

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C): ~ 18/19 December 2021

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

The Gordon Parish is a supervised, community-led parish ~ Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth



Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

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

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~

Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

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 in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$522.00	Parish: \$242.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$4,988.40

St Patrick's Church - Sunday December 19: Port and Christmas cake after mass. All Welcome.

St Brigid's Church - Sunday, December 19: Cuppa and Christmas Cheer after mass. All Welcome.

Anointing Mass - Ballan:- December 22 at 10.30 am: Fr Sajan will celebrate an anointing mass for the

parishioners of Bungaree and Gordon at St Brigid's Church, Ballan on Wednesday, 22 December at 10.30 am.

Liturgy Readings: The Parish is inviting all parishioners – young and old – to consider volunteering for liturgy readings this coming year. The Parish is especially supportive of family groups who wish to participate. Coordinators of the liturgy roster are Monica Eastwood (Gordon), Anne Eskdale (Ballan) and Donna Simpson (Springbank), or contact the Parish Secretary at: gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 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

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$350.00	Parish: \$1,968.00
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Columban Art Calendar-2022: If you wish to receive a copy of the 2022 Columban Calendar, please contact the Parish Secretary.

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Ministry & Cleaning Rosters for 2022 - St Michael's Bungaree: The Parish is inviting all parishioners – young and old – to consider volunteering for the ministry and/or the cleaning roster this coming year. The Parish is especially supportive of family groups who wish to participate. Coordinators of the Ministry roster is Leah Hanrahan on 0411 859 544 and cleaning roster is Deb Ryan on 0417586107.

	READER/INTERCESSION	WEEDKDAY MASSES
18/19 December	Fourth Sunday of Advent Micah 5: 1-4; Heb 10: 5-10	
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Katrina Griffiths	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree (50)
Gordon-8.45 am	Kate Carey	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Julie Dargan	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
26 December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 1 Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28	
Clarkes Hill-8.45 am (venue changed)	To Be Arranged	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	To Be Arranged	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
1 January	Mary, the Holy Mother of God Num 6: 22-27; Gal 4: 4-7	
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	To be Arranged	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
2 January	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6	
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged	Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	To be Arranged	



LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES					
Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am All Welcome!					
	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Koroheit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am					

Anniversaries: Margaret Toohey, Jeanette Delbridge, John McCarthy, Ronald D. Graham, Roma Barry, Brian Barry, Shelia Gregory, Fred Begbie, Anne-Marie (Steenhuis) Block, Monica McDermott, Anne (Cullinan) Griffin, Fr. Daniel Devane and Eileen Elliott.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick: Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, John Ryan, Moira Myers, Stan Mahar, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Eileen Haintz and Leon Burvill.

Baptisms: We welcome Eli Kettle who will be baptised this coming Sunday at St Brigid's Church, Ballan. We also welcome Matilda Johnson who was baptised last Friday at St Michael's Church Bungaree. Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so they may walk in the newness of life.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch: OLHC Parish Wendouree volunteers will be preparing free, hot Christmas meals for people to collect on Christmas Day. This is the 30th year the parish has provided Christmas lunch for those in need. Bookings are essential, ph. 0419 975 914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com. Arrangements can be made for those unable to collect meals.

Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal: This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothes and a place to call home. Go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced new Covid provisions to come into effect from 11.59pm tonight (Wednesday 15 December 2021).

We will no longer be required to check the vaccination status of those attending places of worship.

The Victorian Council of Churches has received the following response from the state government. "From tonight there are no longer vaccination check-in requirements at places of worship. We do maintain our strong recommendation that people are fully vaccinated. QR code check-ins are still required. Quotient requirements are no longer in force. Masks are not mandatory but are strongly recommended."

Ian Smith, Executive Officer of the Victorian Council of Churches, added the comment: "So it seems we can open up all services to all members of churches and community for carols and Christmas events and services."

I renew my thanks to you all for continuing to support one another through these trying times. I rejoice that we will be able to gather for worship as a whole community again. May our prayer together in these final days of Advent and throughout the Christmas season bring us Christ's joy in abundance.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul December 15, 2021

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

The Nativity of the Lord Isa 9: 1-7; Titus 2: 11-14

St Peter's Clarkes Hill	6 pm	St Michael's Springbank	6 pm
St Michael's Bungaree	8 pm	St Patrick's Gordon	7.30 pm

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

The Nativity of the Lord Isa 52 :7-10; Heb 1: 1-6

St Brendan's Dunnstown	9.30 am	St Brigid's Ballan	9 am
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Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 1 Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28

St Peter's Clarkes Hill	8.45 am	St Brigid's Ballan	10.30 am
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