

1st 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

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| 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

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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:

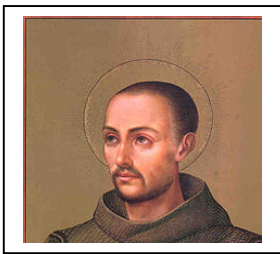
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| Presbytery: \$723.00 | Parish: \$75.00 |
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Volunteer Positions Open: The parish is inviting interested persons to volunteer for the position of Sacramental Program Officer, and the position of Safeguard 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 |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|--|
| 5/6 March 2022 | First Sunday of Lent Deut 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13 | | |
| 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 |
| 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 – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Bungaree-8.45 am | D Rix | | Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Ballan-10.30 am | Anne Eskdale | | Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month |
| 19/20 March 2022 | Third Sunday of Lent Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12 | | |
| 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 | | | | | |
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| <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 | Clarks 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 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. 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 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 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