

6th Sunday of Easter (Year A): 13/14 May 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
 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.spghordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last week (ending 30 April 2023)

Presbytery: \$539.05	Parish: \$ 3085.90
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Welcome: We welcome Fr Barry Ryan to the Parish of Gordon. Fr Barry will be celebrating mass this Sunday at St Brigid's Church, Ballan at 10.30 am.

Mass at Ballan: Mass this Thursday, May 18th at 10.30am.

Confirmation Preparation: Welcome to the children and their families preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. The children will be dismissed from the 10.30am Mass at St Brigid's Ballan to be led through part of the preparation

in our Family based, Parish Coordinated and Catholic school supported sacrament program. Confirmation will be celebrated at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Ballan on the Feast of Pentecost, Saturday May 27th with Bishop Paul Bird.

Mass Counts from weekend May 6-7 to May 27-28:

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count has commenced. Counting forms have been placed in the Churches. Please nominate parishioners who will record the count for every Mass held in the parish on each of the four weekends. The completed forms will be collected after the weekend mass.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

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

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: \$476.00	Parish: \$730.00
Easter Dues: \$40.00	Caritas: \$20.00

Welcome: We welcome Fr Rupert Bowd to the Parish of Bungaree. Fr Rupert will celebrate mass this Sunday at St Michael's Church, Bungaree at 8.45 am.

Fr Sajan – On Leave: Fr Sajan has returned to India for one month. We wish him an enjoyable holiday with his family and friends. While Fr Sajan is on leave, our regular weekend masses will be celebrated by supply priests.

Please note: No weekday masses will be held at St Michael's Church Bungaree while Fr Sajan is on leave.

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	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
13/14 May 2023	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3: 15-18		
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	Margaret Green	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
20/21 May 2023	The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23		
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	Marie Shanahan	Bridget Sims and Family	
27/28 May 2023	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3-7, 12-13		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Catherine Green	Edith & Tony Paarhammer	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett	Jill Prendergast	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: Irene Coulter, Rev. Norbert Olsen, Brian Keighrey, Nellie Keighrey, Keith Eastwood, Doris Eastwood, Ray Smith, Mary Smith, Joan Blood, Barry Torpy, Lillian Cullinan, Bill Deveraux, Tom Owens, John Ryan.

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: Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions encourage faith, renew hope and call us to loving service. The Pope's monthly video forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for May-for church movements and groups: We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world. Lord, hear us.

World Communications Day: May 14, 2023:

The Church in Australia marks World Communications Day on the Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 14 this year. Pope Francis' message for the Day is titled 'Speaking with the heart: The truth in love'. Access Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day and resources at <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/World-Communications-Day-2023>. Words from Pope Francis: *"Listening without prejudice, attentively and openly, gives rise to speaking according to God's style, nurtured by closeness, compassion and tenderness. We have a pressing need in the Church for communication that kindles hearts, that is balm on wounds and shines light on the journey of our brothers and sisters."*

Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God, we pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love.

We pray for adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care.

We pray for mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

We pray for those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom. Amen



National Volunteer Week: May 15-21, 2023:

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers. This week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers and to say thank you and this includes people in our diocese, parishes and agencies. The theme for NVW 2023 is "We are the Change Makers." This campaign celebrates the powerful impact volunteers make supporting individuals, communities and the nation. Go to the Volunteering Australia website for more information at: <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/national-volunteer-week-2023-resources-now-available/#/>

Catholic Earthcare Australia "Action" online event

Catholic Earthcare Australia is also hosting an online "Action" event. In two hours, participants will engage in ten actions, designed to help bring forth an integral ecology and care for creation. All ten actions are in some way inspired by *Laudato Si'* and can be done from the comfort of your own home. The event will be held over zoom and is FREE! This also will be a wonderful way to join with parishioners all over Australia. Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 4.00pm – 6.00pm AEST. Bookings are essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/CHVPE>

National Family Week Australia

Family Week is a perfect time to come together to celebrate the power of family relationships in all their diversities, and the importance they play in our lives and community. CatholicCare Victoria's theme for Family Week this year is "Circle of Inclusion." Resources from CatholicCare are available at <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/page/103/familyweek>. The National Families Week website is <https://nfw.org.au/>

Thank You from Caritas Australia:

All donations should be forwarded to Caritas before the end of May. Please bring your Project Compassion Box or envelopes to church by next week or contact the Parish Office 0492 903 409 to arrange a collection date.

