

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C): ~ 5/6 March 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 & 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: \$347.95	Parish: \$60.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$7301.45

### Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

**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.

## 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:

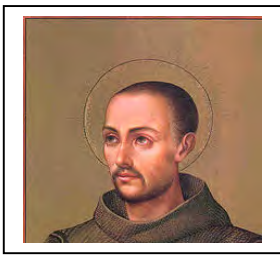
Presbytery: \$723.00	Parish: \$75.00
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**Volunteer Positions Open:** The parish is inviting interested persons to volunteer for the position of Sacramental Program Officer, and the position of Safeguard Officer. If you would like to learn more about 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
<b>5/6 March 2022</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent Deut 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	To be Arranged		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To be Arranged		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Catherine Green		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>12/13 March 2022</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:20-4:1</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	D Rix		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>19/20 March 2022</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	To be Arranged		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	To Be Arranged		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Lin Bowers		



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	Clarks 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					

*St John of God (1495 -1550) Founder of Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God. Feast Day – March 8*

**Anniversaries:** Willian Ernest Rosenow, Bill Wheelahan, Tommy Simpson, Gert Cummins, Antal Boka, Matt Jamieson, Maurice Conlan, Gabrielle Johnson, Kath Squire, Albert Small, Jack O’Donohue, Maureen O’Halloran, Maureen O’Donohue, Anne Quinn and Fr Henry Nikel.

**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. 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. ‘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 March: **For a Christian response to bioethical challenges** - *We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*

**Invitation to Blessing of Statue of St Patrick for the Cathedral:** A statue of St Patrick will be placed and blessed in St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR during Evening Prayer (Vespers) on the Vigil of St Patrick’s Day (Wednesday, March 16) at 7.00pm. On St Patrick’s Day itself, there will be Masses at 10.00am and 7.00pm. Fr Ed Moloney and Fr Abraham Thomas will preside and acknowledge the blessing of the statue during those Masses. All welcome to attend the Evening Prayer and the Masses. For more information, go to diocesan news at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/>

**Synod of Bishops on Sydonality:** 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. You are invited to submit your thoughts and ideas from a local perspective. Go to: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch> or [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Read Bishop Paul’s comments posted on diocesan webpage. Submissions close soon.

**Project Compassion – First Sunday of Lent:** Anatercia was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training & gained access to psychosocial supports. Now, her quality of life has improved & she can focus on school. You can help young people succeed in the future & bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today & build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. Donate thro’ Project Compassion donation boxes & envelopes, by visiting [www.lent.caritas.org.au](http://www.lent.caritas.org.au) or by calling 1800 024 413.

**Roundtable Ecological Theology Conversations:** Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson’s monthly theology sessions will resume on Wednesday, March 9 (afternoon group 1.30-3.00pm; evening group 7.00-8.30pm). Everyone is welcome. Just turn up at the Mercy Gathering Room, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East (with evidence of vaccination).

**Position Vacant: St John of God Healthcare Ballarat - Pastoral Practitioner:** The hospital has an exciting opportunity for a dedicated and committed Pastoral Practitioner to join our Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services to patients and clients. Go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>

**Mass of the Oils:** 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.

**CatholicCare Family Relationship Centre-Pre-marriage education program:** The program provides an opportunity for engaged couples to strengthen communication skills and explore the essential ingredients for creating and maintaining a lasting and satisfying marriage. Informed by Dr John Gottman’s extensive research into what makes marriage work, the day incorporates his findings in a fun and interactive way. Program dates are Sunday, March 20 and Sunday, May 15, 2022 from 9.30am – 4.00pm at the Family Relationship Centre, 34 Peel Street North, Ballarat. Cost: \$220 per couple / \$110 concession (lunch incl). For registrations/enquiries, ph. 1300 303 988 or email [ballaratfrc@centacareballarat.org.au](mailto:ballaratfrc@centacareballarat.org.au)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him. 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT / C

# THE SAVING WORD

6 MARCH 2022

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

It is said that without the faculty of memory there can be no sense of identity. We don't know who we are or where we are going without knowing where we have been. For the people of Israel, it was critical to remember with gratitude the saving acts of God that had brought them to the land of promise, passing from slavery to freedom. Today's text from Deuteronomy was Israel's first creed and it played an important role in forming Israel's identity as a people cherished and chosen to be God's people in a unique way.

In the temptation scene, we see Jesus coming to terms with his identity as God's Son. Where was his life going? How was he to live as Son of God? For 40 days the devil searches and probes, entices, and challenges. Ultimately, Jesus proclaims that God is the source of his life, the devil's offer of power an illusion, and forcing God's hand is not acceptable for the person of faith.

In writing to the Christian community of Rome, Paul had to deal with the question of the identity of Christians and their relationship to the people of Israel and the Jewish law. While the people of Israel continued to have a special place in God's plans, Paul knew that the law that had been given to Moses now played a secondary role for Christians. Paul makes it clear that due to God's graciousness both Jews and Gentiles can be saved by means of faith in Jesus.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Deut 26:4-10

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

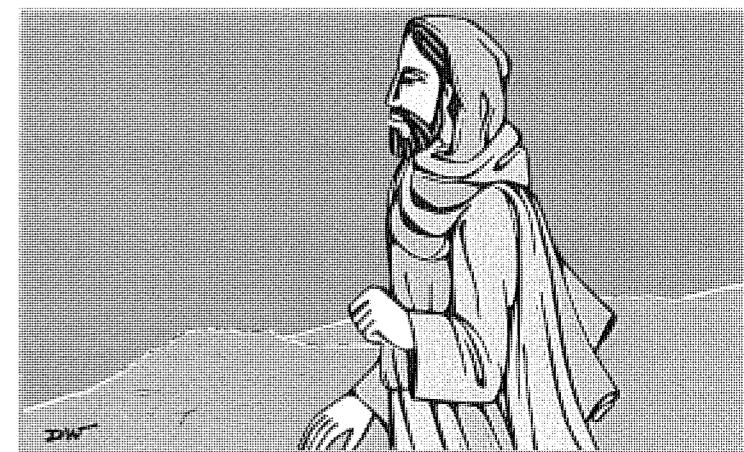
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v. 15

**R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High / and abides in the shade of the Almighty / says to the Lord: 'My refuge, / my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, / no plague approach where you dwell. / For you has he commanded his angels, / to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands / lest you strike your foot against a stone. / On the lion and the viper you will tread / and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**



4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; / protect him for he knows my name. / When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' / I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 10:8-13

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**No one lives on bread alone,**

**but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**