

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 4/5 November 2023

Our Parish acknowledges this land's traditional owners & custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present, & 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; 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 Toohey
 Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Wed/Thurs 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

Collections last week

Presbytery	\$560.45	Parish:	\$175.00
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$11520.9			

Welcome to Bishop Paul and members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and parishioners from our neighbouring parishes for the liturgy workshop following 10.30am Mass at Ballan this Sunday. Over 30 registrations have been received with many Ballan parishioners and also parishioners from Bungaree, Creswick, Daylesford and Wendouree parishes as well as Gordon.

Ballan Mid-Week Mass: Thursday November 9th 10.30 am

Gordon Cemetery Mass – Sunday, November 19th at 11 am

Parish Leadership Team meeting

The Team will meet on Wednesday November 8th at 7.30pm in the gathering area at St Brigid's Ballan. Two members of the Diocesan Planning Panel will attend this meeting. Throughout November, members of the panel are attending meetings of all parish leadership teams of the parishes in the central zone of the Ballarat Diocese to present proposals for the ministry districts (groupings of multiple parishes). The retirement at Easter 2024 of Fr Eugene McKinnon from Redan/Sebastopol/Linton parishes and the transfer of Fr Jorge from Ballarat to Western Australia are the catalyst for these proposals.

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

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
 ✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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

Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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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 as 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

Pootilla Cemetery Mass Sunday November 12th at 9.30 am

Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday, 25th November at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown from 2 pm onwards. Fun activities and games, afternoon tea followed by official proceedings. Carvery dinner (\$10 adults, \$5 children) starts 6 pm, RSVP St Brendan's 5334 7604 by Nov 11th

Visit of Pastoral Planning Panel:

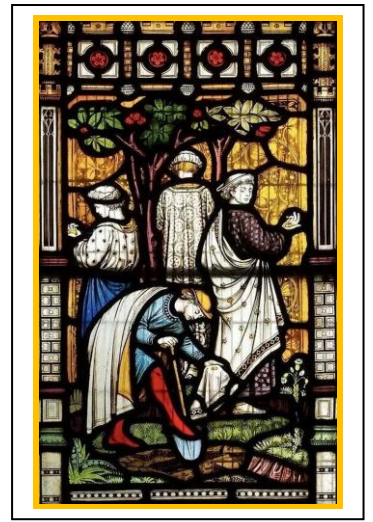
Members of the Pastoral Planning Panel will meet with the Bungaree Parish Leadership Team on Thursday, November 16th at 7.00 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery to discuss forthcoming pastoral matters.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
4/5 November 2023	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am* (new time)	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jayne Bosworth	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
11/12 November 2023	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 6: 12-16; 1 Thess 4: 13-18		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Pootilla Cemetery – 9.30 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green	Eddie and Mary Cassar	
18/19 November 2023	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5: 1-6		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon Cemetery – 11 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 9am (this week only)	Marie Shanahan	Bridget Sims Family	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, 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					

The parable of the Talents. Stained glass by Clayton & Bell, London for St Edith's Church, Bishop Wilton, England. © St Edith's Church, Bishop Wilton. <https://christian.art/daily-gospel-reading/matthew-25-14-30-2023/>



Recent Deaths: Mary Cullinan (formerly Evansford)

Anniversaries: Allan Dixon, Noel Torpy, Ronnie Spratling, Hughie O'Halloran, Mollie Maher, William Kennedy, Lucy O'Donohue, Basil Britt, Richard Keating, Catherine Hayward-Brown, Mons. Henry Nolan, Mary Donegan, Jack Molloy, John Ronan, Bart Fuller, Paul Wheelahan.

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.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for November – For the Pope: *We pray for the Holy Father. As he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit. Lord, hear us.*

Night of the Witnesses – Save the date!

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world. On Wednesday, November 22nd at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. For more information call 1800 101 201 or visit www.aidtochurch.org/notw/

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal

Over 1 million people have been displaced in Gaza with immediate food, shelter, health and psychosocial needs.



"This is a period of incredible turmoil and sadness. The escalation of violence has only exacerbated needs for the people in Gaza and West Bank, who already live in dire conditions. We are working with our partners on the ground to provide comprehensive and critical support to over 17,000 families affected by this devastating conflict." Sally Thomas, Humanitarian Lead, Caritas Australia. With your support, there will be aid to help partners on the ground to assist people displaced and affected by the current conflict. Please

donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal - scan or click the QR code.

Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship 2024/2025

The Australian Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry invites applications for a fellowship from young Catholic women who are committed to their faith and who feel called to explore leadership opportunities in their chosen fields and within the Church. The fellowship welcomes those volunteering or working in Catholic ministries or roles, and those working in secular settings fulfilling their mission in the world. Fellowship participants should be open and willing to explore the diversity of the universal church and desire to identify and step into new mission fields. Applications close Thursday, November 16, 2023. For more information scan or click the QR code.



ACU Public Lectures

In the lead-up to the 60th anniversary of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, 4 Dec 1963), the ACU Centre for Liturgy is proud to present the following distinguished speakers:

Professor Teresa Berger (Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and Yale Divinity School) will deliver a public lecture live **via zoom** on Monday, November 6th, 10.00am on "Liturgy's Imagined Futures: Beyond Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy."

Rev Professor John F Baldovin SJ (Boston College) who will deliver/live-stream a free public lecture on ACU's Melbourne Campus on Sunday, December 3rd from 5.00pm - 6.30pm AEDT on the topic of "A Liturgical Reform in Peril? *Sacrosanctum Concilium* sixty years on." For more information and to register, scan or click the QR code.

