

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 25-26 September 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

A/Principal: 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: \$175.95	Parish: \$264.50
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$1084.50

Looking Forward:

The Diocese of Ballarat recently released the draft version of the *Looking Forward: Pastoral Planning for Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat 2021-2025* document. The document details the challenges facing parishes & outlines proposals for restructuring parishes. The proposed restructure will directly affect the Parish of Gordon. The Gordon Parish Leadership Team invites all parishioners to carefully read & review the draft *Looking Forward* document. To ensure that all parishioners have the opportunity to read the document, it has been forwarded to subscribers of the Parish Bulletin & printed as an attachment to the 25/26 September Combined Newsletter. Because of COVID restrictions, copies of *Looking Forward* have been placed in the bins/boxes at all churches for pick up. Copies are also available from the Parish Office.

The Parish of Gordon Leadership Team met during the week to discuss the *Looking Forward* document along with Fr Kevin Maloney's response to the questions raised (as distributed last week). The Team will convene a meeting with Fr Kevin and Fr Ed in the coming week to discuss further.

COVID - Mass Attendance

Attendance is capped at 20 persons. Bookings will be coordinated via the Parish Office. Please email or ring the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409 to book attendance at all forthcoming masses. Remember to leave your name, contact phone number & preferred mass time/place. The booking register will close every Friday at 3pm. If you have said you will attend mass & cannot go, please inform the Parish Secretary. On arrival, sign-in with the QR code, sanitize your hands & wear a facemask. Please read Bishop Bird's letter printed at the end of this newsletter.

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

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



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: \$222.00	Parish: \$560.00
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discussion. The document details the challenges facing Parishes, & outlines proposals for restructuring parishes. The proposed restructure will directly affect the Parish of Bungaree. The Bungaree Parish Leadership Team is currently reviewing the document and plans to distribute it to all parishioners soon. In the meantime, the Leadership Team is seeking further clarification with the Diocese of Ballarat on issues raised in the *Looking Forward* Document.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
25/26 September	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Num 11:25-29; James 5: 1-6		
Clarkes Hill-6.30pm	Tim Bennet		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Joan Bourke		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Marie Shanahan, Julie Dargan		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
2/3 October	27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Therese Winter		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green, Mark Conlan		Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month
9/10 October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7: 7-11; Heb 4:12-13		
Springbank-6.30pm	Donna Simpson		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45am	Shelley Ryan		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Winnie Zammit, Lloyd Lamb		

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	Clarks Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
	Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am				

Anniversaries: Bill Moroney, Mark Leonard, Kevin Jeffrey, Jean Leonard, Andrew Forbes, Brian Frawley, Vera Winter, Kevin O'Brien, Bob Kick, Margaret Mahar, Catherine Graham, Noreen Torney RSM, Mary 'Mollie' Sullivan & Des Lee.

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, Lore Winter, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Eileen Haintz

Migrant & Refugee Sunday Sept 26: For the 107th World Day of Migrants & Refugees this Sunday Sept 26, Pope Francis has chosen the theme: *Towards an Ever Wider "We"*. Go to <https://www.acmro.catholic.org.au/resources/migrant-refugee-kit/booklet>

Catholic Mission Month Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual Appeal focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand who support children from vulnerable & disadvantaged backgrounds through their Kindergarten Centre. Learn more at <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

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 & asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope & 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: **Universal intention – an environmentally sustainable lifestyle:** *We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple & environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

Season of Creation: Sept 1–Oct 4 is dedicated to prayer, reflection & celebration of God as Creator. It also reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation & the mission given to us by God to care for creation & respond to its needs & crises. This year our theme is 'A Home for All? Renewing the *oikos* of God'. *Oikos* is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger. For info go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

ACRATH Conversation Series: You are welcome to listen to ACRATH's Sr Colleen Jackson RSC, Oceania Coordinator of Talitha Kum & Sr Abby Avelino MM, Talitha Kum's Asian Coordinator speak on "Human Trafficking, global & local perspectives." Learn about their work in eliminating human trafficking & supporting victims of human trafficking. To be held this Wed, Sept 29 at 11.15am. Go to link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89809937994?pwd=cWdEb1orcTJxYk5yd1A1bTRkb9hQT09>

Plenary Council – Nearly there!

The First General Assembly of the **Fifth Plenary Council of Australia opens** with Mass at 2.00pm AEDT from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Sunday, Oct 3. The historic event will develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church. Watch the live-streamed Mass & access other info on the Plenary Council website at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au. Key moments during the First General Assembly will be available live-stream between Oct 3 & 10 including daily Masses, morning prayer for Plenary Council members & sharing the fruits of discernment. Go to: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or the diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

With the publication of the Plenary Council agenda, we can reflect & pray with the 16 questions that form the agenda. We extend an invitation to engage parishioners in the process & to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT.** Feel free to complete this individually or as part of a small group. It can be printed, then emailed or posted; or answers sent via email to pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Submissions will be forwarded to Diocesan Members of the Plenary Council.

Hello Everyone.

Last Sunday, the state government presented "**Victoria's Roadmap**", indicating stages on the road that will take us through the COVID pandemic. A key principle of the roadmap is that the more people are vaccinated, the more people will be able to gather in larger groups. This will include gatherings for worship.

For Regional Victoria, from Oct 26, people who are fully vaccinated will be able to gather for Mass in greater numbers. There will be a further increase in the numbers from Nov 5, but again, this will only be for people who can provide evidence that they are fully vaccinated. For gatherings where the vaccination status is unknown, the number will continue to be capped at 20.

This provides an extra incentive to be vaccinated. The basic reasons for vaccination are to protect our own health & the health of people around us. A further reason is so that we might gather in larger groups for liturgy & for the many other events that enrich our lives as communities.

So, I encourage everyone throughout our diocese to be vaccinated. I received my first vaccination in July & I have made my appointment for my second dose. I urge the priests & people of our parishes to be fully vaccinated as soon as possible. This will be good for our own health & the health of our families. It will also hasten the day when we will be able to come together again as local communities to praise God & share with one another in person.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember O Most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or implored your aid without obtaining relief.

Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them, Amen.