

## Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C): ~ 14/15 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.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.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: \$603.30	Parish: \$160.00
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$10,341.45

**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)** Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended.

**Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan:** This Thursday, May 19th at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

**Volunteers-Update:** During the next two weeks we will be contacting volunteers to update contact details and other requirements (i.e. Working with Children Card). We are

deeply appreciative of the invaluable contribution that our volunteers make to the running of the Parish and sustaining our Church community.

#### National Count of Attendance- Gordon

Counting of church attendance will be conducted during May. The second week of the count will be held after mass at St Patrick's Gordon and St Brigid's Ballan. A designated counting sheet has been placed in the churches to facilitate the count. Please nominate counter/s before Mass who will be responsible for collating the information and ensuring that the form is completed correctly.

### 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

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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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**Easter Dues:** \$400.00. We thank all who contribute so generously to these collections.

**National Count of Attendance-Bungaree:** Counting of church attendance will be conducted during May. The second week of the count will be held after mass at St Brendan's Dunnstown. 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.

**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>14/15 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		<b>Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree</b>
Ballan - 10.30 am	Lin Bowers		<b>Holy Hour - 1st Thursday of each Month</b>
<b>21/22 May 2022</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21: 10-14, 22-23</b>		
Clarkes Hill - 6.30 pm	Dom Prendergast		<b>Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass</b>
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Arranged		<b>Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass</b>
Ballan - 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan		
<b>28/29 May 2022</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord Act 14: 21-27; Rev 21: 1-5</b>		
Springbank - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		
Bungaree - 8.45 am	Sophie Boyd		
Ballan - 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis		

## 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	Clarkes 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				



**Recent Deaths:** John Ryan, Jim McEldrew

**Anniversaries:** Barry Torpy, Lillian Cullinan, Bill Deveraux, Tom Owens, Irene Coulter, Rev. Norbert Olsen, Brian and Nellie Keighrey, Ray Smith, Keith and Doris Eastwood and Mary Smith.

**We offer our prayers for the sick:** Anna Bartaska, Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Stan Mahar, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner and Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

**Baptisms:** We welcome Paddy Quinlan, child of Damien and Laura, who will be baptized in St Patrick's Church, Gordon and Molly Mitchell, child of Rory and Tracey, who will be baptized in St Brigid's Church Ballan this Sunday into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

**Pre-Synodal Celebration Synod of Bishops 2021-2023 Mass:** Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass to acknowledge the conclusion of the first phase of the Synodal process on Sunday, May 15th at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. All welcome to attend.

**Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Election Statement 2022:** In their statement the bishops call for 'a better kind of politics', a politics that focuses on the common good of all, especially those who struggle to participate in the community. Read the statement at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wz1WhIUdU\\_UviG5-Vhp4Jtlov9Gs4YVo/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wz1WhIUdU_UviG5-Vhp4Jtlov9Gs4YVo/view)

**National Volunteers Week: May 16-22, 2022:** National Volunteers Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. From May 16-22, NVW is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our parishes and agencies. The theme for NVW 2022 is *Better Together*. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone. Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, *Better Together*. Go to: <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/get-involved/nvw/nvw-resources-2/>

**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 in life. 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>.

**Laudato Si' Week: 16 May -24, 2022:** As part of Catholic Earthcare's celebration of *Laudato Si'* Week will be the online screening of the newly released 'Regenerating Australia'. The short film focuses on a fictitious news segment set on New Year's Eve 2029. By examining the decade that 'could be', the film challenges us to consider how to respond to the Cry of the Earth. Bishop Ken Howell and a range of guest speakers will hold a panel discussion and question time after the film about how we can respond as Catholics in Australia. The video will be streamed via zoom. Join individually or register as a parish group. Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZADT> (if registering for a group, only 1 person need register via Trybooking). Online event will be held on Tuesday, May 17 from 6pm –8 pm. Also, the Office for Justice, Peace and Ecology (Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) have daily Reflection Sheets that can be downloaded at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/03/21/laudato-si-week-resources/>

**St Vincent de Paul Conference Support Administration Assistant:** Position (30 hrs per fortnight) for a Support Administration Assistant in Ballarat with the Northwestern Central Council. Applications close 22 May. Go to: <https://svdpvic.applynow.net.au/jobs/SVDP6130-conference-support-administration-assistant> for more information.

**Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria online event – May 25:** Sherry Balcombe, Manager of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, will be guest speaker via zoom on May 25 at 7.00pm. Sherry will present a brief overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world. This event is hosted by the Justice Action Group of St Mary of the Cross, Mordiallic and Aspendale during National Reconciliation Week (May 27 – June 3). Register at: <https://caritas.zoom.us/join/register/tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF>

**Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference:** For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## ■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 15:4-5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL** Jn 13:31-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## ENCOURAGED BY LOVE

It is the theme of encouragement offered and received which binds together the readings for today. As they make their way back to Antioch, Paul and Barnabas encourage the communities they have established among the Gentiles. On their return, they give an account to the community in Antioch of the fruitful ministry in which they have been engaged.

The reading from the Apocalypse is a vision that functions to encourage, comfort, and bring hope to a group of Christians who wondered whether God's plans for them and the world would ever reach fulfilment. Persecution had sapped their energies. Christians who had lost their initial fervour could not be blamed for wondering whether Jesus' death and resurrection had really changed the shape of the world. John's vision is a powerful answer to the questioning of Christians in every age.

One of the startling statements of Jesus in John's Gospel is that it is at the moment when he is betrayed, and seemingly powerless in the face of the forces of evil, that he is glorified. No one takes Jesus' life from him; it is freely offered out of love (John 10:18). It is precisely this love that serves as the foundation for the life of the Church, and as the means that leads to his glorification. It is our love of one another that gives us the encouragement we need and serves as the most powerful expression of our Easter faith for others.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God, / to make known to men your mighty deeds / and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; / your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Apoc 21:1-5

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud

