

## Third Sunday of Easter (Year C): ~ 30 April/1 May 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](http://www.sbballan.catholic.edu.au)

**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

#### Collections in Church last weekend

<b>Loose:</b>	Presbytery: \$510.00	Parish: \$129.00
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$10,073.45

**Easter Dues:** Offerings last week were \$200.00. Thank you to all who generously gave to these collections.

**Parish Lunch - 1st May 12 noon at Donegan's Farm:** Lunch served at 12.30 pm (\$30 per person). All parishioners from Bungaree and Gordon invited to attend. Contact the Parish Secretary at: [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) on 0492 903 409; or sign the booking form placed in the church foyer/gathering space.

**Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan:** This Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

**Sacramental Program - 2022:** The Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night will be held at St. Brigid's School, Ballan on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7 pm.

**National Count of Attendance- Gordon** Counting of church attendance will be conducted during May commencing 7-8th May. A designated counting sheet has been placed in all churches to facilitate the count directly after Mass. Please nominate counter/s before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information and ensuring that the form is completed correctly. Please return forms to the Parish Secretary for forwarding on to the Diocese Office.

### 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, Tim Bennet, Maurice Maher, Peter Roche & Inez French.

Safeguarding Officer: Accepting Nominations

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 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**

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown**

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

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

#### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$NA	<b>Parish:</b>	\$NA
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**National Count of Attendance-Bungaree:** Counting of church attendance will be conducted during May commencing 7-8th May. A designated counting sheet has been placed in all churches to facilitate the count directly after Mass. Please nominate counter/s before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information and ensuring that the form is completed

correctly. Please return forms to the Parish Secretary for forwarding on to the Diocese Office.

**Volunteer Positions Open:** interested persons are invited to volunteer for the positions of Sacramental Program Officer & Safeguarding Officer. If you would like to know more about these positions, contact Damien at: [ryandjr@bigpond.com](mailto:ryandjr@bigpond.com), phone: 0437125062.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>31 April/1 May 2022</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5: 11-14</b>		
Dunnstown - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Catherine Green		Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>7/8 May 2022</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13: 14, 43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17</b>		
Springbank - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree - 8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan - 10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		
<b>16/17 May 2022</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 14: 21-27; Apoc 21: 1-5</b>		
Dunnstown - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		
Ballan - 10.30 am	Lin Bowers		

## LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

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

	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

Mosaic of Lamb of God on the altar of little chapel Capella Pinardi. Turin, Italy



**Recent Deaths:** Claire Hanrahan, Pat Elliott, Kathy Richie

**Anniversaries:** Giuseppe Spataro, Shelia Patmore, Kath Moloney, Teresa Fogarty, Jeffrey Micallef, Philip Camilleri, Reginald Haintz, Angela Teuma, Mary Howard, Merv Howard, Patrick Leonard and Carole Steenhuis.

**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 Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

**Baptisms:** We welcome Harry Robinson, child of Ashley and Mollie, and Billie and Tony Webb, children of Patrick and Laura, who will be baptised in St Peter's Church, Clarks Hill this Sunday. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

**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 May: **For faith-filled young people:** *We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.*

**Mass of the Oils thanks:** Thank you to all who attended the Mass of the Oils this year, especially those who travelled long distances, and to those involved in the music, ministries and collecting the oils for parishes. Your attendance contributed to the success of this diocesan celebration.

**Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2, 2022:** Planning for the second issue of Our Diocesan Community (ODC) 2022 is underway and we invite your contributions. We will continue the 2022 themes of "For a Synodal Church", the Plenary Council and the International Year of Glass. We are hoping to gather stories and experiences in the Catholic community – schools, parishes and agencies from all around the diocese. We also invite you to share significant events that may have taken place over the last few months in your parish, school community and agency. We hope to have this issue of "Our Diocesan Community" delivered in the week beginning June 20 so the latest date for submissions to this issue is Friday, May 13, 2022. Articles should be approximately 250 words maximum in length and accompanied by photos where possible. Photos should be sent as separate JPEG files (not inserted into a Word document). Material can be sent to [odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:odc@ballarat.catholic.org.au). When sending in photos, permission should be sought from those in the pictures. Photos may be used in other diocesan publications. *Jane & Julie for the ODC Editorial Committee*

**Walking in the Spirit:** The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign, beginning Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Go to: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/)

**Caritas Australia - Thank You!** Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them to church next week or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/donate-today/> and donate online or by calling 1800 024 413. Together, we can help poor communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations.*

**National Family Week: May 15-21, 2022:** CatholicCare Victoria believes that building strong family relationships is the key to building healthy, resilient communities. Strong families give children the foundation they need to grow and the support they need to face challenges and setbacks not only now, but into the future. So how can parents and families build strong family relationships? Family Relationship Practitioners in Bendigo, Julia Feiss and Lisa Castles, share five important elements for creating strong families at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/247/a-blessing-for-families>. There is also, "A Blessing for Families" on this webpage.

like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

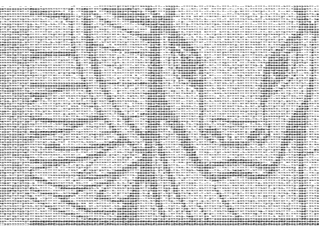
■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

1 MAY 2022

## THE CALL TO NEW LIFE

If the story of Israel and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus teach us anything it is that God always seeks us out in our weakness. God's untiring love and mercy enable us to begin anew, to start again, to dare to believe that we too might come to share in the peace and joy of the resurrection.

In the first reading from Acts, the Jewish authorities are unsettled and disconcerted by the ministry of the apostles and their message. In their fear and rage, they seek to stop them. While they focus on the fact that they are being held responsible for the death of Jesus they fail to hear that they are being called to a new beginning through repentance by changing their minds about Jesus' identity and mission. Despite Jesus' brutal death, forgiveness of sins is possible, a door is open for them if they can take hold of the opportunity. Unfortunately, their fear blinds them and their response is a misguided attempt to discipline and control the apostles and their ministry.

In the Gospel, Peter, who knew the reality of failure and weakness in his life, does not make the same mistake. When he recognises the Lord, he seizes the opportunity. He may have denied Jesus before his death but he will not make the same mistake again. The three questions of the risen Lord painfully call him to come to acknowledge his three denials. Jesus accepts what he can give and calls him to accept a new responsibility for the flock; a new chapter in his life is about to begin.

## FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

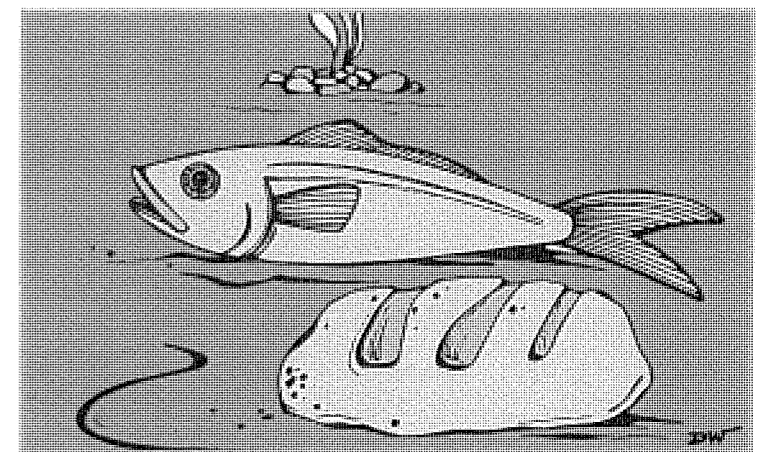
Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13.R.v.2

**R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (or Alleluia!)**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, / restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. / His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. / At night there are tears, / but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

3. The Lord listened and had pity. / The Lord came to my help. / For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; / O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Apoc 5:11-14

### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 21:1-14 (Longer form: Jn 21:1-19)

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened