

# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 16/17 July 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**  
**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:  
Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015

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

☎ 5368 9495

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

**Collections in Church last weekend** (\*contributions submitted via CDF & Bendigo Bank not included)

<b>Loose:</b>	Presbytery: \$354.60	Parish: \$64.00*
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$14,679.05

**Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan:** Mass this Thursday, 21 July at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

**Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022:** The July edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Copies available at all churches.

**Volunteers Update:** We are assisting all volunteers in obtaining the required documents in accordance with the Professional Standards Office of the Diocese. If you are a volunteer and have not yet been contacted regarding submitting these documents, please ring the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409.

### Pat's 90<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

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

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 fortnight:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$1016.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$875.00
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**COVID-19:** Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

**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. Pick up a Volunteer Information Pack from Parish House (Bungaree Presbytery).

**Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022:** The July edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Feel free to take copies to the homebound, nursing homes, hospitals, etc., to spread the good news of the diocese.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>16/17 July 2022</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 18: 1-10; Col 1: 24-28</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Willie Zammit		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>23/24 July 2022</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 18: 20-32; Col 2: 12-14</b>		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
<b>30/31 July 2022</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		

## 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 Sunday 9 am ~ Daylesford Sunday 10.30am					

Christ in the House of Martha and Mary by Johannes Vermeer. Scottish National Gallery



**Anniversaries:** Leonie (O'Donohue) Burzacott, Paul Hanrahan, Luke Moran, Robert Cahir, Michael Flynn, Pat Ford, Stephen Toohey, Frank Graham, Laurie McCarthy, John Duffy, Les Beacham, Anne McRory, Nikolas Barbara, Maire McEldrew, John Graham, Neil Carey, Patrick Ronan.

**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.

**Praying with Pope Francis:** The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement. Each month the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics to join him in prayer. 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 July: For the elderly:** "We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility".

**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 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>

**Thanksgiving Masses:** The newly ordained priests will celebrate Thanksgiving Masses on Saturday, July 23. All are welcome to attend. **Fr William Lowry:** St James' Church, Sebastopol at 9.00am and **Fr Matthew Restall:** St Alipius Church, Ballarat East at 11.30am.

**CTC online unit: Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care:** Ageing in Australia today is an increasingly important public issue. The recent Royal Commission indicates the challenges and complexities in providing effective care for older citizens. Political, social and economic costs abound on the way forward. A Gospel perspective calls Christians to collaborate in the building of a just and compassionate society. Commencing with the ancient Christian understanding of the "care of souls" the course unit explores the evolution of pastoral and spiritual care to the present day as they contribute to the personal, mental and social wellbeing of ageing persons in our society. Presenter - Rev. Dr Laurence McNamara CM, Director, Navigating Ageing Project. The unit will be offered online over six Saturdays: 30 July; 13, 27 August; 17 September; 8, 22 October. Contact Academic Records Office for enrolment info and appointments, ph. 9412 3309, or email or <https://ums.divinity.edu.au/unit/DP9631C/public>

**Director of Faith & Mission Position:** St Mary MacKillop College Swan Hill is on the search for its next amazing Director. For position description & application details, go to <https://smmc.vic.edu.au/our-community/employment/>

**Position Vacant: Parish Coordinator:** The Parish of St Alipius, Ballarat East, are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office. Applications including a cover letter and addressing the Key Selection Criteria and including the names of two referees, close on July 22, 2022. Information available from the Ballarat East webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarat-east/>

**Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Open Day:** Open Day at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre on Saturday, August 6, from 10.00am – 4.00pm to acknowledge St Mary's Feast Day. Activities will include: Guided tours of the museum; Meet the author Sr Judith Geddes "A Faith Filled Family" at 10.30am; Mary MacKillop Walking Tour at 11.00am; Mass in the Chapel with Fr Andrew Jekot at 1.00pm; A Rosary in Mary's Chapel for the people of Ukraine at 3.00pm; visit the Gift Shop; free kids crafts activities. For further info and registering for the walk and Mass go to <https://www.mmhc.org.au/open-days-2022/> or ph. 03 9926 9300.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert:** The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era Music" on Sunday, August 14 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

**St Augustine's Church Creswick 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** On September 17-18 celebrations will be held for the 150th anniversary of St Augustine's Church, Creswick. For more info go to <https://staugustines150.weebly.com/>

mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 8:15

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Lk 10:38-42

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

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## TO DEEPER TRUTHS

Things are not always what they seem and we can all be fooled by first appearances. The life of faith calls us to go beyond appearances to the deeper truths that underlie them. This requires an openness to the unexpected and we may well receive more than we bargained for! Abraham and Sarah did not think that they were welcoming the Lord by entertaining three unknown guests. Their generous hospitality meets a most unexpected reward when the Lord promises them the son they dearly long for.

Similarly, the Lord's reply to Martha is not what she anticipated. In her concern to put on a welcome worthy of her guest, she has been momentarily deafened to the deeper invitation of listening to the life-giving word of Jesus. While she is looking at what she can do for the Lord, the Lord reminds her of what his word can do for her!

When Paul wrote to the Colossians he was in prison and the community of Colossae would have been concerned for him and dispirited by his dreadful situation. With the eyes of faith, Paul invites them to see that his suffering is not a sign of his defeat but, rather, a sharing in the saving suffering of Christ for the sake of the Church. Paul's ministry appears to have come to a dead end, but for those able to see with the eyes of faith, it is a deeper sharing in the rich mystery which had been hidden for generations.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Gen 18:1-10

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

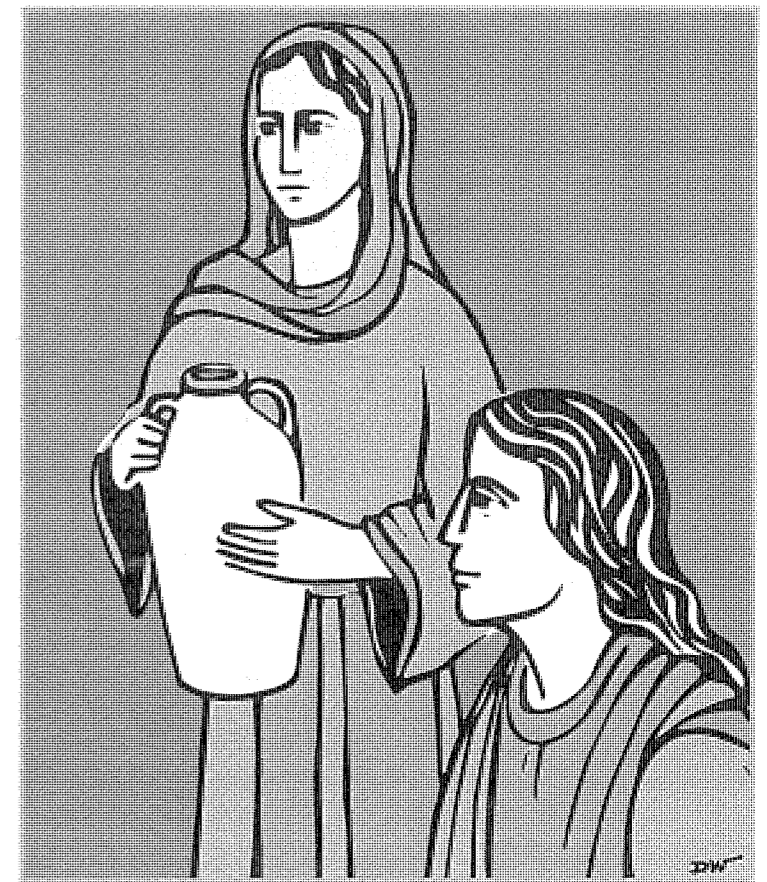
'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

## ■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

**R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. R.



2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. R.

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

SECOND READING Col 1:24-28

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a