

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A): 6/7 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	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections last week (ending 30 April 2023)

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$551.95	<b>Parish:</b> \$ 102.00
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**Mass at Ballan:** Mass this Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am.

**Parish Leadership Team** meets on Wednesday evening May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm in the Gathering Space of the Ballan Church.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Paul Bird.

### Mass Counts start on weekend May 6-7:

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May. Counting forms will be 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  
 ✉ 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	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections last fortnight:

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$NA	<b>Parish:</b> \$NA
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**Welcome:** We welcome Fr Rupert Bowd to the Parish of Bungaree. Fr Rupert will celebrate the Vigil Mass at St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown at 6.30 pm.

**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	WEEDKDAY MASSES
<b>6/7 May 2023</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2: 2-9</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jane Bosworth	Lorraine deSpirt & Vikki Boka	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>13/14 May 2023</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3: 15-18</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green	Eddie & Mary Cassar	
<b>20/21 May 2023</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1: 1-11; Eph 1: 17-23</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan	Bridget Sims and Family	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	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:** Kathleen Gleeson, Helen Ronan, Eddie Clark, Monica Kelly, Jack McGuigan, Carmel McAloon, Arthur Gore.

**Baptisms:** We pray for Jack Thomas Bell, son of Adam and Lauren Bell, and Hannah Mae Zahra, daughter of John and Jay Zahra, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Brigid's Church Ballan and welcome them into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

**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](http://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.

**Visit of Father Robert McCulloch:** Fr Robert will be in Ballarat on Monday, May 8 and will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 12.05pm. Following Mass he will give a presentation in the Mary Glowrey room, updating us on current events in Pakistan and beyond. A light lunch will be provided. Donation envelopes will be available. Entry by donation. Enquiries to ph. 0401 175 045

**CWL Reflection Day:** The Catholic Women's League Ballarat Diocesan Committee invites you to a Reflection Day at St Mary's Church, Warracknabeal on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. The day will begin with Mass, celebrated by Fr Matthew Restall, at 10.30am. Lunch, prayer, guest speaker will follow Mass. Enquiries to Frances, ph. 0458 317 815 or Carmel, ph. 0401 175045.

**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.

### **For a Synodal Church: Women to vote in Synod assembly for first time:**

Pope Francis has approved changes to allow lay women, including religious sisters, and lay men, to take part as full members of the Synod summit in October, emphasising that it restores a model of the Church as the "People of God" and where the hierarchy is in close relationship with the laity.

Pope St Paul VI established the Synod of Bishops in 1965, at the end of the Second Vatican Council, and since then its gatherings have been made up of bishops, ordained presbyters and male religious.

The changes, which mean that 75 per cent of the Synod assembly this October will be bishops and 25 per cent non-bishops, are seen as a move by the Synod away from a gathering of the hierarchy towards a Synod of the people. Notably, the central organising office in Rome is titled the "General Secretariat for the Synod" rather than the secretariat of the Synod of Bishops.

Announcing the changes yesterday, the Synod office pointed out that Paul VI said the Synod structure could be "further perfected with the passage of time", with Francis transforming it into the primary vehicle through which to implement his pastoral agenda.

Pope Francis launched a global "Synod on synodality" process in October 2021, which has seen an unprecedented consultation of the worldwide Church and will culminate in two Vatican summits in October 2023 and October 2024. The latest decision comes as the Synod completes the continental phase of the process, with a working document for the October 2023 meeting expected to be released at the end of May.

The Synod of Bishops will include female voting members for the first time, organisers revealed yesterday in a landmark development for the Church's Synod process.  
Source: *The Tablet*.