

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 27/28 August 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, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey

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 last weekend

\* Includes planned giving contributions through CDF, Bendigo Bank, and Churches

Presbytery: \$406.85

Parish: \$2,521.00\*

**Thank You:** We thank all who give generously to these collections.

**Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan:** Mass this Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

**Volunteers Wanted:** The Parish is inviting parishioners from Gordon and Springbank to accompany Maria on her Sunday morning home visits to give communion to the sick or to those parishioners who are unable to attend weekend masses. Parishioners who are willing to volunteer once every 6 weeks or so, are asked to contact Maria Donegan on 0406 241 240.

**Synod on Synodality:** Copies of the *Australian Synthesis* have been placed in the churches, for interested parishioners.



## 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.

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)

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:

Presbytery: \$1,012.00

Parish: \$589.00

**Thank You:** We are deeply appreciative of your generosity in supporting our parish communities.

**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 Welcome Pack from Parish House. Stay up to date via the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) newsletter at: [info@acslltd.org.au/](mailto:info@acslltd.org.au)

**Social Justice:** The Ballarat Diocese Social Justice Commission met last June 2022. The Commission invited

nominees from the parishes to appoint a Social Justice Officer. At present the Parish Secretary will represent the Parish, and coordinate communication between the Commission and the Parish.

**Synod on Synodality:** Copies of the *Australian Synthesis* have been placed in the churches, for interested parishioners.

**Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022:** The July edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Copies can be picked up at all churches. Read about John Orval's stained-glass work in many of our Diocesan churches.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
27/28 August 2022	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 3: 17-20; 28-29; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
3/4 September 2022	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wis 9: 13-18; Philem 9-10, 12-17	
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	Marie Shanahan		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
10/11 September 2022	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1: 12-17	
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	Catherine Green		

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
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick Sunday 9am ~ Daylesford Sunday 10.30am					

**Recent Deaths:** Neil Sheehan, Mary Clark

**Anniversaries:** William (Bill) Nunn, Martin Gleeson, Jim Caddy, Dawn Kelly, Frank Kennedy, Emma Squire, Elsie Butler, Sylvia Fisher, Kathleen Ledwidge, Brian O'Regan, Con Toohey, Patricia Ryan, Therese Johnson, Maureen Everard, Rita Powell, Maureen Mahar & Robert (Rob) Marshall.

**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, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner & Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

**Praying with Pope Francis:** The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention & asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. '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 August: For small business:** *We pray for small & medium sized businesses. In the midst of economic & social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating & serving their communities.*

**Today is Social Justice Sunday:** The 2022-23 Social Justice Statement *Respect: Confronting Violence & Abuse* explores the roots of violence & abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social & theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women & children. It invites us to develop relationships 'marked by equality & reciprocity rather than domination & violence, respect & freedom rather than coercion & control.' We welcome this call from our Church to deepen our faith through discussion, advocacy & action. The Social Justice Statement & resources available at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2022/08/02/sjs2022-23//>

**Upcoming free webinar on the Plenary Decree on Deacons & Women:** A webinar on Saturday, Sept 3, from 10.00am – 12.00noon will explore the permanent diaconate & women's diaconal ministry, following the Plenary Council's decree, "That, should the universal law of the Church be modified to authorize the diaconate for women, the Plenary Council recommends that the Australian Bishops examine how best to implement it in the context of the Church in Australia." Hosted by Australian Catholics Exploring the Diaconate & supported by Catholic Religious Australia, the webinar will be a chance to pray, learn, discuss & be inspired by diaconal ministry. Register at <https://liturgyonthemargins.org/events/>

**Employment opportunity: St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat Parish Coordinator / Secretary:** Part time 20 hours (0.5) per week. Position information in available at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarat-cathedral/>. Contact the Parish Office, ph. 5331 2933 for a copy of the full position description. Applications close Friday, September 16, 2022.

**St Augustine's, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 17-18<sup>th</sup> September:** Join the Parish of Creswick in celebrating St Augustine's Church 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Celebratory dinner at Doug Lindsay Recreational Reserve, Saturday 17 Sept at 6 pm, cost \$40. For info and bookings: email [staugustines150@gmail.com](mailto:staugustines150@gmail.com). Sunday mass on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Paul.



## BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

### Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend, 3-4<sup>th</sup> September

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Seventeen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation.

This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

**CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY**

### Prayer *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*

*Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness. Open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse, with mutuality, reciprocity, respect, and freedom.*

*Help us to love like you.*

*Jesus Christ, you rejected the use of religious traditions to justify violence.*

*Teach us to unmask manipulations of our faith used to justify violent, abusive, or coercive behaviour.*

*Teach us to be people who show tenderness, respect and care for others as you did.*

*Holy Spirit, you are with us always, showing us the way.*

*Move us to assist those who experience violence and abuse, and support their call for justice.*

*Empower us to hold perpetrators of violence and abuse responsible, encouraging them to change their behaviour. AMEN*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

28 AUGUST 2022

## WONDER FOR GIFTS RECEIVED

It has been said that the problem with humility is that it's the only virtue you can't boast about! For some it is a sign of maturity, for others, it shows a lack of belief in oneself, or it can be a means of subtly advancing your own cause in a way that is socially acceptable, but self-serving.

As Jesus addresses the question of humility, he wisely takes it in stages. Firstly, using the example of the wedding feast, he leads the Pharisees to admit that a self-serving humility can result in a person being exalted. Having gained their attention, Jesus moves on to deal with the nature of authentic humility which expresses itself in care for those who are less fortunate.

Over the last few weeks, the passages taken from the letter to the Hebrews have been reflecting on various aspects of the life of faith. These passages have been both encouraging and challenging. As the reflection concludes there is a call to awe, gratitude and humility for the marvellous gifts every Christian has received. In the ancient world the firstborn son would enjoy the lion's share of the inheritance, and many Christians, as slaves, did not enjoy the status of citizenship. This meant that they had, at best, limited rights. As Christians, however, their status has been radically changed. The covenant in Jesus' blood makes us all 'firstborn sons', sharing the same dignity and status as citizens in the heavenly Jerusalem.

## FIRST READING

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach

*Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,  
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,  
and then you will find favour with the Lord;  
for great though the power of the Lord is,  
he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady,  
since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,

an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 11:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Take my yoke upon you;**

**learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

**Alleluia!**