

4th Sunday of Lent (Year C): ~ 26/27 March 2022

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280

Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

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PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Parish Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:	☎ 5368 1015	www.sbballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose:	Presbytery: \$345.25	Parish: \$130.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$7623.45

Anointing Mass—Thursday, 31 March, 10.30 am at Ballan:

Fr. Justin will celebrate an anointing mass for parishioners at St Brigid's Church, Ballan this coming Thursday, 31 March at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

Collection of Oils: If you wish to nominate as the Parish representative for the Collections of Oils, please inform the Parish Secretary. The oils are collected during the Mass of the Oils to be held on Monday, 11 April at 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Reconciliation Program: Last Tuesday and Wednesday night (22nd and 23rd March), twelve children from our parish celebrated their first reconciliation with their families. The children spent four weeks preparing at home and learnt about forgiveness and reconciling with others, knowing God is always there for us. The children were well prepared and enjoyed a prayerful celebration with Fr. Justin.

We thank Fr. Justin, the schools of St. Patrick's Gordon and St. Brigid's Ballan and the sacramental team. We will be celebrating Eucharist and Confirmation commencing next term.

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 Leadership Team: Damien Ryan, Barry Sheehan, Di Reynolds, Leah Hanrahan, Tim Bennet, Maurice Maher & Inez French.

Safeguarding Officer: Accepting Nominations

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	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	N/A	Parish: N/A
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Collection of Oils: Please inform Fr. Sajan if you wish to nominate as the Parish representative. The oils are collected during the Mass of the Oils to be held on Monday, 11 April at 6.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Anointing Mass—Tuesday, 12 April, 9.30 am at Bungaree

Fr. Sajan will celebrate an anointing mass for

parishioners at St Michael's Church, Bungaree at 9.30 am. All Welcome.

Volunteer Positions Open: The parish is inviting interested persons to volunteer for the position of Sacramental Program Officer, and the position of Safeguarding Officer. If you would like to learn more about these positions contact Damien Ryan at: ryandjr@bigpond.com, phone: 0437125062.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
26/27 March 2022	Fourth Sunday of Lent Josh 5: 9-12; 2 Cor 5: 17-21		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Pat Prendergast		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To be Arranged		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Marie Shanahan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
2/3 April 2022	Fifth Sunday of Lent Isa 43: 16-21; Phil 3: 8-14		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Bert Jarvis		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
9/10 April 2022	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Isa 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45 am	N Jeffrey		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Margaret Green		

The ACBC Prayer for Peace & Justice in Ukraine

God of peace & justice,
who change the hardened heart and
break the power of violence, we
entrust the people of Ukraine to
you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let
them know not death but life, not
slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth
in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am					
	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					

Anniversaries: Maurice Frawley, Lars Drendel, Nora Frawley, Sr. Presentation Marnell, Greg Slater, Eileen Sedunary, Pat Kennedy, Leo Davies, Jack Papworth, Lillian, Kevin & Jack Meiklejohn, Leigh Conroy, Emmanuel Muscat and Martin Spain.

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 and Majella Franklin (nee Glenane).

Baptisms: We welcome Irah Donegan, Matilda Dickson and Harley Muscat who will be baptised this Sunday into our parish community; and we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Ryker Mullane, Amelia and Oscar Toohey, and Nina Trigg. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Feast of the Annunciation-Prayers for Ukraine and Russia: On Friday, March 25, Pope Francis consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. March 25 is the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrating Mary's acceptance of the invitation to become the mother of Jesus. The consecration echoed the Pope's prayers that Mary, the Queen of Peace, might intercede for all those suffering from the current war in Ukraine and that Mary might pray for the blessing of peace throughout the world. Bishop Paul encourages all members of our diocese to join with Pope Francis in this prayer, both personally and in gatherings with others. Copies of the Act of Consecration placed in the churches.

Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal: In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news



Project Compassion – Fourth Sunday of Lent: From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope *For All Future Generations*. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*. Donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes, by visiting www.lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, 11 April 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral at 6.30pm. The Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese, particularly the unity and ministry of ordained priests. The three oils collected by our parish representatives – chrism, oil of the sick and oil of catechumens – will be used for the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2022: Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 11, 2022. Practice times are Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 10 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday: 14 April: St Michael's, Bungaree at 7pm

Good Friday: 15 April: Stations of the Cross-St Brigid's, Ballan at 3pm (Lay lead)

Commemoration of the Cross-St Michael's, Springbank at 3pm

Easter Vigil Mass: 16 April: St Peter's, Clarkes Hill at 6.30pm, St Michael's, Bungaree at 8pm

Easter Sunday: 17 April: St Patrick's Gordon at 8.45 am; St Brendan's Dunnstown at 9 am; and St Brigid's Ballan at 10.30am