

## 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.

<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:	☎ 5368 1015	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>

#### 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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<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill</b>	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>	<b>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown</b>	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	<a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>
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#### 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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/meeting/register/tZUocemorz4tG92p9QQV4fQyLFak4guWhFYF>

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