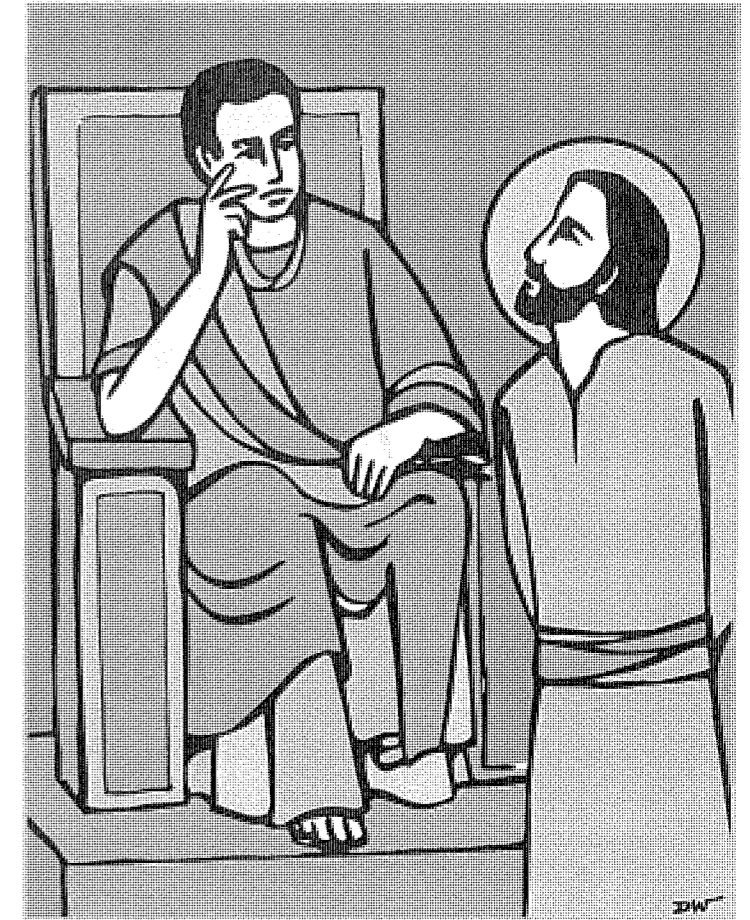
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. /
Holiness is fitting to your house, / O Lord,
until the end of time. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse
*The ruler of the kings of the earth . . . made us a
line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-
born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of
the earth. He loves us and has washed away



our sins with his blood, and made us a line of
kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to
him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever.
Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds;
everyone will see him, even those who pierced
him, and all the races of the earth will mourn
over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the
Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who
is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who
inherits the kingdom of David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Alleluia!**