

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 26/27 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. Justin 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: \$382.10	Parish: \$237.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$7241.45

Reconciliation Program: The Reconciliation Program commenced this week. Note that a four week program will be required to be completed at home with the celebration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tues 22nd March 4pm St. Brigid's Ballan OR Wed 23rd March 4pm St. Patrick's Gordon** Any queries please ring Therese Winter 0417518187

Roadworks on Old Melbourne Road, Gordon: Please take care when parking in front of the church as work on the sidewalk is in progress.

Morning Tea: A morning tea to welcome Fr Justin Driscoll to the Parish will be held at 11.30 am on 27th February at the Gathering Space, Ballan. Please bring a plate.

Synod of Bishops on Sydonality-27 February at 12 noon, Gathering Space, Ballan. Parishioners invited to participate in a discussion on "The Big Questions."

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: \$450.0	Parish: \$115.00
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Congratulations: Hosted by the Bungaree Historical Society, Mary and Pat Prendergast joined family and friends to celebrated 'This is Your Life' last Monday night at the Bungaree Recreational Centre. Over a hundred people attended, marking an enjoyable and memorable night for all.

Volunteer Positions Open: The parish is inviting interested persons to volunteer for the position of

Sacramental Program Officer, and the position of Safeguard Officer. If you would like to learn more about these positions contact Damien Ryan at: ryandjr@bigpond.com, phone: 0437125062. The Parish Leadership Team wishes to thank Leah Hanrahan for her time and commitment as the Parish Safeguard Officer, particularly during the last two years under COVID.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
26/27 February 2022	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27: 4-7; 1 Cor 15: 54-58		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Helen Mahar		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
5/6 March 2022	First Sunday of Lent Deut 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	To be Arranged		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To be Arranged		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Catherine Green		Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month
12/13 March 2022	Second Sunday of Lent Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:20-4:1		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45 am	D Rix		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		



LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES					
<i>Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am All Welcome!</i>					
	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					

Venerable Mary Catherine McAuley (RSM) 1778-1841 founder of the Sisters of Mercy

Recent Deaths: Richard (Mick) Bulter

Anniversaries: Carmen Galea, Arthur Jones, Louise Tubbs, Joan Arnel, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie, Harry Parkin, Kathleen Leonard, Cecelia Haintz, Ellie Walsh, Diane Johnson, Tom O’Loughlin, Brian Boyle, Kevin McGuigan, Con McTigue, Lil Wickson and Con Carey.

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, 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 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.*

Condolences on the death of Sr. Anne Forbes (RSM): Anne grew up at Bungaree, one of six children (Clare, Joan, Anne, Dorothy, Stanislaus and Helen) to Stanislaus and Anne Forbes. The family ran the Morning Star Hotel during the 1940s and 1950s. Three of the five girls, Clare, Helen and Anne, became Sisters of Mercy. For 34 years, Anne taught at primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Ballarat, including Sacred Heart College (Ballarat East), St Martin’s in the Pines (now Damascus College), and for two years at St Patrick’s College. She lived in Timor Leste for some time before the independence vote and after her return, provided a home for several Timorese students in Ballarat East. Anne was Diocesan Director of Caritas for eight years from 1987 until 1995. She spent the last three years of her life at Mercy Place, Ballarat East. Anne is remembered as a woman of mercy and a passionate advocate of justice.

Synod of Bishops on Synodality – Submissions due on 27 February. Have you taken up Pope Francis’ invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? Synod 2023 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 submit your thoughts and ideas from a local perspective. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> or contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au Go to the diocesan webpage to read Bishop Paul’s comments.

World Day of Prayer Friday 4th March: The Celebration of the World Day of Prayer will be held at St Pauls Uniting Church Inglis Street, Ballan at 10 am on 4th March. Written by committee from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Theme is ~I know the plans I have for you~All most welcome. Inquiries contact Anne Eskdale 0407503972

Project Compassion Sunday today – February 27: Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and “For All Future Generations.” As St Pope John Paul II said, “The future starts today, not tomorrow.” Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow “For All Future Generations.” You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish or by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

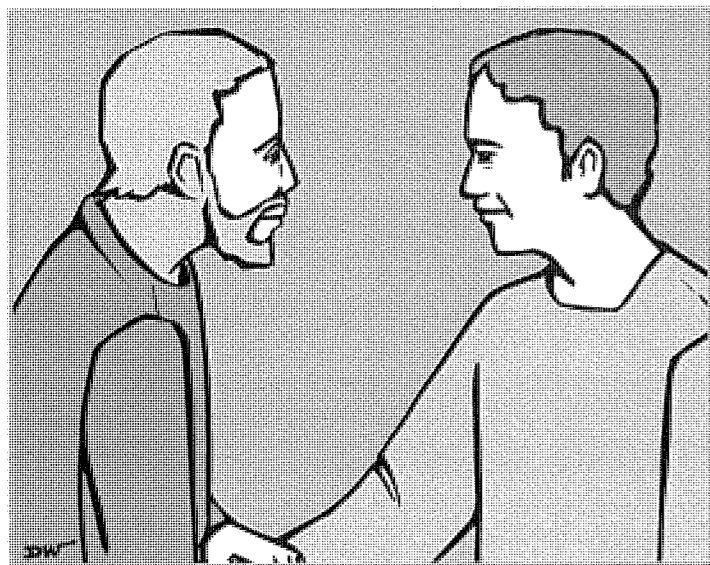
Mass of the Oils 2022: Monday, April 11, 2022 at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Ash Wednesday 2 March 2022 - Mass Schedule
9.30am St Michael’s Bungaree 11am St Brendan’s Dunnstown
9am St Patrick’s Gordon 10.30am St Brigid’s Ballan 7.00pm St Michael’s Springbank
All Welcome

the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 FEBRUARY 2022

VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

We often hear it said that actions speak louder than words, and that talk is cheap. While these sayings may well be true, what we say provides others with a window into our hearts. Both the first reading and the Gospel invite us to reflect upon the quality of our speech and what it reveals about where our heart lies. As trees are judged on the quality of their fruit so our hearts are judged on the quality of our speech. Jesus' words forcefully remind us that before we judge others, we would do well to look to ourselves and the quality of the fruit we bear in our actions and in the words we speak.

As Paul concludes his argument about the bodily resurrection, he praises God for the victory that has been won over sin and death. Like other Jews of his time, he understood that sin and death had entered the world through the fall of Adam. When Paul states that sin gets its power from the law, he invites the Corinthians to reflect on the paradox posed by the Jewish law. While the law calls us to righteousness, its very existence is living proof of the power of sin, since the commands of the law would not be necessary if there was no sin. Paul sees the death and resurrection of Jesus as the first fruits of a crop that is yet to come. In the meantime, the community is called to continue to live their Christian lives in the hope that they are not working in vain.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to make music to your name, O Most High, / to proclaim your love in the morning / and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree / and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing sap when they are old, / still full sap, still green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

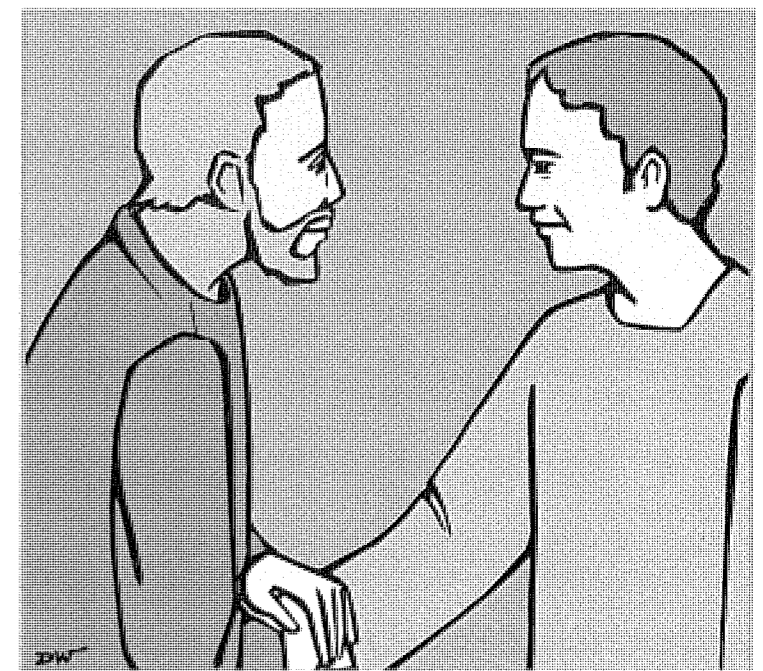
SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is



sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice