

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 8/9 July 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; 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

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| 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

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| Presbytery: \$362.00 | Parish: \$1422.00 |
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Welcome: We welcome home Fr Justin from his journey to the Holy Land, and Fr Sajan who will celebrate mass at St Brigid's Church Ballan at 10.30am this Sunday.

10.30am Weekday Masses this coming week:

Wednesday 12th Daylesford
 Thursday 13th Ballan
 Friday 14th Creswick

Sacramental Program – July 12th: Meeting for parents who have enrolled their children for the Eucharist preparation on Wednesday July 12th at 7.00 pm, St Brigid's Primary School Ballan.

Parish Leadership Team Meeting-July 12th: This Wednesday evening, 7.30pm Gathering Space, Ballan.

Planned Giving Program 2023/2024: Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available for collection at the back of the churches. We sincerely thank all parishioners who continue to support our pastoral activities, and the care and upkeep of our churches.

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.
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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:

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| Presbytery: \$621.70 | Parish: \$440.00 |
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Thank You: Your contributions are sincerely appreciated.

Closure of St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown

Dear Everyone
 The staff and community received the news 2 weeks ago that St. Brendan's would be closing at the end of the 2023 school year. The children, parents, staff and wider community are all very sad. St. Brendan's have served the community of Dunnstown with Catholic education for over 160 years. Many families have had up to 4 generations go through the school. Our numbers would be 8 next year with no children in prep, years 1, 2 and 6. The VRQA

standards require no less than 11 children for a nongovernment school so the low numbers of students are the reason the decision by DOBCEL was made. When we all process the news over the holidays, we will move forward to focusing on the celebrations towards the end of the year that will be about reflecting on the past 160 years and all that has been achieved. We will recognise the valued contributions of past and present families and staff. Further details will follow.
 Mrs Inez French
 Principal,
 St Brendan's Dunnstown and St Mary's Clarkes Hill

| | READER/INTERCESSION | OFFERTORY | WEEDKDAY MASSES |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| 8/9 July 2023 | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zech 9: 9-10; Rom 8: 9, 11-13 | | |
| 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 | Julie Dargan | Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka | Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| 15/16 July 2023 | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 55: 10-11; Rom 8: 18-23 | | |
| Dunnstown – 6.30 pm | Liz Hanrahan | | Friday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Gordon – 8.45 am | To be Advised | | Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Winnie Zammit | Eddie & Mary Cassar | |
| 22/23 July 2023 | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12: 13, 16-19; Rom 8: 26-27 | | |
| Ballan – 6.00 pm | Rosemary Canavan | Bridget Sims & Family | Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass |
| Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm | Marty Forbes | | 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 |
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| 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 | | | | | |

Stained glass, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St Michael's Church Springbank. Photo A Toohy

Recent Deaths: Taylor De Spirt

Anniversaries: Ronald (Ronnie) Rix, John Galea, Hector Papworth, Paul Nihill, Tom Blood, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Jack Moloney, Brian Foley, Lois Wheelahan, Loretta Ryan, Jack 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.

Sea Sunday - July 9, 2023: Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. Go to <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

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 Thursday, July 27 from 4.00pm - 5.00pm via zoom. Cost is \$12.00. Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799?eid=1052799&>. Enquiries: email office@css.org.au



Synod on Synodality "Instrumentum Laboris"

On June 20th the Secretariat of the Synod published the *Instrumentum Laboris*, or working document, for the first session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (known as the Synod on Synodality). Read it at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

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 cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. **Pope's intention for July – For a Eucharistic Life:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and be opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters. Lord, hear us.

Prayer for Sea Seafarers from Pope John Paul II

*Mary, Star of the Sea, light of every ocean,
guide seafarers across all dark and stormy seas
that they may reach the haven of peace and light
prepared in Him who calmed the sea.
As we set forth upon the oceans of the world
and cross the deserts of our time, show us, O Mary,
the fruit of your womb, for without your Son we are lost.*

*Pray that we will never fail on life's journey,
that in heart and mind, work and deed,
in days of turmoil and in days of calm,
we will always look to Christ and say,
"Who is this that even wind and sea obey him?"
Our Lady of Peace, pray for us!
Bright Star of the Sea, guide us!
Our Lady, Star of the Sea, pray for seafarers, pray for us.*

In the footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage:

October 17-28, 2023

This Australian Pilgrimage will take you on a journey to places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. The pilgrimage is operated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place. It will be led by Sr Anne Bond RSJ, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre.

The pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on October 17 and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on October 28. Pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney. Register at <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/>

