

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: \$426.70	Parish: \$710.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$13,836.65

Donations Welcome: We thank all parishioners who continue to support the mission of the Church. If you are not a member of our Planned Giving Program but wish to make a contribution towards the Parish's pastoral programs and upkeep of our churches, our bank details are as follows: BSB: 633-000 Account No: 160275764 Account Name: St Patrick's Parish Gordon. If you wish to become a member of our Planned Giving Program,

copies of the Planned Giving Contribution Form have been placed in all churches.

Pat's 90th Birthday-July 24: Parishioners and friends join with us to celebrate Pat Barry's 90th birthday afternoon tea at the Gordon Hall on Sunday July 24th, 2pm-5pm. No presents please. RSVP to Monica 0490263137.

Volunteers-Update: We are updating the contact details of our volunteers, and assisting them in acquiring any necessary documentation, if needed. Volunteer Information Packs will be distributed to all volunteers.

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, Dom Prendergast, Maurice Maher, & 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

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St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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Parish Leadership Team Update: We thank Tim Bennet who will be stepping down this June, and welcome Dom Prendergast, who along with Maurice Maher, will be representing the Clarkes Hill community. Nominations are open for representatives for Dunnstown and Bungaree.

Liturgy Readers: The parish is inviting parishioners who regularly attend St Brendan's Dunnstown to register their interest in reading during the next six months.

Volunteers-Update: Are you interested in joining the Parish as a volunteer? Contact any member of the Parish Leadership Team for further information and pick up a Volunteer Information Pack from Parish House (Bungaree Presbytery).

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
25/26 June 2022	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Con Powell		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To Be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
2/3 July 2022	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Isa 66: 10-14; Gal 6: 14-18		
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	Bert Jarvis		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every Month
9/10 July 2022	15th Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To Be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	D Rix		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan		

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 Sunday 9 am~ Daylesford Sunday 10.30am					



Jesus Traveling by James Tissot. Brooklyn Museum. <https://useum.org/artwork>

Recent Deaths: Agnes Peters

Anniversaries: Ann Weidner, Fay Thomas, Jack Crough, Noreen Wheelahan, Brian Gleeson, Margaret Ronan, Sophie Papworth, Kathleen Davies, Peter Cochran, Brian Murphy, Christina Howard, Bernadette White, Eileen Crough, Gerard Nunn, Laurie Maher, Jane Auchettl, Alma Mary Jones, Kevin O'Donohue and Isabella Senserrick.

We offer our prayerful support 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.

Baptism: We pray for Lachlan James Downey, son of Stephanie and James, who will be baptised in St Patrick's Church, Gordon, this Sunday, and welcome him into our faith community. Lord God, *strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Ordinations to the Priesthood-July 22, 2022: Deacons Matt Restall and Bill Lowry will be ordained priests for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, July 22, 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All welcome to attend. For those not able to attend the Mass will be livestreamed at <https://youtu.be/gnpY6nMKz3M>

Choir for the Ordination Mass - a note from Rev Bill Lowry and Rev Matt Restall: 'Hello singers! St Augustine once said that those who sing pray twice. We feel that those who help others sing may pray thrice! We would like to take the opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for the enthusiasm and commitment you are putting into this occasion. This is the first Ordination to the Priesthood in the Diocese in over nine years, so you are all involved in a rather historic occasion. You are each an integral part of the celebration and each with your gifts and talents (and angelic voices) help give worthy praise to God. We encourage you all to please continue with the practice and the caring support of each other, building up community amongst each other and all those present on the night. Please be assured of our prayers and may the intercession of St Cecilia open up those vocal chords and bring forth beautiful song!' This is a Diocesan event so choir members are welcome from across the diocese. Practice sessions will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on: Thurs 30 June 7.00pm, Thurs 14 July, 7.00pm, Thurs 7 July, 7.00pm and Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm.

Plenary Council: The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Download the 'Framework for Motions' at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf>. If you wish to read it, copies of the 'Framework for Motions' paper has been placed in all churches.

Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

Soul Searching in Light of the Plenary Council - Online Prayer and Discussion Forum: Catholic Social Services Victoria invite all friends, supporters, staff and volunteers of Catholic social services to join in a 'before work' reflective prayer time for the Plenary Council members on Friday, July 1 at 8.30am – 9.00am via Zoom. The time of prayer will be led by Sr Joan Healy rsj and Fr Bruce Duncan CSSR. This will be followed by a vital discussion led by an inspiring array of leaders and experts in the field from 9.00am –10.00am. Hear from:

- Bernie Cronin, Chair, CSSV Council
- Fr Fred Kammer SJ, Immediate past Executive Director, Jesuit Social Research Institute, Loyola University New Orleans (former President of Catholic Charities USA 1992 – 2001)
- Sandie Cornish, Director of the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
- Julie Edwards, Chief Executive Officer, Jesuit Social Services.

More information & registration details available at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=903107&>. Once registered, you will receive Zoom link information. Interested? Pls contact Kate Stilwell at kate.stilwell@css.org.au.

St Vinnie's Winter Appeal 2022: Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children. Your gift this winter can provide the emergency accommodation, care and support needed for women and children to be able to leave the danger in their homes, so the violence can stop. Go to: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal/>

Annual Collection for the Pope-June 25-26: The collection for the Holy Father is this weekend. Please give generously.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 9:51-62

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem.

I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

26 JUNE 2022

THE CALL TO FOLLOW

When Paul wrote to the Christians of Galatia it was to his own converts, people he had evangelised and continued to guide in their journey of faith. As Gentile converts Paul had not required them to follow all the demands of the Jewish Law. Later, Jewish Christians arrived arguing that Paul was mistaken and this led to confusion and conflict among them.

Paul's response is to remind the Galatians that they are called to freedom and that Gentile Christians had no need to follow all the requirements of the Jewish Law in order to be Christians. However, the freedom to which Christians are called cannot be confused with self-indulgence since Christians are all called to be faithful to the demands of the higher law of love.

The beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is the appropriate time to clarify the nature of discipleship and its demands. The disciples must learn that Jesus' road is one of peace and that they should move on quietly when they meet opposition. To the man that says he will follow him Jesus reminds him of the lack of security that lies ahead of disciples. To those who ask leave to bury their dead and say farewell to their parents, Jesus replies that even the demands of family relationships and responsibilities take second place to the call to follow him as disciples.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. cf. v. 5

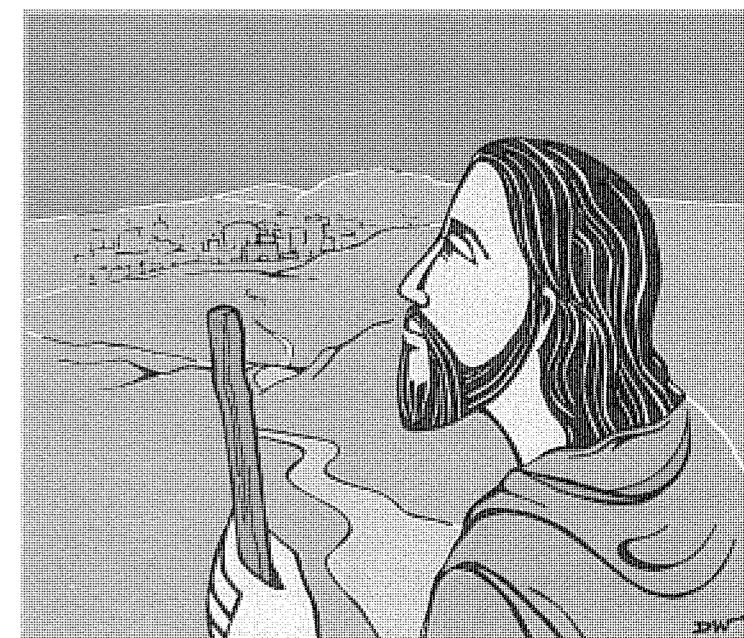
R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. R.

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. R.

4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. R.



SECOND READING

Gal 5:1, 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

■ The word of the Lord.

Christopher Monaghan CP