

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: Jayne Bosworth:

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$516.40.-	Parish: \$45.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$2149.50

Holy Souls donations as of 4 November -\$90.00

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.

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

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$559.00	Parish: 415.00\$
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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.

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Sacramental Program:

Retreat Day for Confirmation & First Eucharist Preparation will be held Thursday 11th November at the Bungaree Parish Centre. The celebration of the Sacraments will be at 5:30pm at St. Michael's Church, Bungaree.

	READER/INTERCESSION S	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
6/7 November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 17:10-16; Heb 9: 24-28		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Trish White		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Marie Conroy		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Julie Dargan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
13/14 November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Dan 12:1-13 Heb 10:11-14, 18		
Springbank-6.30pm	Donna Simpson		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree- 9.30 am (time change)	Damien Ryan		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-11.00am (time change)	Rosemary Carnavan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
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- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45 am	Kerryn Taylor		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Mark Conlan		

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: Hughie O'Halloran, Mollie Maher, William Kennedy, Lucy O'Donohue, Basil Britt, Monsignor Henry Nolan, Mary Donegan, Jack Molloy, John Ronan, Bart Fuller, Paul Whelan, Joseph Toohey, Grace Bartaska.

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.

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>

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>

Free online Open Day Information Sessions "Getting Started in Theology" Catholic Theological College is offering online Open Day Information Sessions across November – topics will include "Getting Started in Theology", "Pastoral & Spiritual Practice" & "Mannix Library" for anyone interested in beginning or extending their study journey. For more information & to book go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>

Thank You: On behalf of the Parish of Gordon, we wish to acknowledge & 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 & 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 & 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 the **Pootilla Cemetery** at 9.30 am (new time)

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!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

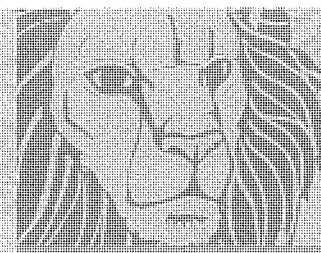
■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

07 NOVEMBER 2021

SELF-GIVING AND GENEROSITY

In many cultures, philanthropy and generosity can lead to a person being honoured and esteemed. The biblical world was no exception. As Sirach 31:23 observes: 'People bless the one who is liberal with food, and their testimony to his generosity is trustworthy.' Groups that were identified as being especially in need of such generosity were widows and orphans. God was identified as having special concern for them (Psalm 68:5). This was not all that the scriptures had to say on the matter. Deuteronomy 24:21 enjoined farmers to leave some of their crops for widows and orphans to harvest and so ensure their survival.

Given this tradition, it is remarkable that two of our readings today highlight the extraordinary generosity of two widows. In foreign territory, Elijah meets a widow and her son and asks to share in what they expect to be their last meal before they die. The widow's extraordinary generosity meets a most unexpected reward. As Jesus watches people contributing to the completion of the Temple, a widow's generosity catches his eye. Like Jeremiah before him, Jesus wanted the Temple to be a place of true worship. This woman's desire to honour God touched his heart – this is what true worship looks like.

Decades later the letter to the Hebrews reflected on Jesus' own self-giving as the perfect sacrifice that embodied and perfected all others. Not only did Jesus give what he had, he gave to the point of death itself. This act of love was the culmination of all Israel's sacrifices becoming the timeless model for ministry and priesthood.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth." '

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down. / It is the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.



3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. R.

SECOND READING

Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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