



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

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

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

Loose:	Presbytery: \$520.45	Parish: \$115.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$16,387.05

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: No mass this Thursday.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary-Monday, 15th August:

Mass at St Michael's Springbank at 10.30am, mass at St Brigid's Ballan at 5 pm. All welcome.

Resignation of Lin Bowers: During the week the parish received the resignation of Lin Bowers from the Parish Leadership Team and her resignation as the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Lin will be leaving the district. The Parish Leadership Team will arrange a farewell for Lin that will provide an opportunity for us to thank Lin for her ministry, service, commitment, leadership and faith

that she has shared so generously over many years. Fr Justin has appointed Aileen Toohey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

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.

Thank You: "Thank you to everyone who helped make my 90th birthday a truly wonderful celebration. To all those who sent or presented me with cards, gifts and flowers or contributed to the afternoon tea were much appreciated. I am truly blessed." Pat Barry.



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

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$824.50	Parish:	\$365.00
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COVID-19: Face masks 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 Welcome Pack from Parish House (Bungaree Presbytery). Stay up to date via the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) newsletter at: [info@acsltd.org.au/](mailto:info@acsltd.org.au)

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022: The July edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Copies can be picked up at all churches.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
6/7 August 2022	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 18: 6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19		
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	Mark Conlan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
13/14 August 2022	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10; Heb 12: 1-4		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Terry Elliott		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
20/21 August 2022	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 66: 18-21; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13		
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	Lin Bowers		

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 9am ~ Daylesford Sunday 10.30am					



<https://lutsnyc.edu/event/>

Recent Deaths: Anthony (Tony) Driscoll

With Sympathy: We pray for Fr. Justin on the passing of his brother, Anthony, last Sunday, 31 July 2022 at Swanwater. Our sincere condolences to Fr. Justin and his family. RIP.

Anniversaries: Vince O'Neil, Carmel Grano, Clare Creaney, Frank White, Scott Dupoy, Jack Everard, Brendan Nihill, Michael Patmore, Joseph Gerada, Maureen Rolls, Annie Crawley, James Rix, Frank Pearce, Barry Duffin, Margaret Frawley, Bidy Murphy and Patrick McDermott.

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.

Baptisms: We pray for Indiana Troy and Mika Thomas Toohey, sons of Jacquelyn and Jarrod, and Ezra Justin Toohey, son of Jenna and Damien, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Patrick's Church, Gordon, and welcome them into our faith community. Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – 6/7 August 2022: Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

National Vocations Awareness Week: August 7-14, 2022: This Sunday throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. This week we affirm and pray for all the baptised who are uniquely called by God and in particular we acknowledge the Single Life, Marriage and Family Life and all Lay Ministries within the Church.

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert: The Ballarat City Brass Band presents, "A Golden Era of Music" on Sunday, August 14 from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. No booking required. Entry by gold coin donation and all proceeds will be donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Online breakfast gathering to discuss plenary, women and leadership: ACRATH is hosting an online breakfast on Tuesday, August 16 at 8.00am (AEST) to celebrate women leaders going forward from the recent Plenary Council. The breakfast will feature speakers Clare Condon SGS and Elizabeth Young rsm sharing their thoughts about the Plenary Council, with breakout room discussions to follow. More info at <https://acrath.org.au/join-acrath-for-breakfast/>

Catholic Women's League Victoria Wagga Wagga Annual Conference: August 20–21: Members of CWLVicWW, along with family and friends, are invited to attend the 2022 Annual Conference on Saturday, August 20 and Sunday, August 21 at Australian Catholic University in Fitzroy. Hear from Keynote Speaker Monica Doumit and others, while enjoying an opportunity to reconnect and refresh. Registration forms must be received by August 12 and are available via email cwlvicww@gmail.com. More information at <https://www.cwlvicww.org.au/current-event/conference/>

Creating a Just Synodal Church - a series of zoom events addressing Inclusion in the Church: Join Garratt Publishing over four Wednesday evenings in August as they focus on synodality, governance and leadership of the Church in the context of Church inclusion. As the official Plenary process moves to a new phase, there is much work still required to create a just, synodal Church; a Church where all are included equally and inclusively. You will hear from local and international experts offering insights post the Plenary's second assembly, the ongoing work required as we move towards the Pope's Synod of Bishops, and insights from the German Synodal Path. More info at: [https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=935756&ct=t\(ACCCR-creating-just-synodalCHURCH_21JULY2022\)&mc_cid=45d2a74177&mc_eid=d0535f47f70n](https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=935756&ct=t(ACCCR-creating-just-synodalCHURCH_21JULY2022)&mc_cid=45d2a74177&mc_eid=d0535f47f70n)

Volunteers Needed Urgently at Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service, Diocese of Broome: Assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. Voluntary tasks include administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details contact Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan, ph. 08 9192 1060 or email volunteers@broomedioocese.org. Web: www.broomedioocese.org. Mail: PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.



made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 24:42,44
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is
coming.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 12:32-40
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 12:32-48

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A TWO-EDGED SWORD

The word of the Lord is said to be a two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12) and so it is with the readings for today – encouragement and warning stand side by side. Both the passage from the book of Wisdom and that from Hebrews, invite us to see our journey of faith in a positive light. The examples of Abraham and Sarah, as well as the people of the Exodus, show us that others too have had to trust in God’s promises when the way forward has not been clear. The most vivid instance of this is when Abraham was called to sacrifice his only son Isaac. One can only try to imagine his distress when called to sacrifice the very one by whom God’s promises were to be accomplished. Despite revulsion and fear he still took the leap of faith, and his faith was rewarded.

The two-edged sword of God’s word continues as Jesus reminds his disciples that while there is no need to fear we must live in a manner appropriate for people of faith. The leap of faith may not call us to sacrifice our children but it will challenge us to show that our hearts are in the right place by being prepared for the Lord’s return. The example of the faithful servants who are ready for their master’s return, even after a long delay, is powerfully contrasted with those who lost sight of the trust that they had been given.

FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

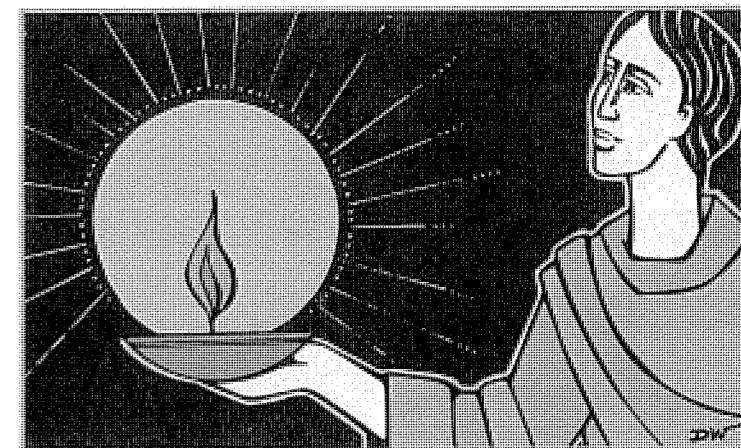
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance



given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been