

## 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 12/13 February 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: \$428.20	Parish: \$210.50
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$6,855.25

#### 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.

**Roadworks on Old Melbourne Road, Gordon:** As part of the upgrade of Old Melbourne Road, the pavement on the south side of the Church will be reconstructed. Please take care when parking in front of the church as work on the sidewalk will commence soon.

### 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: \$NA	Parish: \$NA
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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.

#### Are you interested in receiving the Parish Newsletter?

Ring the Parish Office on 0492 903 409 or email the Parish Office at [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) and ask that your name be added to the email contact list. You can also

read the newsletter on to the Diocese website at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/) Click on Parishes & People and select parish (i.e. Bungaree). Scroll down to the latest parish bulletin and click to open.

**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
<b>12/13 February 2022</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer17: 5-8; 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Winnie Zammit		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>19/20 February 2022</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15: 45-49</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	To be Arranged		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To be Arranged		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Rosemary Canavan		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>26/27 February 2022</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27: 4-7; 1 Cor 15: 54-58</b>		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Helen Mahar		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		



LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES					
<i>Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am All Welcome!</i>					
	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
<b>Sun 8.45am</b>	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am					

*Saint Scholastica, first Benedictine nun, lived between 480 and 543.*

**Recent Death:** Eileen Haintz

**Anniversaries:** Terry O'Keefe, Peter Bretherton, Frank Leonard, Patrick Mahar, Kevin Johnson, James Baynes, Thomas Mullane, Reg Hayes, John Trounce and John Ronan.

**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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for February: **For religious sisters and consecrated women:** *We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women - thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*

**Synod of Bishops on Sydonality – submissions due soon!** Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Sydonality. Synod2023 calls the People of God to walk together in our common mission as Christians. *Walking together enables us all to accept our mission to share the Good News. Do we take this mission seriously? What stops us from being active in mission?* You are invited to form small groups to submit your thoughts and ideas from a local perspective. For any further assistance contact the Pastoral Ministry Office [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. Submissions close on February 27.

**Our Voices Webinar:** On Wednesday, 16 February at 7.30-8.30 pm, the Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform is holding a webinar on the Plenary Council in Australia: *Is it too late for the Catholic Church to Change in Australia?* Go to <http://accr.com.au/> and click on free registration. You will receive the zoom link on 15 February by email. For more information 0411 197 289.

**Are you a Spiritual Leader?** The Spiritual Leaders Online Program is a one-year, part-time program held for those engaged in outreach ministries and positions of leadership within their faith community, eg teachers, principals, pastoral care practitioners, priests, ministers, lay ecclesial ministers, members of religious Orders, community and spiritual leaders. The Program begins on 26 March 2022 via Zoom, and focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Previous participants have commented that this Program has been transformational in terms of their personal spirituality and their leadership skills. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Brochure and application form at [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 03 9890 1101.

**Palms Australia: Mission Opportunities Overseas.** *Supporting Sustainable International Development Love Getting* involved in people centred Human Development as an invited guest means humbly putting your person and your skills at the disposal of your trusted hosts. You will be a stranger in the place and for six months a Pilgrim learning the wisdom of local ways. Palms Australia has 60 years of experience preparing and assisting Australians to learn and pass on their skills in another culture. Is one of [our assignments](#) your opportunity to Reach Beyond? Find Out More: Phone: 0422 742 567. Join our [online forum](#) at 5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend our and engage with a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.

**World Day of the Sick: February 11, 2022** The World Day of the Sick, which falls on February 11, has reached its 30th edition this year, with the theme "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6,36). In Pope Francis' message for this day he spoke directly to health care workers, recognising the importance of their work as infection rates and deaths from COVID-19 continue to rise. In addition to this, Catholic Health Australia CEO Pat Garcia and Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS, Bishop Delegate for Health in Australia, have spoken out to honour health care workers. Further information is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/world-day-of-the-sick-2022-february-11/>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

13 FEBRUARY 2022

## FAITH IN OUR RESURRECTION

All of us search for the path that leads to life and this search calls us to make decisions. Which path should we choose? Where are we to find the wellsprings that will give us living water? Jeremiah places the two paths before us by contrasting the shrub that dies in the desert with the tree that is planted by water. In a similar fashion, Jesus places two options before his listeners in the beatitudes and the woes. God's ways are often not ours and the path that leads to the living God may be marked by difficulty and persecution.

As far as Paul was concerned some of the Corinthian Christians had taken the wrong path because they did not understand that bodily resurrection is an essential element of Christian belief. Some of them had come to the mistaken belief that a consequence of their baptism was that they were already in their glorified bodies. Paul sets out to shock the Corinthians by showing them the consequences and inherent dangers of their point of view. He knew that our present body must be changed into a glorified one at the resurrection of the dead. How could he bring them to see the error of their point of view? He bases his argument upon the fact that just as Jesus' body was glorified at his resurrection, so it will be with those who follow him. Jesus is to be seen as the first fruits of a harvest that is to come at the fullness of time.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Jer 17: 5-8

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.**

*A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

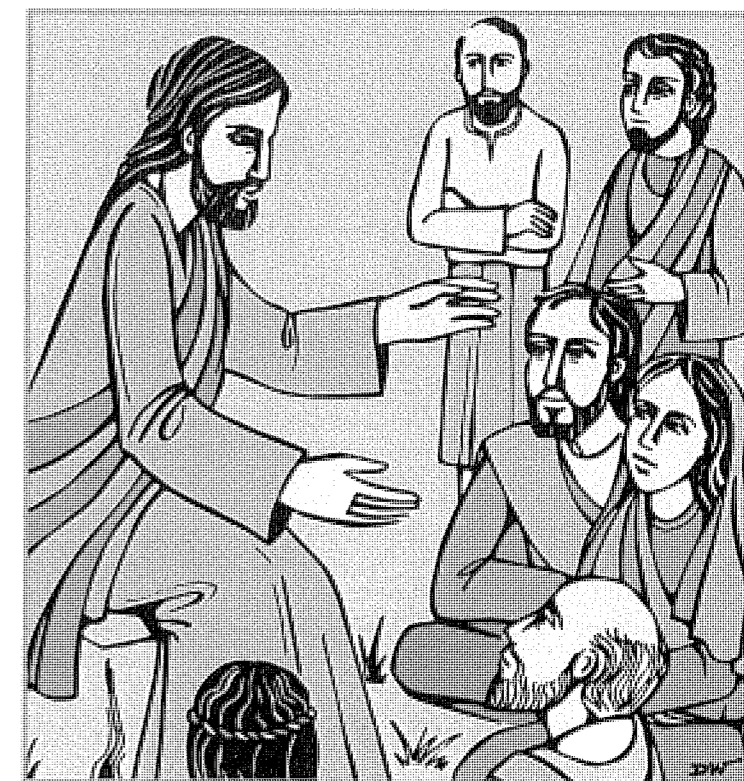
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 1: 1-4. R. Ps 39: 5

**R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

1. Happy indeed is the man / who follows not the counsel of the wicked; / nor lingers in the way of sinners / nor sits in the company of scorners, / but whose delight is the law of the Lord / and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

2. He is like a tree that is planted / beside the flowing waters, / that yields its fruit in due season / and whose leaves shall never fade; / and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! / For they like winnowed chaff / shall be driven away by the wind. / For the Lord guards the way of the just / but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

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

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 6: 23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!**