

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 18/19 February 2023

Our parishes follow the Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

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, Brendan Maher, Nola Kersley, Mark Conlan
 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
 ✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

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| Parish Schools | St. Brigid's Primary School St. Patrick's Primary School | Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth: Principal: Mr Paul McDowell | ☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 5368 9495 | www.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au |
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Collections last week

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| Presbytery: \$512.70 | Parish: \$282.00 |
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Ash Wednesday Masses – February 22:

- 9.15am St Brigid's Ballan
- 10.30am St Patrick's Gordon
- 6.30pm St Michael's Springbank

No Mass at Ballan this Thursday.

Lenten Biblical formation with Rosemary Canavan

Thursdays after 10.30am Mass in Ballan on March 2nd, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Participants will have the opportunity

to explore with Rosemary for the Gospel used at Masses on the following Sunday. All are welcome.

News from the Parish Primary Schools: Both schools have welcomed new students and staff with 97 students enrolled at St Brigid's and 75 enrolled at St Patrick's. The opening school Mass was celebrated at Ballan on Friday with the Gordon opening Mass to be celebrated on Tuesday February 28th at 10.00am.

World Day of Prayer: The service, prepared by the women of Taiwan, will be held on Friday, March 3rd at 10 am at St John Anglican Church Simpson Street, Ballan. Morning Tea to follow.

Our parishes acknowledge this land's traditional owners and custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging.

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, Dianne 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 St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown | Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604 | www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au |
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Collections last fortnight:

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| Presbytery: \$NA | Parish: \$NA |
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Ash Wednesday Mass – February 22:

Mass will be celebrated at St Michael's Church Bungaree on Wednesday at 11 am (not at 9.30 am).

School Mass – February 22: St Mary's Primary School and St Brendan's Primary School will celebrate the Beginning of the Year School Mass at St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown on Ash Wednesday at 9.15 am.

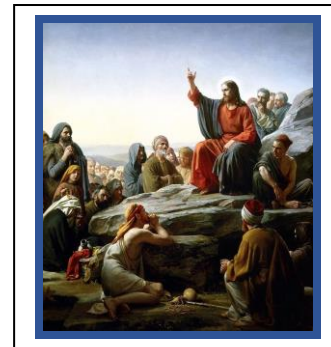
School Enrolments: Enrolments are now open at St. Brendan's, Dunnstown and St. Mary's, Clarkes Hill. Please contact the schools for a personalised tour or attend our opening mornings.
 St. Brendan's Primary School-Monday the 27th of February from 9am- 1pm
 St. Mary's Primary School-Thursday the 2nd of March from 9 am - 1pm.
 All are welcome!

| | READER/INTERCESSION | OFFERTORY | WEEKDAY MASSES |
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| 18/19 February 2023 | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lev 19:1-2; 1 Cor 3: 16-23 | | |
| Dunnstown – 6.30 pm | Trish Ryan | | Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Gordon – 8.45 am | To be Advised | | Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Jane Bosworth | Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan | Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| 25/26 February 2023 | 1st Sunday of Lent Gen 2:7-9, 3: 1-7; Rom 5:12, 17-19 | | |
| Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm | Julie Moran | | Friday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Ballan – 6.30 pm (new time) | Margaret Green | Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe | Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Gordon – 8.45 am | To be Advised | | |
| 4/5 March 2023 | 2nd Sunday of Lent Gen 12: 1-4; 2 Tim 1: 8-10 | | |
| Dunnstown – 6.30 pm | Dianne Reynolds | | Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass |
| Gordon – 8.45 am | To be Advised | | Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Marie Shanahan | Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka | Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month |

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| Sat 6.30pm | Dunnstown | Springbank | Dunnstown | Clarks Hill / Ballan | Springbank |
| Sun 8.45am | Gordon | Bungaree | Gordon | Gordon | Bungaree |
| Sun 10.30am | Ballan | Ballan | Ballan | | Ballan |

Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 6.30pm - 1st Sunday ~ Daylesford 6.30pm - 3rd Sunday
 Sunday Masses ~ Creswick 9am - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday; Daylesford 10.30 am - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday
 Sermon on the Mount by Carl Bloch <https://freechristimages.com/bible-stories/sermon-on-the-mount.html>



Recent deaths: Sandy Price

Anniversaries: Kathleen Rix, Betty Martin, Don Murphy, Frank Britt, Tim Fletcher, Edna Carson, Catherine Parkin, Eileen White, Sr. Anne Forbes, Carnema and Carmnu Brincat, Martin Molloy, Chris Maher, Veronica Bryce, Fay Daly, Laurie Wheelahan, Eily Mullane, Richard Butler, Catherine Donegan.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson and John Healy.

Baptisms: We pray for Lily and Ruby Quirk, daughters of Michael and Leanne, who will be baptised during the Vigil Mass at St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown; and Logan and Jasmine Micallef, children of Kyle and Sarah, and Arthur Murphy, son of James and Charlee, who will be baptised at St Patrick's Church Gordon this Sunday. We welcome them into our faith communities. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Project Compassion Sunday – February 19, 2023: Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.** Donation boxes and envelopes available from all churches, call 1800 024 413 or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>



Bungaree Sacramental Program: If you wish your child to be part of the Bungaree Parish Sacramental program this year, please ring or email St. Mary', Clarks Hill by Friday the 17th of March and leave your phone number, child's name, age and let us know which sacrament/s they will be preparing for and receiving this year. Alternatively, ring the Parish Office on 0492 903 409 or email Aileen at: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au and leave your details with her. Reconciliation is offered for Year 2 children and older and children from Year 3 upwards are invited to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Once we have the numbers and set dates, we will be in contact. email - principal@smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au. Ph 53345280

Rite of Election 2023: Saturday, February 25 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

Gordon Parish Leadership Team meeting, Gathering Space, February 8th, 2023

The first meeting of the team was held on Wednesday evening with a welcome to new members Mark Conlan and Nola Kersley who are both delegates from Ballan. The executive for 2023 was confirmed with Sue Daly as chair and Joan Bourke as minute secretary.

Mark Bromley from the Diocesan Finance Office attended the meeting to present the current parish buildings insurance schedule for the three Churches (Ballan, Gordon and Springbank), the two former Convents (Gordon and Springbank) and the former school (Springbank). With increases of 20% it is expected that the 2023/34 insurance cost to the Parish will be \$19,500.

Key dates for the 2023 parish calendar were presented including school Masses, Ash Wednesday, Lenten Biblical formation, Holy Week and Easter and the Sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, Confirmation and first Eucharist. A celebration for St Patrick's Day (Friday March 17th) is also being proposed.

The sacramental statistics from the Gordon Parish for 2022 was presented with 30 baptisms celebrated, 17 Confirmations, 16 First Communions, 1 Wedding and 13 Funerals.

The revised and updated terms of reference for the Leadership team were presented and ratified.

Safeguarding (a standing agenda item) requirements were discussed for team members all required to have a current Police Check, Working With Children Check, Signed the Acknowledgement of the Parish Code of Conduct for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults and completion of the Safetrac online Safeguarding module.

Financial Statements for the Parish and Presbytery accounts for the October – December 2022 quarter were presented and received,

Ongoing maintenance issues – gutters at the Springbank Church, Gordon toilets, Ballan Church side doors as well as the replacement of the data projector in the Ballan Church.