

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C): ~ 4/5 December 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 Toohy,
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: \$307.60-	Parish: \$85.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$4602.40

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Please note that there are still mask requirements, density limits and caps in place for weddings, funerals, places of worship and other settings if the vaccination status of attendees is not being checked. The usual exceptions will apply.

Columban Art Calendar-2022 : If you wish to receive a copy of the 2022 Columban Calendar, please complete

the Order Form (next to the sign-in register) or contact the Parish Secretary.

Springbank Christmas Get-together: December 11th after mass next Saturday evening. All welcome.

Liturgy Readings: The Parish is inviting all parishioners – young and old – to consider volunteering for liturgy readings this 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

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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)



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:	\$307.00	Parish: \$270.00
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Columban Art Calendar-2022

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Newsletter Mailing List:

If you did not receive your e-copy of the newsletter last week or would like to receive an emailed copy in

the future, please forward your email address to: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 3 2021: The final edition of ODC 2021 is available for collection from all churches.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Updates available from <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churches-information-and-advice-2/>. See notice above.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
4/5 December	Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Chris Leonard		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon- 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Lin Bowers		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
11/12 December	Third Sunday of Advent Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4: 4-7		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	A Elliot, O Elliot		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Catherine Green		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
18/19 December			
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Karina Griffiths		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45 am	Kate Carey		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass

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 Masses: There are many opportunities for all who wish to attend mass regardless of their vaccination status. Where vaccination status is not being checked, attendance has been increased to 50 people. For these Masses, attendees are required to pre-book; wear a mask whilst indoors, check in via QR Code & use hand sanitiser.

Mon-10 am	St Patrick's Cathedral	5331 2933
-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
Sun 5.00 pm	St Alipius' Ballarat East	53326611

Recent Deaths: Michael James Rix

Anniversaries: Mary Toohey, Doreen Conroy, George Smith, Nonie Price, Fr Justin Woodford and Maisie Frawley.

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 and Eileen Haintz.

Baptisms: We welcome Lachy Simpson who will be baptised this weekend at St Brigid's Church, Ballan into our faith community. We also celebrate the anniversary of Toby Quinlan, Nellie Rix and Penny Rose Martin who were baptised during the month of December. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so they may walk in the newness of life.*

Ordination to the Diaconate: Seminarians Matthew Restall and William Lowry will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, 10 December at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Attendance requirements for the Cathedral is QR code or registration upon entry and full vaccination status needs to be provided to the COVID check-in Marshalls.

International Volunteers Day--Sunday, December 5: Within our parish communities are many volunteers who provide their talents and time to contribute to the mission of our churches. We thank God for our volunteers who strive to make our parishes a place of welcome.

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal: This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothes and a place to call home. Go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

Making a Scene at Christmas: A display of over 500 nativities from more than 60 countries will be held in the Bridge Mall Ballarat on December 4 & 5, 11-20 2021. Entry by gold coin donation. All welcome. More info available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/making-a-scene-at-christmas/>

Praying with Pope Francis: Each month the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks all Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for December: **Evangelisation-Catechists:** *Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God. May they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the spirit.*

Christmas Dinner – 7th December @ 6.30 pm

This year's Christmas Dinner will be held this Tuesday at Donegan's Farm. 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 email the Parish Secretary at gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ring 0492 903 409. All welcome.

Christmas Mass Times:

Dec 24 (Christmas Eve)

Clarkes Hill	6 pm	Springbank	6 pm
Bungaree	8 pm	Gordon	7.30 pm

Dec 25 (Christmas Day)

Dunnstown	9.30 am	Ballan	9 am
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