

# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 9/10 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	<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** (\*contributions submitted via CDF & Bendigo Bank not included)

<b>Loose:</b>	Presbytery: \$354.80	Parish: \$614.40*
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$14,615.05

**Parish Leadership Team Meeting-13 July, 7pm:** This month's Leadership Team meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at the Gathering Space, St Brigid's Church, Ballan at 7pm.

**Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan:** Mass this Thursday, 14 July at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

**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	<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>

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>	\$NA	<b>Parish:</b>	\$NA
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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).

**Thank You:** "Thank you so much for the overwhelming support we have received following John's passing. Your thoughtfulness and kindness during this difficult time has been so very much appreciated. Special thanks to Fr. Sajan for his love and support". Patricia Ryan and family.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>9/10 July 2022</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Deut 30: 10-14; Col 1: 15-20</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To Be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	D Rix		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<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		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Willie Zammit		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
<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- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES					
<i>Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am</i>					
	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					



*"We pray that Mary, Star of the Sea, guide and protect seafarers in their journeys on the high seas".*

**Recent Deaths:** Ronald (Ronnie) Rix

**Anniversaries:** John Galea, Hector Papworth, Paul Nihill, Tom Blood, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Jack Moloney, Brian Foley, Lois Wheelahan and Jack Maher.

**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".*

**Sea Sunday Appeal -10 July:** Sea Sunday is when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

**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>

**Centenary of Brigidine Sisters and Brigidine Education in Horsham:** Postponed due to COVID we are now proceeding with our centenary celebrations on the weekend of July 16 & 17. You are invited to participate in tours of the three schools – Ss Michael & John's Primary School, Horsham, Our Lady Help of Christians, Murtoa, & St Brigid's College, Horsham; celebratory Masses at Murtoa & Horsham; & social gatherings in the Parish Centre. There will be a presentation of a Commemorative Quilt & book launch recognising the 100 years of Brigidine Sisters in Horsham. For RSVP details & info go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/centenary-of-brigidine-sisters-and-brigidine-education-in-horsham-july-16-17-2022/>

**Centenary of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions in Donald-Sunday, July 17:** St Mary's community will welcome eight members of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions congregation as they visit Donald on July 16 & 17 to celebrate the centenary of the arrival of the Sisters in 1922. Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's at 10.30am on Sunday, July 17. A presentation on the history of the Order and their association with Donald will be given by Sister Catherine Brabender, Province Leader of the Order. From 12.00noon the Sisters will join us for lunch at the Mount Jeffcott Hotel in Donald (RSVP to Enid Brasier-0407 366 328). Everyone is welcome especially past students and members of the wider East Wimmera Parish. Mass and the presentation will be streamed on YouTube from 10.25am. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-7KMG-nnvsfjpGqN39qKnw>. For info contact Michael Flagg-0407 270587.

**Celebrating Catholic funerals in the face of secularism, COVID and other challenges:** On Monday, July 18, 2022 from 10.00am -11.30am, the ACU Centre for Liturgy will host Rev Dr Paul Turner who will present an online public lecture via Zoom entitled "Celebrating Catholic funerals in the face of secularism, COVID and other challenges". Over the past several decades, the Catholic Church's Order of Christian Funerals has not changed, but the culture surrounding funerals has. For example, people are thinking differently about cremation, the timing of the funeral, the nature of the service, the location of the funeral, and the final disposition of remains. This presentation will review key points from the funeral tradition and engage ways to make it more meaningful. Cost is \$10.00 or concession \$5.00 and/or a group registration of five or more \$40.00. Registration can be done at [www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfl](http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclectureCfl)

**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/>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours'.

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him', he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

10 JULY 2022

## CREATION BORN ANEW

The unifying theme of today's readings is being at peace with God, oneself and others. For Deuteronomy, the call is to find peace through faithfulness to the Mosaic law. While the challenge seems daunting, it is possible. The Gospel expands this by calling us to find true peace by loving our neighbour. The parable of the Good Samaritan challenges us to see that it is not a question of determining who my neighbour is, as much as to whom I can be a neighbour.

The reading from the letter to Colossians is one of the Church's earliest hymns and it is a powerful and beautiful reflection on the place of Jesus in God's saving plan. In the light of the resurrection, the first Christians quickly came to see that what had happened in Jesus of Nazareth could not be limited to his earthly ministry. It had become impossible to speak of God's plan of salvation without seeing Jesus as its centre and lynchpin. Paul sees Jesus as the unifying and life-giving force behind all of creation. While the hymn stresses the pride of place that Jesus has in God's saving plan as well as his lordship of all creation, the place and role of the cross is not forgotten. Peace and reconciliation have been achieved through Jesus' blood. It is on the cross, as nowhere else, that Jesus is Lord of all creation, and it is here that creation is born anew.

## FIRST READING

Deut 30:10-14

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

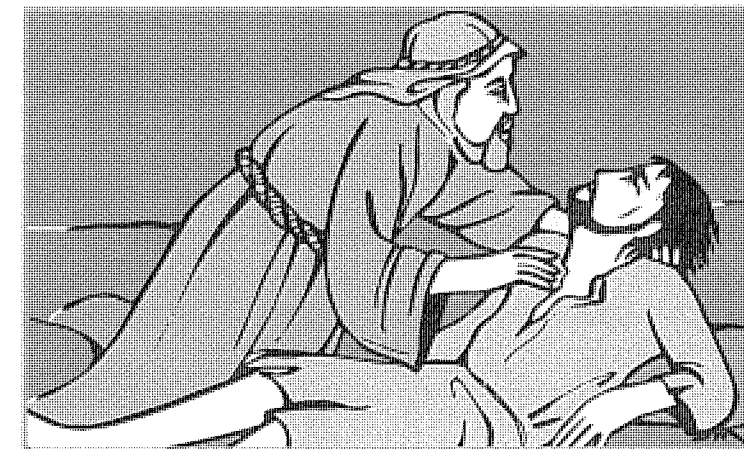
■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

**R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

1. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain / let your help, O God, lift me up. / I will praise God's name with a song; / I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**
4. For God will bring help to Zion / and rebuild the cities of Judah. / The sons of his servants shall inherit it; / those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

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

*All things were created through him and for him.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 6:63,68

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!**