

# 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 14/15 October 2023

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## THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank  
Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280; Out-of-hours: 0448 220 685  
Leadership Team: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Nola Kersley & Mark Conlan (Ballan)

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohy  
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Wed/Thurs 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

Parish Schools	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b> <b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth: ☎ 5368 1015 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell: ☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections last week

<b>Presbytery</b>	\$585.55	<b>Parish:</b>	\$400.00
<b>Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$10657.90</b>			

Annual Appeal for our Retired and Sick Priests - \$50

**Thank You:** We are very appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners for their donations.

**Ballan Mid-Week Mass:** 10.30am, Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Forthcoming Events:** Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 11 am on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Gordon Cemetery.

### Gordon Sunday Mass time:

Following consultation with the Gordon Mass community, the time of Sunday Mass will be **9.00 am** commencing Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue each 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

### Vigil Mass time at St Brigid's Ballan:

Following the consultation with the Ballan community the monthly Saturday evening Vigil Mass held for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month will continue at **6.00 pm** with the commencement of daylight saving.



## 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  
Leadership Team: Damien Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown) Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill). Ex-Officio Member: Inez French.  
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409  
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Parish Schools	<b>St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill</b> <b>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown</b>	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections last fortnight:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$720.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$ 1710.00
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Annual Appeal for our Retired and Sick Priests - \$50

**Thank You:** We are very grateful to all our parishioners and visitors for their contributions to these collections.

### Interested in Becoming a Liturgy Reader?

The Parish is updating the liturgy rosters for the next three months. If you attend St Michael's Bungaree and/or St Brendan's Dunnstown, and are interested in becoming more actively involved in weekend masses, please register your interest by completing the Ministry Roster Form placed at the back of the churches.

Alternatively, speak to Fr Sajan or contact the Parish Office. Contact details: tel: 5334 0450, 0492 903 409 or email [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)/ Thank you.

**Cemetery Mass** – Sunday, 9.30 am on **November 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Pootilla Cemetery.

**Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November** at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown from 2 pm onwards. Fun activities and games, afternoon tea followed by official proceedings. The carvery dinner (\$10 adults, \$5 children) commences at 6 pm, RSVP by Nov 11<sup>th</sup>.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>14/15 October 2023</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25: 6-10, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am* (new time)	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Rosemary and Michael Canavan	Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
<b>21/22 October 2023</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1: 1-5</b>		
Ballan – 6 pm	Tania Hoffman	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Helen Mahar	Joan Powell	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am* (new time)	To be Advised		
<b>28/29 October 2023</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22: 20-26, 1 Thess 1: 5-10</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue	Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month

**LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES**

	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 6pm*, 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Ballan* Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am, 9am *	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					



**Recent Deaths:** Gerald Duca (St Albans), Kevin Tolhurst (Creswick)

**Anniversaries:** Christine Dent, Fred Tudor, Kevin Mahoney, John Azzopardi, Jim Wickson, Thomas McKenzie, Kit O’Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Joan Therese (Mullane) Pedretti, Margaret Calleja, Bernadette Moran, Catherine Moran, Lucinda Moran, Fr Michael Mulcany, Arthur Murphy, Bill Flynn, Shelia Boak, Ruth Torpy.

**We offer our prayers for the sick:** Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson, John Healy, Elaine Conlan, Belinda Riley.

**Pope’s intention for October – For the Synod:** *We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world. Lord, hear us.*

**Baptisms:** We pray for Maeve Lenaghan, daughter of Dermot and Janelle, Zoey Kersley, daughter of Michael and Brooke, and Aston Kersley, son of David and Elizabeth, who will be baptized this Sunday at St Patrick’s Church, 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.*

**Sunday Lay led Assemblies of the Word and Holy Communion:**

Bishop Paul and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission invite parishioners of the communities of Ballan, Bungaree, Clarkes Hill, Dunnstown, Gordon and Springbank to a workshop after 10.30am Mass at Ballan on Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>. Lay led Assemblies of the Word and Holy Communion are celebrated when a priest is not available to celebrate the Eucharist with the community. They may be celebrated occasionally or scheduled regularly to enable the local faith community to continue to gather on Sundays.

Leadership of the Sunday Assembly of Word and Holy Communion is shared amongst several designated and commissioned leaders, together with the Readers, minister of the Eucharist and music ministries who are rostered as usual. Resources for the liturgy are provided by the Diocese.

The workshop is open to all to come and learn about Sunday Assemblies so that each community can be ready to celebrate them should the need arise. The day will commence with 10.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul and continue through the afternoon with a series of different workshops, concluding at 4.30pm. Lunch will be provided. Please register on the sign-up sheets in the church gathering areas or contact Aileen in the Office, email or phone.

**Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Ballarat:**

The Gordon Parish Leadership Team met during the week for their regular meeting. Financial reports for the July-September quarter were received and the updates on the minor works around the Ballan Church and Gordon Church noted.

Dates were confirmed for the Gordon Cemetery Mass, Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am with 9.00am Mass to be celebrated at Ballan for that morning only.

With the retirement of Fr Eugene McKinnon (Redan, Sebastopol, Linton Parishes) at Easter 2024, and the transfer of Fr Jorge de Chavez OSJ (Ballarat East), at the end of 2023, the Pastoral Planning Panel is reviewing the distribution of priests across the parishes of the Greater Ballarat region (including Bungaree, Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon) and the groupings of parishes that priests serve. The Pastoral Planning Panel will meet with each Parish Leadership team of the region to discuss the Looking Forward Pastoral Planning process in the Diocese and its implementation in our area. Importantly, no decisions about the future of any parish have been decided, nor has there been any decision to close any church. The Panel will meet with the Leadership Team in November.

**World Mission Day Appeal is next Sunday, October 22:** Catholic Mission has launched their 2023 Appeal, highlighting the Work of Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. Appeal envelopes can be picked up from the churches.

**GOSPEL**

Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants. "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Shorter form, Mt 22: 1-10*

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 OCTOBER 2023

## CALLED TO HOPE

The readings for today are both comforting and unsettling. Isaiah's vision of the whole human family gathered in peace on the mountain of the Lord is one that all people of goodwill hope will one day come to pass. The Gospel, on the other hand, introduces a discordant and unsettling note as Jesus continues to confront his opponents with the disturbing parable of the wedding feast. It seems hardly fair that a poor man dragged off the street to make up the numbers at a wedding feast should then be cast out because he was improperly dressed. If Matthew is compared with Luke 14:15-24 it quickly becomes apparent that Matthew has combined two parables of Jesus regarding weddings. One spoke of guests who were invited but refused, the other spoke of someone who came to a wedding improperly dressed. Since Matthew's community comprised both Jewish and Gentile Christians it seems his aim was to make sure both groups avoided complacency and taking God's gracious invitation for granted.

As Paul reflects on his experience as an apostle, one thing he learned was that there was no room for complacency. The ministry he had received to preach the gospel was one which entailed many risks, poverty and plenty, acceptance and rejection. In order to preach the gospel, he worked to support himself but was often assisted by communities that he had established. As he nears the conclusion of the letter to the community in Philippi, he thanks them for their generosity and support.

## FIRST READING

Isa 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 6

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**



4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

**Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!**

**Christopher Monaghan CP**