



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 last weekend

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

Presbytery: \$341.25

Parish: \$755.00*

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

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: Mass this Thursday, 8th 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.

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.



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: \$NA

Parish: \$NA

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@acsltd.org.au/](mailto:info@acsltd.org.au)

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022: Copies can be picked up at all churches. Read about the work of John Orval, whose beautiful stained glass work can be seen in some of our local churches.

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/>

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
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 – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	D Rix		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Catherine Green		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
17/18 September 2022	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Tim 2: 1-8	
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	Bert Jarvis		

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					



Recent Deaths: Ian Ryan (Horsham)

Anniversaries: Patrick Keating, Molly O'Loughlin, Malcolm McKenzie, Rita Fuller, Jack Mahoney, Peter Cefai, Frank Leahy, Rommy Sapuri, Tom McTigue, Gerald Clifford, William Bourke, Irene Parkin, Dorothy O'Donohue, Sylvia Cahir, Elizabeth McDermott and Frank Cass.

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.

A word of thanks: Fr Justin expresses his thanks to the many parishioners of the parishes of Gordon and Bungaree who have offered prayers, condolences, sympathy and wonderful support and care to him (and his family) following the death of his brother Tony Driscoll who died on July 31st. The cards, emails, phone calls, flowers and even attendance at Tony's funeral Mass has been greatly appreciated. Thank you. May Tony rest in peace.

Welcome to the Season of Creation: "Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme for 2022. Commencing on September 1 with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concluding on October 4 with the feast of Saint Francis, it is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. During this Season, 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.

Employment opportunity: St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat Parish Coordinator / Secretary: The Parish of St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat is seeking a Parish Coordinator/Secretary to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office – p/t 24 hours (0.6) per week, Tuesday – Friday 10.00am - 4.00pm. The role and hours of work may be expanded to include the co-ordination of the Parish Sacramental Program for a suitable applicant. Position info available from the Cathedral Parish webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ballarat-cathedral/>. Please contact the Parish Office, ph. 5331 2933 for a copy of the full position description. Applications close September 16, 2022 at 5.00pm.

Sisters of the Good Samaritan – Study and Mentoring Program: Applications are invited for the Good Samaritan Study and Mentoring (SAM) Program for 2023. This program offers financial assistance for tertiary theological study to a maximum of \$8000 per yr. For more info contact samleadership@goodsams.org.au. Applications close Sept 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. Sunday mass on Sept 18th at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Paul. For more info go to <https://staugustines150.weebly.com/>

National Catholic Men's Gathering 2022: menALIVE to the MAX is a national catholic gathering of men to be held in Sydney from October 7–9, 2022. The 2022 theme is RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. We are looking forward to gathering to listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. More info at <https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-to-the-max/>

Reunion of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+): Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, commencing with a tour of Damascus College (10am), followed by lunch at the Golden City Hotel (11.30am). To attend, please contact Lois Knights, email loisknights345@hotmail.com or phone 0419 902 538.



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – TODAY

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for seventeen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. This annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'.

Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. 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

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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4 SEPTEMBER 2022

GETTING OF WISDOM

The search for wisdom has never been an easy one and each of us grapples with the challenge of making sense of the complex tapestry of life. As the first reading so pointedly observes, 'It is hard enough to work out what is on earth ... who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?' In the centuries that preceded Jesus' birth the people of Israel were fascinated, frightened and challenged by their encounter with the culture and philosophy of the Greek-speaking world. The book of Wisdom is one of the fruits of that encounter and was itself written in Greek. While the Greeks looked to Plato and Aristotle, the author of the book of Wisdom had come to see that true wisdom is a gift from God and is to be found in the traditions of Israel most particularly in the Law of Moses.

Jesus knew all too well that true wisdom has its price. As he journeys towards his death, those who would be disciples are forcefully reminded to carefully consider the cost of discipleship.

Paul was one apostle of the Lord who knew the cost of discipleship. For the sake of the gospel he had gone through many trials (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:22-29) and had suffered and learnt much. Writing from prison he now has to call on all his stores of wisdom to convince Philemon to take back his runaway slave Onesimus. In a world where slavery was an accepted reality, Philemon is challenged to see his former slave as a brother in Christ.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

'What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what
is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt
it, had you not granted Wisdom

and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

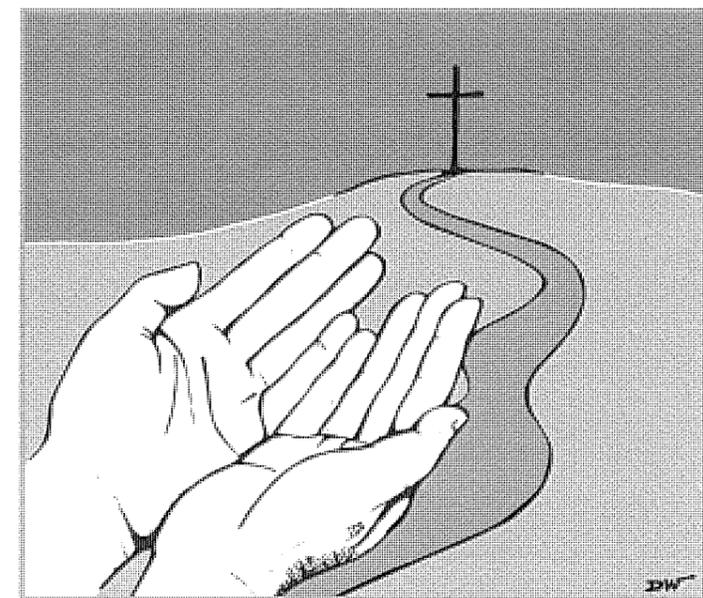
**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go
back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand
years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no
more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like
grass which springs up in the morning. / In
the morning it springs up and flowers: / by
evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life /
that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord,
relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to
your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we
shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the
favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success
to the work of our hands. **R.**



SECOND READING

Philem 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very
dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

■ **The word of the Lord.**