



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

Presbytery: \$659.20	Parish: \$926.00
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Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Mass at St Patrick's Church – 23 October 2022: Launch of St Patrick's Primary School new Vision Statement. All Welcome.

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: Fr. Justin will celebrate mass this Thursday, 20 October at 10.30 am at St Brigid's

Ballan. Biblical Formation Seminar will held after the mass. All welcome.

All Soul's Day Mass – 27 November 2022:

Fr Justin will celebrate mass for the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, 27 November at 2 pm. All welcome.

Trash to Treasure Auction: St Patrick's P and F are holding a Trash to Treasure Auction on Saturday 26th November at the Wallace Hotel. Gather your friends and book a table for this wonderful social gathering. Tickets are \$40 and include a shared entree, main meal and a shared dessert. Tickets via <https://www.trybooking.com/CCWJH>



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

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St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$992.00	Parish: \$230.00
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Thank You: We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to these collections.

Bungaree Parish Leadership Team Update:

We thank Maurice Mahar who recently resigned from the Leadership Team for his invaluable assistance to the Parish, and welcome Marty Forbes who along with Dom

Prendergast, will be representing the Clarkes Hill community for the next twelve months.

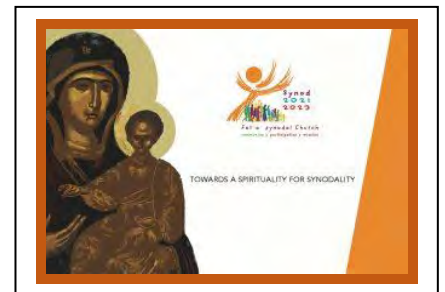
Annual General Meeting for the Parish of Bungaree: The AGM will be held on the 5th November immediately after the vigil mass at St Brendan's, Dunnstown

All Soul's Day Mass – 13 November 2022

Fr Sajan will celebrate mass for the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* at the Pootilla Cemetery at 9.30 am, Sunday, 13th November. All welcome.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
15/16 October 2022	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17: 8-13; 2Tim 3: 14-4:2		
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	Lloyd Lamb		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
22/23 October 2022	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35: 12-14, 16-19, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Margie Moran		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
29/30 October 2022	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 11:22-12:2 2 Thess 1:11-2:2		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	N Jeffrey		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		

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: Tom Prendergast

Anniversaries: Bernadette Moran, Catherine Moran, Lucinda Moran, Fr Michael Mulcahy, Arthur Murphy, Bill Flynn, Shelia Boak, Ruth Torpy, Phil Sherry, Gwen Bennett, Fred Tudor, Kevin Mahoney, Joseph Azzopardi, Jim Wickson, Thomas McKenzie, Kit O’Kane, Bill Fay and Michael Conlan.

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 and Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

Baptism: We welcome Paityn Sylvie Longden, daughter of Benjamin and Jessica, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Patrick’s Church, Gordon into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Praying with Pope Francis: Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. **Pope’s intention for October:** For a Church open to everyone: *We pray for the Church. Ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.*

Biblical Presentations-Gathering Space, Ballan: We are pleased to announce that Dr Rosemary Canavan will be holding free seminars to all interested persons on selected biblical themes: ‘*Lydia Open-hearted to Mission*’, Thursday, **20 October** after 10.30 am mass/prayer, ‘*Prayer in the Gospel of Luke*’ Thursday, **27 October** Zoom 7 pm and ‘*Mercy in the Gospel of Mark*’ Thursday **3 November** after 10.30 am mass/prayer. All Welcome.

Wisdom Workshop for young adults (16-25 yrs): Over three FREE self- discovery seminars, participants will learn skills to clarify and align with personal values, manage difficult thoughts and emotions and create a life of meaning and purpose. Wed **12, 19 & 26 October** from 7-8.15 pm at Lucas Community Hub. Go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wisdom-workshop-free-self-discovery-course-for-young-adults-in-ballarat-tickets-415691814407>

CRA National Justice Seminar-19 October: Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar ‘*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>

National Online Conference for Evangelisation: October 20-22, 2022: Hosted by the Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM), this conference will promote understanding of, and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship and mission in the world (BCELM mandate). Opening with a reflection on the Plenary Council and Australian reports to the General Synod on Synodality, the conference will progress to explore personal experiences and local strategies of evangelisation. More information is available at: <https://nce.catholic.org.au/bcelm-conference/events/bcelm-conference>.

World Mission Day Church Appeal – 23 October: The Catholic Mission is the Australian Agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies. The Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support the needs of local people by providing them with the opportunity to live a full, enriched life – physically and spiritually – regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. If you wish to contribute to Mission’s Annual Appeal, envelopes have been placed in the churches.

Towards a Spirituality for Synodality: Are you interested in learning more about how the foundations, nature and significance of a spirituality for synodality can be developed in the light of the synodal process itself? The paper, ‘*Towards a Spirituality for Synodality*’ available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/> informs us on how the features of a synodal spirituality may unfold for us, and how the Holy Spirit graces the life of the Church, drawing us into a deeper love of Christ and moving us to desire an ever greater communion, participation, and mission. For more information, go to the Synod 2021-2023 website for highlights on the 2021-2023 Synod at: <https://www.synod.va/en/highlights/towards-a-spirituality-for-synodality.html>

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our
heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 OCTOBER 2022

PRAYER AND THE SCRIPTURES

Many people find the scriptures both fascinating and confusing. Written for different times and cultures between 2000-3000 years ago, it should come as no surprise that there are occasions when their meaning is not immediately clear, and their application to our lives uncertain. Today's readings from the second letter to Timothy reveal that it was not all that different for Christians late in the first century. Paul's letters were just beginning to be gathered and the gospels were just beginning to be preserved in written form. How should a community of faith make use of the Old Testament and these new Christian writings?

Timothy is challenged on a number of levels to use the scriptures as a resource for his ministry, providing sound teaching and guidance. One of the deepest challenges in the reading is that of proclaiming the message whether it is welcomed or not. It is a call to have the courage of one's convictions and persistent and enduring faith.

Jesus' parable about the widow and the unjust judge, as well as Moses' victory over the Amalekites, focus on how persistent and hope-filled prayer is essential for the life of faith. In an age when communication is almost instantaneous, it can come as a shock to learn that it is by patiently waiting and listening that we will best hear God's voice. While it may seem that God is slow to answer, sometimes it's our hearts that are slow to grow, change, and be attuned to God's plans!

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

**R. Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

■ **The word of the Lord.**