

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 22/23 October 2022



## 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: \$456.90

Parish: \$190.00

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

**Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan:** Fr. Justin will celebrate mass this Thursday, **27 October at 10.30 am** at St Brigid's

Ballan. The Biblical Formation discussion will be held after the mass. All welcome.

**Mass at St Patrick's Church, 23 October 2022 - Launch of St Patrick's Primary School New Vision Statement:** St. Patrick's is very pleased to present their new Vision that was born out of consultation across 2021-2022 to set the path for us for the next 5-10 years. All Welcome.



## 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](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

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### Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$NA

Parish: \$NA

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

**Bungaree Parish Leadership Team Meeting:** Forthcoming meeting to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery.

**The 'Book of the Names of the Dead':** If you wish to include the names of parishioners who have recently died, Fr Sajan will be bringing the 'Book of the Names of the Dead' to all Saturday/Sunday masses held during November, including the cemetery mass at Pootilla. If you wish to update the death anniversaries listed in the Combined Newsletter, please email the Parish Secretary at: [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

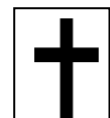
	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
22/23 October 2022	30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35: 12-14, 16-19, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18		
Clarkes Hill - 6.30 pm	Margie Moran		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Mark Conlan		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
29/30 October 2022	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 11:22-12:2 2 Thess 1:11-2:2		
Springbank - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree - 8.45 am	N Jeffrey		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
5/6 November 2022	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thess 2:16-3:5		
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	To be Advised		

### NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES

Eganstown - Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am (All Souls Day)

Pootilla - Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30am

Gordon - Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> 11 am



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:** Fr Bill Melican (Funeral Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am), Joan Pedretti (Mullane), Margaret Calleja.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Hamm, Constance (Connie) Edwards, William Mahar, Ellen Doyle, William Gleeson, Una Shanahan, Constance Gleeson, Brendan McTigue, Dorothy Conlan, Carmen Duca, Des Torpy, Joan Auchettl and Monica Burke.

**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.

**Baptisms:** We welcome Esme Florence Montano, daughter of Sam and Claire, who will be baptised at St Peter's Church, Clarkes Hill; and Bonnie Sage Hutchings, daughter of Ayden and Meg, and Elsie Kate Trigg, daughter of Bryce and Emma, who will be baptised 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: *'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. If you wish to join the Zoom seminar, please contact Aileen, the Parish Secretary. She will send you the Zoom details and link by email. All Welcome.

**NCLS Research to present free webinar on " How healthy are Australian churches":** NCLS Research will be presenting a free webinar on Thursday, October 27 titled, "How healthy are Australian churches?" The webinar will present a snapshot of the reality and experience of church life in Australia, based on the results from the latest National Church Life Survey. Speakers are Dr Ruth Powell, Director - NCLS Research and Sam Sterland, Senior Researcher - NCLS Research: Get your free tickets at <https://NCLSHalthychurches.eventbrite.com.au>

**World Mission Sunday – TODAY:** World Mission Sunday is a day dedicated to the great work of Mission. To celebrate this event, Catholic Mission is inviting all of us to answer our call to be missionaries. Through their international network of the Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission have created a 2022 #wearestillhere message that witnesses the dedication of missionaries around the world and is a celebration, an acknowledgment, and a thank you message to everyone who is answering the call of being missionaries wherever they are. Join Catholic Mission as a missionary and learn what Mission means to our brothers and sisters at [catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere](http://catholicmission.org.au/wearestillhere)

**Hindu feast of Deepavali (or Diwali) 24 October:** The feast of Deepavali, which in Sanskrit means "row of oil lamps", celebrates the victory of truth over falsehood, light over darkness, and good over evil. It is one of the most important Hindu feast days, and is celebrated with lamps, fireworks, prayers and large family meals. The Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue sends well-wishes to people celebrating the feast of Deepavali and invites Christians and Hindus to work together for peace in a divided world. "May this festival of lights give you the grace and happiness to enkindle," it reads, "besides yours, the lives of everyone in your families, communities and in the larger society." "May we, Christians and Hindus, joining hands with those of all other religious traditions and people of good will, promote ... the spirit of conviviality and co-responsibility to transform this world into a secure home for everyone to live in with peace and joy!" "Wishing you all a Happy Deepavali!"

**October is National Mental Health Month:** National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. The National Mental Health Month 2022 Awareness Campaign theme is: 'Building Resilience: Communities and Connections'. Mental Health Australia invites organisations to participate in the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign which will run throughout October <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/>

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



## PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND HUMBLE

An ever-present danger for the sincerely devoted and religious person is that of falling into the trap of self-righteousness. The danger that lurks is that of seeing others as less committed and worthwhile in God's eyes than oneself. Both the first reading from Ecclesiasticus and Jesus' parable about the Pharisee and the tax collector provide us with timely and penetrating reminders that it is the prayer of the person who knows their need of the Lord that pierces the clouds of heaven. Humble and grateful acceptance of the Lord's mercy and love is our most appropriate response.

As the second letter to Timothy concludes, Paul's ministry is evaluated. Rather than think that Paul is blowing his own trumpet, it is worth remembering that this letter was probably written by one of Paul's disciples. In their judgement, Paul had indeed run the best of all races, and he was more than worthy to receive the crown of righteousness after his ministry as a fearless and tireless proclaimer of the Good News. In that ministry, he had often met with opposition, misunderstanding and sometimes even betrayal (2 Corinthians 11:21-30). Through all this, he was supported by the knowledge that the Lord was standing by his side as the source of his power. He had no illusions that he was anything but an earthen vessel that carried a priceless treasure, and that the power belonged to the Lord (2 Corinthians 4:7).

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

FIRST READING

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19

A reading from the book of Sirach

*The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,

his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

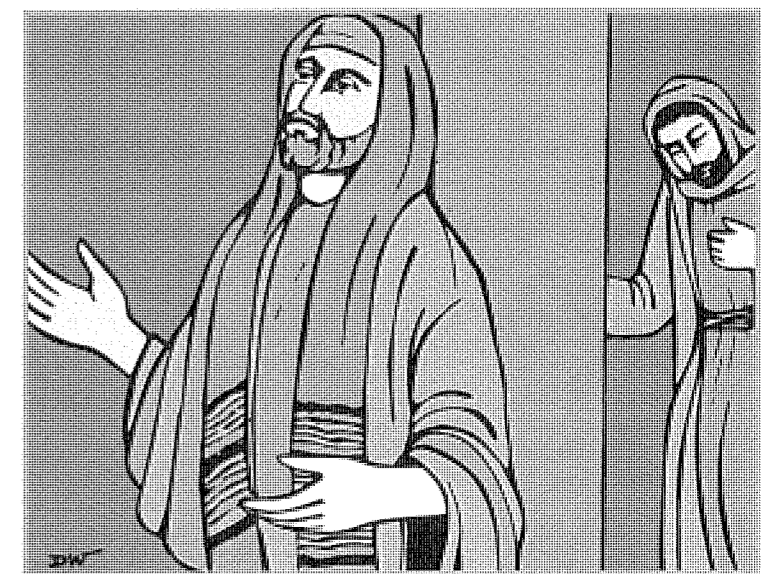
Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

**R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The just call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. **R.**

3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.