



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

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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

☎ 5368 1015

www.sbballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

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, 1st 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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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

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	22nd 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	23rd 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 st Thursday of every month
10/11 September 2022	24th 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 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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. **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, 150th Anniversary – 17-18th September: Join the Parish of Creswick in celebrating St Augustine's Church 150th anniversary. Celebratory dinner at Doug Lindsay Recreational Reserve, Saturday 17 Sept at 6 pm, cost \$40. For info and bookings: email staugustines150@gmail.com. Sunday mass on Sept 18th at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Paul.



BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend, 3-4th 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