



## 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

Presbytery: \$415.70

Parish: \$962.00

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

**Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan:** There will be no mass this Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**Australian Catholics:** Spring 2022 edition is now available. Copies have been placed in all churches. Theme for this

edition: *Media for Good: Harnessing the power of communication.*

**Social Justice:** Parishes have been requested by the Diocesan Social Justice Commission to promote action in favour of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. If you wish to learn more about the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023, or become involved in social justice activities, please contact the Parish Secretary, email address: gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au



## 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: \$873.20

Parish: \$615.00

**Thank You:** We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to these collections.

**Bungaree Parish Leadership Team Meeting:** The Leadership Team meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery has been postponed. The meeting has been re-scheduled for next Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> of September, at 7.00 pm in the Bungaree Presbytery. If parishioners have any matters they would like to discuss with members of the Leadership Team, please contact Damien Ryan at: [ryandjr@bigpond.com](mailto:ryandjr@bigpond.com)/ or the Parish Secretary at: [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022:** Copies can be picked up at all churches. Read about John Orval's beautiful stained-glass works. Free exhibition **Luminous: John Orval, Stained Glass Artist** in Hamilton from August 20 – October 30. Bus tour to see Orval's work in Hamilton, Coleraine, Nareen and Tahara on September 30. More info at: <https://www.hamiltongallery.org/events/john-orval/>

**Volunteers Update:** Are you interested in joining the Parish as a volunteer? Contact any member of the Parish Leadership Team for further information. Stay up to date via the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) newsletter at: [info@acs ltd.org.au](mailto:info@acs ltd.org.au)

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
24/25 September 2022	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 6: 1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6: 11-16	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Joan Powell		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
1/2 October 2022	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hab 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14	
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	Winnie Zammit		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
8/9 October 2022	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2: 8-13	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		

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	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					



**Recent Deaths:** William (Bill) Black

**Anniversaries:** Phillip Camelleri, Josephine Catania, Muriel Snaith, Pat Toohey, Vera Winter, Kevin O'Brien, Bob Kick, Margaret Mahar, Catherine Graham, Noreen Torney RSM, Mary 'Mollie' Sullivan, Des Lee, Winifred Walsh, Bill Moroney, Mark Leonard, Kevin Jeffrey and Joan Leonard.

**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.

**Ballarat Diocesan Launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023-** : This is a unique opportunity to learn about this year's statement: "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse." Join a parish hub or attend online via zoom. There will be two guest speakers offering different understanding and viewpoints on this topic: Todd Sparkman, Senior Sergeant Victoria Police and Susan Muller, Family Safety Practitioner, Family Law Services, CatholicCare Victoria. Held on Saturday, October 1 from 10.00am – 12.00noon. Bookings are now open at trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ>

**Welcome to the Season of Creation;** The Season of Creation has special significance for the Catholic Church. It is a time marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The theme this year is *Listening to the Voice of Creation*. During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God's creation.



**Walking with Wisdom Series-6-27 October:** This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.

**Sing Assembly Sing-Saturday, 8 October:** This day is bringing to our diocese expert presenters Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan, Dr Paul Taylor and Ms Sophy Morley for a colloquium open to all parishes across the diocese. The subject for the day is the important role played by the Assembly (Congregation), particularly in the area of music. If the Assembly is not participating in the liturgical music, then the music may not be achieving its objective. This day aims to guide those preparing Liturgy in gaining knowledge and understanding in order to assist the engagement of the Assembly. Morley. Time: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Further information on booking details to come.

**2022 Knox Public Lecture-12 October:** "50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?" Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm. Bookings and Info: [ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture](http://ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture) Enq: [sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au](mailto:sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au) or Ph 9412 3333. Venue: Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne.

**Palms Australia Timor-Leste Encounter: Sunday, 16 October-Friday, 28 October:** Join a small, guided group to experience Timor-Leste including its bustling capital of Dili, the beautiful Atauro Island and regional communities such as Maliana, Atabae and Balibo. Palms Australia recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians sought by grass roots communities overseas as mentors to assist sustainable solutions to poverty. Meet Palms personnel who are working with our overseas partners and engage directly with local Timorese people through project site visits. Stay overnight with a local Timorese family for an authentic, personal experience of cultural exchange. More information available at <https://palms.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Timor-Leste-Challenge-Encounter-2022-INFO-PACK-2.pdf>

**CRA National Justice Seminar-19 October, "Now is the Time!":** Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!' will be held on Wednesday, October 19 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar will engage in conversations on advocacy and action on contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

"In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

25 SEPTEMBER 2022

## WEALTH AND CARE FOR OTHERS

Complacency can be a misguided, ill-founded and inappropriate response to power and privilege. The northern kingdom of Samaria was one that had a period of expansion and wealth while the southern kingdom suffered economically. Amos fearlessly proclaimed that a time of reckoning was approaching when such wealth would be no defence against the forces that would drag them into exile. He points out that it is their lack of concern for their brothers and sisters in the south that will result in them being the first to be exiled.

In a similar manner, Jesus used the parable of the rich man and Lazarus to remind his listeners that with wealth comes the responsibility to be attentive to the suffering of those who are less fortunate. The sudden reversal of the situations of the poor man and Lazarus is a powerful reminder that the time of accounting may find us unprepared, and our complacency at best a delusion.

As the first letter to Timothy concludes, Timothy is reminded of his responsibilities as a Christian leader and exhorted to keep faithful to the instructions he has been given. There is an air of solemnity as he is called to fulfil his duty in a spirit of faith, love, patience and gentleness until the return of the Lord at the end of time. As Jesus stood up to witness to the truth before Pontius Pilate, Timothy is challenged to let his leadership of the community serve as his testimony when the Lord returns.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

*You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David,

they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v. 2

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down. / It is the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

3. He upholds the widow and orphan / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

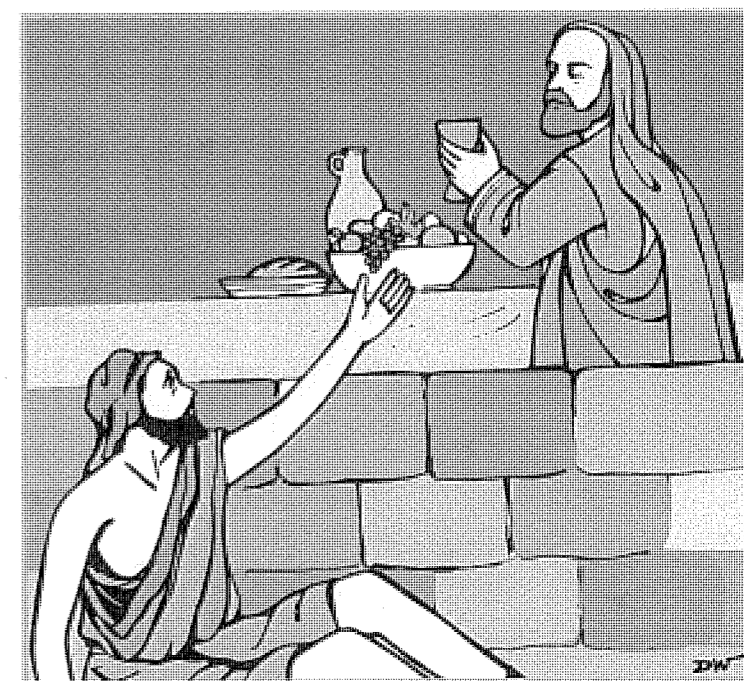
## SECOND READING

1 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and



love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!**