

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 9/10 September 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; Out-of-hours: 0448 220 685
 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	\$447.95	Parish:	\$850.00
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$8737.3			

Annual Appeal for our Retired and Sick Priests - **\$465.00**

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

Welcome: We welcome Fr Sajan who will celebrate the 10.30am mass at Ballan this Sunday.

Mid-week 10.30am Masses:

Daylesford – Wednesday, September 13th
 Ballan – Thursday, September 14th
 Creswick – Friday, September 15th

Sacramental Program 2023 Update: The Sacramental Program for this year has now been completed. Masses to

celebrate the baptism, confirmation and eucharist for those children enrolled in the RCIC who have not yet completed the program, will continue to be held during the latter months of this year.

Planned Giving Program - July 2022 to June 2023 Update
 Fr Justin has written to all members of the Planned Giving program who financially contributed to last year's program by email or by mail thanking them for their commitment to the Parish. A summary of the Parish's finances 2022/2023 was also included with his letter. Please contact the Parish Office if you have not yet received his letter by Tuesday September 12th. Thank you.

Forthcoming Events:

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

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
 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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Parish Leadership Team Meeting:

The Parish Leadership Team met last Wednesday, September 6th at 7 pm. Items discussed included the future use of the St Brendan's school site. Other items included a review of the 2023 Sacramental Program to identify best

practices, parish finances and projected budgetary constraints, and the maintenance of parish properties and church grounds.

Forthcoming Events:

Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 9.30 am on November 12th at the Pootilla Cemetery.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
9/10 September 2023	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ezek 33: 7-9; Rom 13: 8-10	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To Be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Michael Ryan	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
16/17 September 2023	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sir 27: 30-28:7; Rom 14: 7-9	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Bridget Sims Family	
23/24 September 2023	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isa 55: 6-9; Phil 1: 20-24, 27	
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Julie Dargan	Tont & Edith Paarhammer	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Margie Moran	Helen Mahar	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		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					

Anniversaries: Evelyn Nash, Mary O'Loughlin, Noel Kelly, Katherine Maher, Paul Mahar, George Richardson, Gerald Clifford, William Bourke, Kath Mulcahy, Alma Eastwood, Kevin Reddie, Peg Shanahan, Peter Duffy, Eileen Pendergast, John William Meiklejohn, Elspeth Eastwood.

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

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 September – For people living on the margins: *We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions. May they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance. Lord, hear us.*

Pope Francis, at the Vatican, May 21, 2022 (Photo by Evandro Inetti/ZUMA Press Wire /MaxPPP) Download <https://international.la-croix.com/>



Safeguarding Sunday - TODAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4, 2023

Every year from September 1 - October 4, Catholic Earthcare Australia (Caritas and the Australian Bishops Conference) joins with Christian communities globally to celebrate the Season of Creation, to celebrate the gift of our common home. The theme for 2023 is "Let Justice and Peace Flow" drawing on the river imagery of in Amos 5:24. It challenges us to act for ecological justice, creating change and speaking out with communities most impacted by rising sea levels, biodiversity loss and other consequences of climate change. Resources at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2023/>

Synod on Synodality: Room for everyone in our Church

The Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Yarra Theological Union and Garratt Publishing present "Synod on Synodality: Room for everyone in our Church" to be held on **Thursday, September 14th at 7.00pm via zoom**. Leading the discussion is one of the ACBC's representatives at the Synod, Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst. The convocation will be recorded and made available the week following the event. You must be registered to receive the link to the video. For more details and to register, scan or click the QR code. This a free event.



Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea Chapter: ISMAPNG would be grateful for your prayer, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, during the coming weeks as they gather for their Chapter – a time of evaluating the past and planning for the future. Venerable Catherine McAuley, pray for us.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund: Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund". A credit card facility is available and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. *Caring for those who care for us – the Church community's responsibility.*