

The Ascension of the Lord (Year A): 20/21 May 2023

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

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 (Wednesday/Thursday 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

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

Presbytery: \$715.15	Parish: \$ 351.00
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Mass at Ballan: Mass this Thursday, May 25th at 10.30am.

Confirmation Preparation:

Welcome to the children and their families preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. **Dismissal mass at Gordon at 8.45am this Sunday.** The children will be dismissed from the mass and led by Mrs Jerram led through part of the

preparation in our Family based, Parish Coordinated and Catholic school supported sacrament program. Confirmation will be celebrated at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Ballan on the Feast of Pentecost, Saturday May 27th with Bishop Paul Bird.

Mass Counts from weekend May 6-7 to May 27-28:

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count has commenced. Counting forms have been placed in the Churches. Please nominate parishioners who will record the count for every Mass held in the parish on each of the four weekends. The completed forms will be collected after the weekend mass.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

We are child safe Parishes, committed to safeguarding children, young people & vulnerable adults.

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 (Tuesday 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:

Presbytery: \$NA	Parish: \$NA
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Thanks from Aileen Hanrahan:

Thank you for the lovely bunch of flowers. I will miss you all (but will still be back from time to time). Thanks for your support, Aileen.
 (P.S. Thanks to Nola Jeffrey and Frank Hanrahan for arranging).

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	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
20/21 May 2023	The Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23	
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	Marie Shanahan	Bridget Sims and Family	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
27/28 May 2023	Pentecost Sunday	Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13	
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Catherine Green	Edith & Tony Paarhammer	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett	Jill Prendergast	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		
3/4 June 2023	The Most Holy Trinity	Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13: 11-13	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Sue & Mark Conlan	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
Sat 6pm* 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Ballan* Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan		Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 5 pm ~ 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					

Icon with the Ascension of Christ; Photo credit: Campion Hall, University of Oxford.

Anniversaries: James McDermott, Bryan Frawley, Fr Bill Moroney, Jack Mahar, Iala Wise, Albert Henry Jarvis, Keith Holmes, Nell Wise, Peter Davies, Jack Murphy, Stan Maher.

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, John Healy and Elaine Conlan.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer: May 21-28, 2023:

The theme for the 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Do good; seek justice."

(Isaiah 1:17). The Australian context for this theme is, "Learn to do good - Seek justice - Rescue the oppressed - Defend the orphan, plead for the widow". The focus of this week Christian Unity is an understanding of the history of Christianity in Australia, and how reconciliation initiatives seek to heal divisions caused by injustices. Further information and resources are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/about-faith-unity>

Baptisms: We pray for Nellie Jane Dickson, daughter of William and Dana; Eddie Miles Winter, son of Robert and Hayley; and Amelia Louise Winter, daughter of Jay and Kate; will be baptised this Sunday at St Patrick's, Gordon. We welcome them into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Catholic Education Week 2023:

Catholic Education Week 2023 will be celebrated from May 21-26, 2023. The theme for this year is "Grace is the gift of God's presence in our lives". *We give thanks to God for our diocesan schools. Send your spirit upon all involved in catholic education. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life. Amen.*

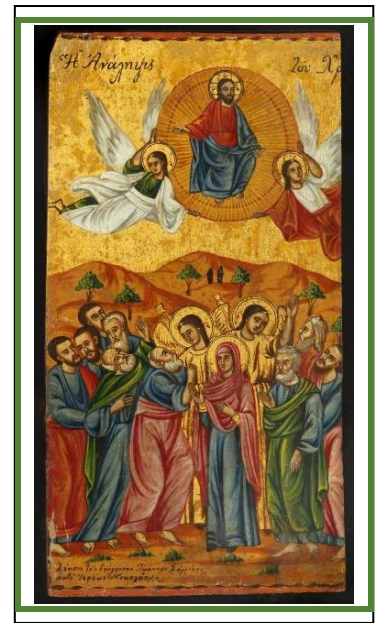
More information is available at <https://dobcel.catholic.edu.au/news/catholic-education-week/>

Laudato Si' Week: May 21-28, 2023: Interested in learning and doing more?

The theme for the 2023 *Laudato Si'* Week is "Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity". This annual celebration allows us to commemorate the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' historic encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: "On the care of Creation".

The Vatican urges parishes to view the documentary **The Letter: a message for our Earth** which was released in October 2022. Watch together as a parish community or view at home at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

Discuss with Fr Justin or Fr Sajan whether your parish would like to join the **Laudato Si' Platform** by registering as an Earthcare Parish at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/earthcare-parishes/> For more information, contact Jillian Hogbin, ph 5337 7117 or email caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

This year's St Vincent de Paul Society's annual **Winter Appeal** will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness.

Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Your generosity will provide shelter, food, clothing and long-term support to older women in crises – our mothers, grandmothers and aunts - and help rebuild their lives.

The Problem:

Right now, in Australia, we're experiencing a range of crises: the escalating cost of living, a shortage in affordable housing, gender inequality which negatively impacts women's superannuation savings, and a rise in elder abuse, a form of family violence.

For many older women who are relying on their pension as their only income, they're at a severe disadvantage when competing against double income earners in the rental market. Women over 55 are experiencing homelessness at alarming rates.

Donate now and you'll help make sure older women in crisis have a safe place to sleep, food, clothing and a chance to rebuild their lives.