

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

**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 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: \$472.50	Parish: \$1,435.00
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$16,114.05

Project Compassion - \$400.14. We thank all who give so generously to these collections.

**Rite of Welcome into the RCIA:** Welcome to Jayme whose faith journey towards full Christian initiation into the Catholic Church commenced many years ago. Today at the 10.30am Mass at Ballan, Our faith community will formally receive Jayme's intention and desire to enter the catechumenate as part of the RCIA process.

Our parish is committed to accompanying her towards the Easter sacraments and receives her desire to join our eucharistic community with great joy! Welcome Jayme! Any parishioner who would like to become involved in supporting Jayme (and any other adults who are seeking to become Catholic) through the RCIA process are encouraged to contact Fr Justin through the Parish Office.

**Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan:** For this week only, the Thursday weekday mass has been changed to Friday, 29 July at 12 noon. All Welcome.

## 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

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

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

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

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

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**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 if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19. Carry a mask when leaving home.

**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 first edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Copies can be picked up at all churches.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<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		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<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 – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
<b>6/7 August 2022</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 18: 6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19</b>		
Dunnstown – 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	Mark Conlan		

## 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 9am ~ Daylesford Sunday 10.30am					

**Anniversaries:** Joe Donegan, Pat O'Neil, Clare Molloy, Edith Holmes, Kevin Maher, Jimmy Toohey and Patrick 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".

## *Prayer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly*

*I give thanks to you, Lord, for the blessing of a long life.  
For, to those who take refuge in You, grant always to bear fruit.  
Forgive, O Lord, resignation and disillusionment,  
but forsake me not when my strength declines.  
Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me,  
to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end.  
Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution, to guard with love my grandchildren and all the little ones who seek shelter in You.  
Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant Thy Church to deliver the world from loneliness.  
Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen*



**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly:** The Church will this weekend celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with the theme, "In old age, they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. We pray for all grandparents and the elderly and thank them for their gifts to families and to our parish communities. Info at <https://catholic.org.au/grandparents>

**Parish of Gordon's Sacramental Program:** The Parish's sacramental celebrations were held last Sunday at St Patrick's and St Brigid's. The final Mass celebrating Confirmation and First Communion concludes this Sunday, July 24 at St Patrick's. We congratulate the children enrolled in the program - Lilly Gillespie and Isabelle Ferrari who were baptised, confirmed and received their first communion, and Angela Tran, Riley Willie, Aidan Hughes, Ned Conroy, Maya Filo, Kiara Grigg, Mate Marinovic, Chloe Muscat, Esther Seketa and Clara Monterosso who celebrated their confirmation and first communion last Sunday, and Rose Flint, Elle Kenna, Macy Newman and Edward Bayard who celebrate their confirmation and first communion this Sunday. We welcome them into our faith community.

**Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?** Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

**Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert:** "A Golden Era Music" will be presented on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation. All proceeds donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

**Catholic Earthcare a program of Caritas Australia:** Catholic Earthcare launched its Earthcare Parishes program in December 2021. Since then, the network has grown to 60 parishes across 17 dioceses. Your parish is encouraged to begin your own journey towards the 7 *Laudato Si'* Goals, and becoming a *Laudato Si'* community. Contact Jillian Hogbin, Diocesan Director Caritas, who can lend support on how to sign up. For more info go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DD-Letter-to-Parishes-re-Earthcare-Ballarat.pdf>

**Pastoral Practitioner vacancy at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat:** Exciting opportunity for a committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services. Applications close August 17, 2022. For more info: go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>.