

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 18/19 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	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth: ☎ 5368 1015	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections last week

<b>Presbytery</b>	\$440.40	<b>Parish:</b>	\$467.00
<b>Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$16359.90</b>			

In case of inclement weather, the mass will be held at St Patrick's Church, Gordon. Some chairs will be supplied, but attendees are requested to bring a chair/mat.

### Parish Survey Form:

The Parish Leadership Team would like your feedback. A one-page survey form can be picked up at all churches or will be forwarded to you by email. The completed form can be emailed to the Parish Office, placed in the box at the church foyer/gathering space for collection, handed directly to Fr Justin or mailed to the Parish Office c/- Parish of Gordon, Gordon Post Office 3345.

**Welcome:** We welcome Fr Wally Tudor who will celebrate mass at the Gordon Cemetery this Sunday.

**Ballan Mid-Week Mass:** Mass will be held this Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10.30 am.

### Gordon Cemetery Mass November 19th

Sunday's mass on November 19<sup>th</sup> will be held at **11am** 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  
 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	<b>St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill</b>	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown</b>	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	<a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections last fortnight:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$NA	<b>Parish:</b>	\$NA
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### Pootilla Cemetery Mass:

We thank everyone responsible for ensuring that last Sunday's memorial mass on 12<sup>th</sup> November was such a successful celebration, particularly Damian Ryan, Maurice Maher and Marty Forbes. Special thanks to Fr Sajan.

**Anointing Mass** – St Peter's, Clarkes Hill on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm.

**Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November** at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown from 2 pm onwards.

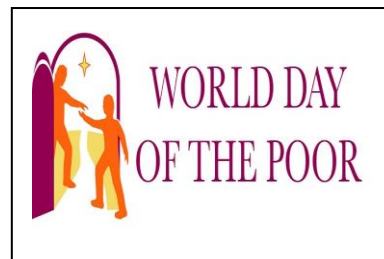
Fun activities and games, afternoon tea followed by official proceedings. All are welcome to attend.

**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. If you wish to update the death anniversaries listed in the Combined Newsletter, please email the Parish Secretary at: [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>18/19 November 2023</b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5: 1-6</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
<b>GORDON CEMETERY – 11 am</b>	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan – 9am (this week only)	Marie Shanahan	Bridget Sims Family	Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
<b>25/26 November 2023</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28</b>		
Ballan – 6 pm	Michael Ryan	Tony & Edith Paarhammer	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Julie Moran	Jill Prendergast	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am* (new time)	To be Advised		
<b>2/3 December 2023</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Isa 63:16-17; 64: 1, 3-8</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Mark & Sue Conlan	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					



**Anniversaries:** Geraldine Nihill, James Britt, Thomas Bawden, Graeme Mason, Matthew

Steenhuis, Kath O'Hehir, Vincent Maher, Margaret Tynan, Barry Flynn, Mary Maher, Carmel Maher, Richard Butler, Maudie Smallman, Joe Fitzpatrick, Mary Ryan, Jack McEldrew, Steven Tingate, Katherin Mary Clarke, Louise Mary Jarvis, Frank Bartaska, Michael Dyer, Mary Canty.

**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, Lorraine Tipple.

### World Day of the Poor – Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

The call to serve the poor has been greatly emphasised under the papacy of Pope Francis, who established the World Day of the Poor in 2017. The Holy Father's message for 2023 is "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7). The Church is encouraged to "go forth", beyond its own walls, to encounter poverty "in the multiple meanings in which it manifests itself in today's world." Read the Pope's message on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Baptism:** We pray for Thomas Bodnar, son of Zsolt and Megan, who will be baptized this Sunday at St Brigid's Church, Ballan. We welcome him into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

### Vicar-General Appointment - Fr Marcello Colasante:

Following the resignation of Fr. Kevin Maloney due to health reasons, Bishop Paul has recently announced the appointment of Fr Marcello Colasante as the new Vicar General. Fr Marcello will continue in his service as Parish Priest of Ballarat North and Wendouree. He will begin in the role of Vicar General on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Gathering - Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

This year's Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Donegan's Farm at 6.30pm; Cost \$30 per head. Please complete the *Christmas Dinner Booking Form* after mass or email the Gordon Parish Office at [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or leave a message on the Gordon Office landline at 53689280. All are welcome to attend especially parishioners from our neighbouring parishes – Bungaree, Daylesford and Creswick.

## Parish of Gordon

### Sacramental Program 2024

The sacramental program for the Parish of Gordon will be available for children in Year 4 and above who are baptised Catholic. The program will include Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. All enrolments for involvement in the 2024 sacramental program are due prior to Friday 15th December, 2023. Enrolment forms can be collected from St Brigid's Primary School, St Brigid's Church, St Patrick's Primary School and St Patrick's Church. Payment of \$70 is required at the first parent information session.

#### Reconciliation

Parent Information Session: 21/02/24 @ 7:00pm

- Location: St Brigid's Primary School, Ballan
- Celebration of Sacrament: 19/03/24 @ 5:30pm
- Location: St Brigid's Church, Ballan

#### Confirmation

Parent Information Session: 23/4/24 @ 7:00pm

- Location: St Brigid's Primary School, Ballan
- Celebration of Sacrament: 19/05/24 @ 10:30am
- Location: St Brigid's Church, Ballan

#### Eucharist

Parent Information Session: 24/07/24 @ 7:00pm

- Location: St Patrick's Primary School, Gordon
- Celebration of Sacrament: 18/08/24 @ 10:30am
- Location: St Brigid's Church, Ballan

As part of the sacramental program, children and families will be required to attend Dismissal Masses for each sacrament.

### RCIA for Children 2024

We are inviting expressions of interest from parents seeking baptism for their children who are 7 years and older and have not yet been baptised. Children baptised in another Christian tradition are welcome to join the Christian initiation process. Where a request for baptism of children is made, and neither parent is Catholic, parent(s) will be invited to participate in the RCIA process.

To facilitate this process, all enrolments are required to be submitted prior to Friday 15th December, 2023. This will ensure that we can adequately prepare and create a memorable and spiritually enriching ceremony for your child.

Enrolment forms can be collected from St Brigid's Primary School, St Brigid's Church, St Patrick's Primary School and St Patrick's Church. Payment of \$100 is required upon submitting enrolment form.

#### Parish of Gordon Contact Details

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