

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 24/25 June 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
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
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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: \$459.35	Parish: \$8324.00
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Thank You: We are extremely grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to the Parish.

Welcome: We welcome Fr Denis Ryan who will celebrate the vigil mass at St Brigid's Church Ballan this Saturday evening, and Fr Sajan who will celebrate mass at 8.45 am at St Patrick's Church, Gordon.

10.30am Weekday Masses: There will be no weekday masses held at Ballan while Fr Justin is away. Instead, the

prayer service will continue on Thursdays, 10.30 am at the Gathering Space.

Donations Welcome:

We thank all parishioners who continue to support the mission of the Church. If you are not a member of our Planned Giving Program but wish to make a contribution towards the Parish's pastoral programs and upkeep of our churches, our bank details are as follows: BSB: 633-000 Account No: 160 275 764 Account Name: St Patrick's Parish Gordon.



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: \$721.70	Parish: \$1265.00
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Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Sacramental Program Update:

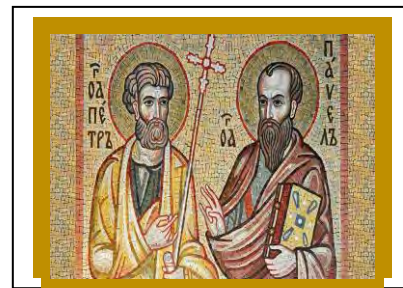
The Sacrament of Reconciliation was held on Thursday, 22nd June at St Michael's Bungaree at 5pm. Preparation for Eucharist and Confirmation will begin in Term 3 on Monday, 24th July, and will run for three consecutive weeks. The mass for Eucharist and Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 13th August at 8.45 am at St Michael's Church, Bungaree.

Donations Welcome:

We are very grateful to all our parishioners who continue to support the mission of the Church. If you wish to become a member of our Planned Giving Program contact Damien Ryan at: ryandjr@bigpond.com If you are not a member of our Planned Giving Program but wish to make a contribution towards the Parish's pastoral programs and upkeep of our churches, our bank details are as follows: BSB 083 526, Account No. 515 657 618. Account Name: Bungaree Parish Churches Account.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
24/25 June 2023	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20: 10-13; Rom 5: 12-15		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Rosemary Canavan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Pat Prendergast	Kate Bennett	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To Be Advised		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
1/2 July 2023	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16; Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11		
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	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe	
8/9 July 2023	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zech 9: 9-10; Rom 8: 9, 11-13		
Springbank	To Be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree	To Be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan	Julie Dargan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	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					



The Apostles: Sts Peter and Paul Downloaded <https://obitel-minsk.org/en/peter-and-paul> on 22 June 2023

Anniversaries: Kevin John Corbett, Ann Weidner, Fay Thomas, Jack Crough, Eileen Crough, Noreen Wheelahan, Brian Gleeson, Margaret Ronan, Sophie Papworth, Kathleen Davies, Sebastian Steenhuis, Christina Howard, Bernadette White, Gerard Nunn, Laurie 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.

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. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. **Pope's intention for June - For the abolition of torture:** *We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture & guarantee support to victims & their families. Lord, hear us.*



Annual Collection for the Pope – 24th/25th June 2023 or 1st/2nd July 2023.

Bishop Bird has invited all parishes to remember this year's Pope's Collection. This collection is traditionally held close to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (29th June 2023).

Donations to the annual collection supports the work of the Roman Curia and funds the charitable activity of the pope around the world, especially in those places where the Church experiences greater difficulties.

NATSICC launches new website on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) has launched a new website called "One Journey, Together" for Catholics to learn about the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The website hosts stories and anecdotes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations, Catholic figures and Catholic organisations. More information available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/aboriginal-catholic-ministry/>.

Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination: Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood will be held on **Tuesday, June 27th** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass (downstairs). Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm.

Catholic Mission Timor-Leste Adult Immersion: Catholic Mission invites you to learn more about the grassroots projects supported by Catholic Mission in Timor-Leste from November 4-12, 2023. This immersion will give you the opportunity to see the world through a different lens, you will witness the life-changing work taking place at the St Maria Mazzarello vocational School and the Maria Auxiliadora Medical Clinic in Venilale. Be prepared to come home changed and challenged. Cost is \$3990.00 per person (ex. Darwin to Dili, Timor-Leste). Register your interest at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/get-involved/immersions>

Catholic Social Services Webinar Series - Indigenous Voice to Parliament: Moments for healing this country

Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) are pleased to invite you to a series of webinars to discuss the upcoming referendum on Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Voice to Parliament on Thursdays June 29 and July 27 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm via zoom. Cost is \$12.00 per session. CSSV and CSSA members free of charge. Enquiries to Kate Stilwell. Email office@css.org.au Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799?eid=1052799&>.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation offers adult religious education and faith formation. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins 10 July. There are 39 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations close June 28. More info <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/pastoral-ministry/lay-pastoral-ministry-program/> or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 26-27

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

25 JUNE 2023

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

St Anselm defined theology as faith seeking understanding. As people of faith, we seek to understand and respond to how God's plan is unfolding in our own lives. One of the most difficult hurdles for a person of faith to overcome is coming to terms with the fact that proclaiming the will of God can lead to persecution and suffering. The first reading and the Gospel address this challenge calling us to be steadfast and faithful in times of persecution and rejection. Jeremiah's natural response to persecution was calling on God to intervene and avenge him in the present. When Jesus commissioned the disciples, they were invited to respond in a different way. Disciples of every age are called to trust that our present faithfulness in times of persecution will not be forgotten or go unrewarded.

One of the tasks that faced Paul was teasing out and explaining to his contemporaries how Jesus' suffering and rejection fitted into God's saving plan. What looked like disaster and failure he had come to see as the dawn of a new age. Comparing Jesus to Adam provided Paul with the means to share his understanding that what had been lost by Adam's sin had now finally been regained, and more than regained, through the death of Jesus. God did not avenge Jesus' death but transformed a moment of violence into the most extraordinary moment of grace. Disciples are called to not only understand this mystery but let it penetrate our lives in times of suffering and rejection.

FIRST READING

Jer 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
' "Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be
theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with
justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on
them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that
shame covers my face, / that I have become
a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my
own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your
house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for
your favour. / In your great love, answer me,
O God, / with your help that never fails: /
Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your
compassion, turn towards me. **R.**



3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and
God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord
listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his
servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and
the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its
living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans.

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and
through sin death, and thus death has spread
through the whole human race because everyone
has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before
the Law was given. There was no law and so no
one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking',
yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was
not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the
gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it
is certain that through one man's fall so many
died, it is even more certain that divine grace,
coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came
to so many as an abundant free gift.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Christopher Monaghan CP