



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, Nola Kersley

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: \$524.20	Parish: \$485.00
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Ballan Community Meeting: A very successful gathering of St Brigid's Church community was held after Mass on Sunday October 23rd with approximately 30 people in attendance. Expressions of interest were sought for various ministries in the community including Funeral ministry, Leadership Team, Music and Liturgy and Sacristans as well as an acknowledgement of the wonderful ministries that continue at the Hostel, St Vincent de Paul, Baptism Coordination, Liturgy, Building inspection and maintenance, Thursday prayer and Biblical formation. Nola Kersley has accepted an appointment to the Parish Leadership Team. Thank you to all for such a positive, hope-filled meeting.

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: No Mass this Thursday.

Cemetery Mass – 27 November: Mass commences at 11 am. Limited seating available, so, please bring a chair. If the weather forecast is for inclement weather, mass will be held at St Patrick's Church, Gordon. The Mass at Ballan will be celebrated at 8.45am on that day.

Community Meeting: Fr Justin will convene a Community Meeting at the Gordon Church, Sunday, 4 December after 8.45 am Mass.

Christmas Gathering: Dinner on Tuesday, 6 December at Donegan's Farm, 6.30pm; Cost \$30 per head. Please complete the *Christmas Dinner Booking Form* after mass or call the Parish Office on 53689280.



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,

Marty Forbes, Chris Frawley & 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: \$NA	Parish: \$NA
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Parish Leadership Team: We welcome Chris Frawley to our Leadership Team. Chris will join Damien Ryan as the Parish representatives for the Bungaree community.

Bungaree Church Cleaning: Thank you to everyone who has assisted in cleaning the Bungaree church throughout

2022. The annual deep clean will take place on Monday 5th December at 7.00 p.m. Both men and women, as well as new volunteers would be very welcome. Anyone wishing to join the roster for 2023, please contact Debbie Ryan on 533402234.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
19/20 November 2022	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Thess 3:7-12, Col 1:12-20		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		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
26/27 November 2022	1st Sunday of Advent (Year A) Isa 2:1-5, Rom 13: 11-14		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Helen Mahar		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon Cemetery – 11 am	Readers to be confirmed		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 8.45 am*	Catherine Green		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
3/4 December 2022	2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A) Isa 11: 1-10; Rom 15:4-9		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		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

Christ the King, tryptich, Saint James the Greater Church, Saint Louis, Missouri



Recent Deaths: Alfredo Barbara (Funeral: St Brigid's Ballan, Friday 25 November at 1.30pm)

Anniversaries: Richard Butler, Maudie Smallman, Joe Fitzpatrick, Mary Ryan, Jack McEldrew, Steven Tingate, Katherin Mary Clarke, Louise Jarvis, Frank Bartaska, Michael Dyer & Mary Canty, Geraldine Nihill, James Britt, Thomas Bawden, Graeme Mason, Mathew Steenhuis, Kath O'Hehir, Vincent Maher, Margaret Tynan, Barry Flynn, Mary Maher, Carmen Maher, Jack Glenane and Kevin Glenane.

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 George Carey, son of Daniel and Jornita, who will be baptized 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.*

Pope's intention for November: For children who suffer: *Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education, and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection.*

Red Wednesday – November 23: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) invites you to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils. Parishes may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.

The Victorian State Election and the Common Good: The Bishops of Victoria have written to the Catholic community in Victoria to provide an election guide designed to help Catholics consider and navigate key issues of significance, particularly those related to the common good. Documents available at <https://melbournecatholic.org/stateelection2022>

Helping those affected by floods: St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by: Call 13 18 12 or visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. Make a monetary donation thro' any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Synod of Bishops Continental Stage: The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

The next phase of Synod on Synodality: The National Centre for Pastoral Research is inviting expressions of interest for next round of consultation for the global Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups assisted by a reflection guide being produced by the national Synod of Bishops committee will be able to gather and share their feedback online. If you wish to coordinate a group, email the NCPR's Stephen Reid (stephen.reid@catholic.org.au).

Advent Anointing Masses (Parish of Gordon)

St Brigid's Ballan at 10.30am Thursday December 15th St Patrick's Gordon at 10.30am Tuesday December 20th and Ballan Hostel at 10.30am Thursday December 22nd

Christmas Mass Times

Parish of Gordon - Christmas Eve Masses (Saturday December 24th)
5.30pm St Brigid's Ballan 6.30pm St Patrick's Gordon 7.00pm St Michael's Springbank

Parish of Bungaree (Times to be confirmed)

Parishes of Daylesford and Creswick

8.30pm Daylesford Christmas Eve and 9.00am Creswick Christmas Day

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
David our father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke.

*Lord, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross
watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at
him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save
himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen
One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when
they approached to offer him vinegar they said,
'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'.
Above him there was an inscription: 'This is
the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused
him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save
yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke
up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God
at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as
he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are
paying for what we did. But this man has done
nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me
when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I
promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with
me in paradise.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / C

20 NOVEMBER 2022

VICTORY DEARLY-WON

While the idea of the monarchy may be a
difficult and controversial one in contemporary
Australia, today's feast calls us to reflect on the
paradoxical kingship of Christ. We are invited
to ponder with awe and gratitude a kingship
unlike any other. In the ancient world, people
such as Alexander the Great and Julius Caesar
became kings or emperors as a result of their
military exploits. David was acclaimed king
by the tribes of Israel precisely on that basis.
His military prowess was seen to be a sign of
God's blessing upon him and his descendants.

When we reflect on the kingship of Jesus it is
patently clear that Jesus' exploits and prowess
are of another kind. His battles were against
sin, suffering and death. His victory was
dearly won and his enthronement took place
on a rocky outcrop called Calvary, surrounded
by misunderstanding, ridicule, rejection and
calls to exercise his kingship by saving himself.
Both the early Christian hymn of Colossians
and Luke's passion narrative bear eloquent
testimony to a kingship based on service and
self-giving love.

In the hymn from Colossians, we witness the
outpouring of the faith of the early Church
as it praised Jesus as Lord of creation, head
of the Church, and firstborn from the dead.
However, they did not lose sight of the fact
that it was on the cross that victory had
been won, wounds healed and all creation
reconciled with God.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron.
'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and
blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it
was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and
the Lord said to you, "You are the man who
shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall
be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of
Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King
David made a pact with them at Hebron in the
presence of the Lord, and they anointed David
king of Israel.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the
Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us
go to God's house.' / And now our feet are
standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**

2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly
compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the
tribes of the Lord. **R.**

3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the
Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of
judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

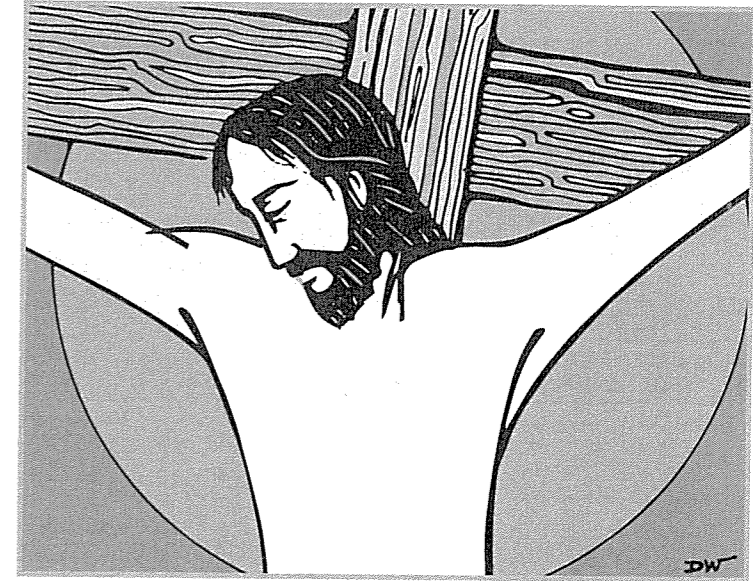
SECOND READING

Col 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made
it possible for you to join the saints and with
them to inherit the light.



Because that is what he has done: he has
taken us out of the power of darkness and
created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son
that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom,
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers —
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him
and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

■ **The word of the Lord.**