

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C): ~ 21/22 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

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose:	Presbytery: \$497.70	Parish: \$200.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$10,541.45

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: In observance of Catholic Education Week, Fr Justin will celebrate mass this Monday, 23rd May at 10.15 am. All parishioners and families are 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: The third 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

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$657.00	Parish:	\$205.00
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Easter Dues: \$100. We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to our Parish.

National Count of Attendance-Bungaree: The third week of the count will be held after mass at St Peter's Church, Clarkes Hill. A designated counting sheet has been placed in the church to facilitate the count directly after Mass. Please nominate counter/s who will

be responsible for collating the information and ensuring that the form is completed correctly.

Volunteers-Update: We are updating the contact details of our volunteers, and assisting them in acquiring any necessary documentation, if needed (i.e. Working with Children Card). We are extremely grateful for the invaluable contribution our volunteers give to our parish ministries.

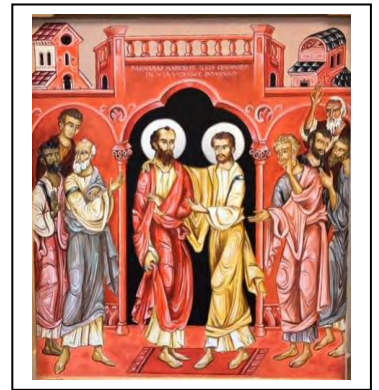
	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
21/22 May 2022	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Apoc 21: 10-14, 22-23		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Dom Prendergast		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Arranged		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
28/29 May 2022	The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1: 17-23		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Sophie Boyd		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
4/5 June 2022	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2: 1-11; Rom 8: 8-17		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Chris Leonard		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green		

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				

St Barnabas presenting St Paul to the Apostles. Marcelo Lavallen, Altar, House Chapel, Littlemore, UK. St Barnabas Society



Recent Deaths: Stan Mahar

Anniversaries: lala Wise, Albert Jarvis, Keith Holmes, Nell Wise, Peter Davies, Jack Murphy, Alice Carey, Angela Teuma, James McDermott, Bryan Frawley, Fr Bill Maroney, Jack Mahar and Pat Moran.

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, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner and Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

Laudato Si' Week: May 16-24, 2022: *Laudato Si'* Week (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria– May 25: Sherry Balcombe, Manager of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria, will be guest speaker via zoom on May 25 at 7.00pm. Hosted by Justice Action Group of St Mary of the Cross, Mordiallic and Aspendale Sherry will present an overview of Aboriginal culture and spirituality and how it relates to today's world. Go to: <https://caritas.zoom.us/j/9268923456789>

Legion of Mary Reflection Day – May 27, 2022: The Legion of Mary will host a “Day of Reflection” on Friday, May 27, 2022, from 9.15 am – 3.15 pm in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia. Father Nathan Rawlins of St Peter's Parish, Epping will be the Keynote Speaker for the day. All members of the Legion of Mary Family, active, auxiliary and past members, including parishioners from all parishes of Ballarat, are cordially invited to participate in this event to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms.

Alive in the Spirit 2022 – Virtual Conference from May 26-28, 2022: Last year, over 1000 Australian & New Zealand bishops, priests, deacons, religious, pastoral councils, parish and diocesan staff and ministry teams participated in the “Alive in the Spirit” experience, inspired by many homegrown ideas, practical pathways and opportunities to renew and revitalise our pastoral settings. In 2022, “Alive in the Spirit” returns, this year's theme: “What does God require of us: To Act Justly, To Love Mercy & To Walk Humbly”. Endorsed by bishops from both Australia and New Zealand, this interactive online pastoral experience offers both individuals and groups a variety of ways to flexibly engage. With parishes and dioceses hungering for fresh hope, new ideas, and positive stories and models of practice in service of Christ's mission, “Alive in the Spirit” will engage you with over thirty workshops, amazing keynotes, and balancing on-screen input with time for off-screen prayer, reflection and a call to action. Our Catholic Church offers so much richness, and “Alive in the Spirit” celebrates the good of who we are, while inviting us to continue to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as we engage with the Signs of the Times in our Oceania Region. For more information and to register go to <https://aliveinthespirit.com.au/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022: May 29 – June 5: The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches “We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship” (cf Matthew 2:2). Resources for use in prayer services in your parishes, local ministers associations or inter-church Councils are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

‘What Australians really think about Jesus and the Church today’ NCLS Research will present a free webinar on insights into Australian spirituality on Thursday, June 9 at 11.00am or 7.00pm. Speakers are Dr Ruth Powell, NCLS and Karl Faase, Olive Tree Media CEO. Register at: https://whataustralianstink_ncls.eventbrite.com.au

All Saints Parish Portland 175th Anniversary: Over the weekend of August 27 & 28, 2022 celebrations will be held for the 175th anniversary of All Saints Parish Portland. All Saints Portland is the oldest parish in the Diocese of Ballarat. If anyone has any old photographs, stories, memorabilia or anything which you believe may be of interest, we invite you to please contact us at the parish office by email portland@ballarat.catholic.org.au or by posting copies of items to All Saints Parish, PO Box 210, Portland, 3305.

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and
remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my
words. And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift
to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

22 MAY 2022

CHRIST OUR LIGHT

‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and
the Father will love him.’ Put like that it sounds
so simple and yet in the life of the early Church
one of the burning issues was what it meant to
keep Jesus’ word. For Jewish Christians being
faithful to Jesus entailed keeping the Law of
Moses and requiring Gentile Christians to do
the same. The Acts of the Apostles describes
how Jewish Christians who came from Judea
to Antioch were firmly convinced that keeping
the law was the principal way that a person
could love Jesus.

The response of the apostles and elders in
Jerusalem, after heated debate and lengthy
consideration, was to propose a compromise
that was hoped would enable both Jewish and
Gentile Christians to live in peace with one
another and to partake in table companionship.

The life of the early Church was by no
means without conflict, misunderstanding,
or difficulties. Like us, they had to work hard
to see the signs of the times and to discern
what it was that the Lord was asking of them.
In the midst of all this Jesus’ promise of the
Spirit and of his peace is no small comfort.
Jesus is with us, there is no reason to let our
hearts be troubled or afraid. John’s vision of
the heavenly Jerusalem is meant to give us
heart knowing that the goal of our journey is
in sight. With Christ as our light there is no
need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves
not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught
the brothers, ‘Unless you have yourselves
circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot
be saved.’ This led to disagreement, and after
Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument
with these men it was arranged that Paul and
Barnabas and others of the church should go up
to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the
apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose
delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and
Barnabas; the whole church concurred with
this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and
Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood,
and gave them this letter to take with them:

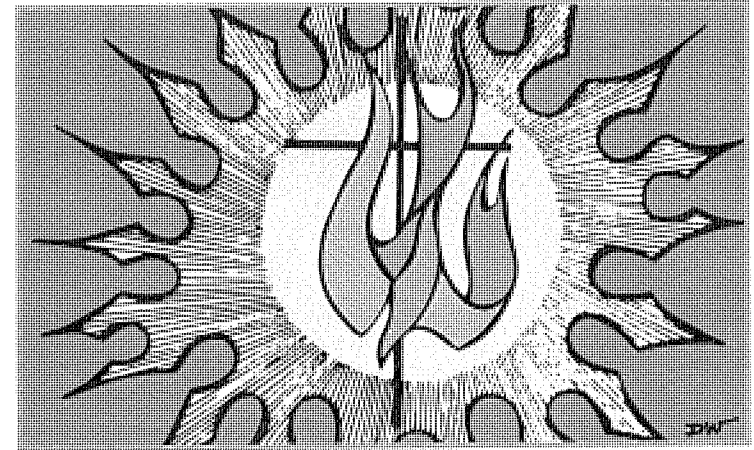
‘The apostles and elders, your brothers, send
greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in
Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that
some of our members have disturbed you
with their demands and have unsettled your
minds. They acted without any authority from
us, and so we have decided unanimously to
elect delegates and to send them to you with
Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who
have dedicated their lives to the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending
you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word
of mouth what we have written in this letter.
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by
ourselves not to saddle you with any burden
beyond these essentials: you are to abstain
from food sacrificed to idols, from blood,
from the meat of strangled animals and from
fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what
is right. Farewell.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!
(or Alleluia!)

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let
your face shed its light upon us. / So will your
ways be known upon earth / and all nations
learn your saving help. R.



2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you
rule the world with justice. / With fairness you
rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on
earth. R.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all
the peoples praise you. / May God still give us
his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere
him. R.

SECOND READING Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of
an enormous high mountain and showed me
Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from
God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory
of God and glittered like some precious jewel of
crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a
great height, and had twelve gates; at each of
the twelve gates there was an angel, and over
the gates were written the names of the twelve
tribes of Israel; on the east there were three
gates, on the north three gates, on the south
three gates, and on the west three gates. The
city walls stood on twelve foundation stones,
each one of which bore the name of one of the
twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since
the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were
themselves the temple, and the city did not
need the sun or the moon for light, since it was
lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb
was a lighted torch for it.

■ **The word of the Lord.**