

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 29/30 January 2022

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Justine Driscoll

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: \$334.25	Parish: \$105.15
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$6,578.75

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions. Go to Victorian government website for more info at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> Updates are also available from the Diocese of Ballarat website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. FYI, a printout of the COVID Test & Isolate National Protocols is available at the back of the church.

Update: Fr Justin Driscoll will be on leave for one month. He will take up the position of Parish Priest during the second week of February 2022. Fr Sajan will continue to celebrate mass in the Parish of Gordon in accordance with the regular schedule.

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: \$NA	Parish: \$210.00
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Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates: Go to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> FYI, a printout of the COVID Test & Isolate National Protocols is available at the back of the church.

Parish Leadership Team: The Parish Leadership Team is to meet this coming Tuesday, 1st February – 7.30 pm at the Presbytery.

Free for Anyone to Take: Glassware: There are a number of tumblers and sherry glasses at the Bungaree Church labelled: "St Michael's School Bungaree 1878 to 1993". Vinyl Chairs: There are brown vinyl chairs available at Bungaree.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
29/30 January 2022	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 13: 4-13.		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	Terry Elliott		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Julie Dargan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
5/6 February 2022	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6: 1-8; 1 Cor 15: 1-11		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Di Reynolds		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Mark Conlan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
12/13 February 2022	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12: 31 – 13:13		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Julie Dargan		

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				



St Brigid

Anniversaries: Kathryn Gray, Vin O'Donohue, Ted Cass, Noel Quinlan, Catherine Torpy, Peter Ross, Ray Frawley, Christopher Davies, Catherine Bulter, Mary Blood, Des Quinlan, Audrey Reddie, Justin Toohey, Archie Campbell, Nina Cassar and John Ryan.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick: Anna Bartaska, 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, Majella Franklin (nee Glenane).

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 and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and 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 January: **For true human fraternity:** *We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.*

Synod of Bishops: Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next Synod of Bishops, which has the theme, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Participants are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Caritas Diocesan Director: We welcome Jillian Hogbin to the position of Ballarat Diocesan Caritas Director, following the retirement of Sue Searls. Contact Jill at caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7171.

Caritas Appeal for Tonga: Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation. Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas. The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.

World Interfaith Harmony Week Flag Raising Event: All are invited to the Ballarat Interfaith Network's celebration of World Interfaith Harmony Week on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at St Peter's Anglican Church, Sturt Street, Ballarat from 11.00am - 12.30pm. The program includes: Acknowledgement of Country; welcome on behalf of Ballarat Interfaith Network; welcome on behalf of City of Ballarat; raising of the Interfaith Flag; address by Sikh Keynote Speaker (Rajinder Singh Gill); prayers from various faith representatives; virtual choir presentations; and refreshments.

"Jesus The Social Entrepreneur" book launch invitation: A fascinating exploration of Jesus the greatest social entrepreneur integrating intellectual, emotional and spiritual awareness to "change society values and behaviours through a new relationship with God". The book launch and illustrated presentation by Em Prof L Murray Gillin AM will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at Federation University (SMB Campus) Seminar Theatre Technology Centre, 106-110 Lydiard Street South from 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Meet with author, identify power of human intention, obtain your signed discount copy and enjoy refreshments. RSVP for free ticket on www.makeithappenmindset.com

Garratt Publishing's Book of the Year 2021: 'Leadership in a Synodal Church' by Anne Benjamin & Charles Burford. The book explores leadership and culture through the lens of mission, synodality, governance, people and moral discernment. Leadership in a Synodal Church draws on a wide range of scholarship in theology, leadership, governance and organisational theory to offer, from the theory and practice of leadership, a positive resource for a Church journeying towards greater synodality. The authors honour their explicit intent in this regard. The chapters unfold logically, integrating good organisational practice with a theology of mission; the book is enhanced by practical examples and exercises for reflection. It concludes with practical proposals for the further development of leaders who will promote a culture in harmony with a synodal Church.

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." ' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 JANUARY 2022

GOD'S WORD PREVAILS

Prophets are normally understood as foretellers, but more often their role is that of being forth-tellers, that is, those who have the often-dangerous role of proclaiming God's word. Since God's word to Israel was often one of challenge, the ministry of the prophet was undertaken in the midst of opposition, rejection, and misunderstanding. As Jeremiah begins his ministry as prophet, he is prepared for the difficulties that lie before him but encouraged with the knowledge that God will protect and defend him. One of the ways that Luke portrays Jesus is as a prophet and, like the prophets before him, his message will lead to rejection by his own people. At first Jesus' message is received with wonder but as the challenge of Jesus' words comes to be understood, his own people become enraged and seek to destroy him. As Jesus slips from their grasp we see the promise of protection made to Jeremiah being fulfilled. Despite opposition, God's word will be proclaimed.

During Paul's ministry, there were occasions when it was necessary for him to speak uncomfortable truths to his fledgling communities. The Christians in Corinth had been blessed with many spiritual gifts – tongues, prophecy, knowledge – but these very gifts had become a source of division and competition within the community. Paul knew that the only lasting foundation upon which the community could be built was that of love. It is only with the eyes of love that one can see clearly enough to come to maturity in Christ.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;

before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city,

a pillar of iron,

and a wall of bronze

to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes,

its priests and the country people. They will fight against you

but shall not overcome you,

for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17. R. v. 15

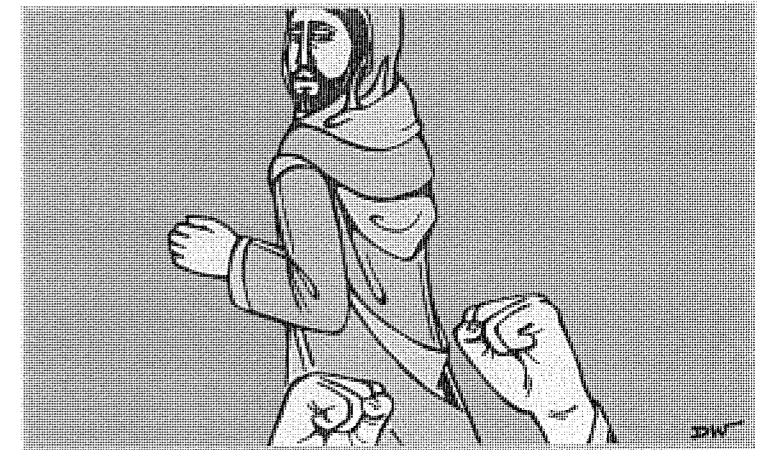
R. I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; / let me never be put to shame. / In your justice rescue me, free me: / pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, / a mighty stronghold to save me; / for you are my rock, my stronghold. / Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, / my trust, O Lord, since my youth. / On you I have leaned from my birth, / from my mother's womb you have been my help. **R.**

4. My lips will tell of your justice / and day by day of your help. / O God, you have taught me from my youth / and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 13:4-13.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Love is always patient and kind: it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

■ The word of the Lord.

Longer form, 1 Cor 12:31–13:13