

## Palm Sunday (Year B): ~ 27/ 28 March 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, Gabrielle Driscoll and Paul McDowell

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 Gabrielle Driscoll 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 weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections: Donations to the Parish are vital to the sustainability of our Parish community.

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$325.30	Parish: \$478.00
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$28,447 (updated)

#### Parish News

**Gordon Parish Leadership Team:** There are vacancies for representatives from Gordon and Ballan. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the administration of the Parish, please contact Lin Bowers at [bowerslinda133@gmail.com](mailto:bowerslinda133@gmail.com)

**Insurance:** The upkeep of our churches and grounds is an ongoing cost. This coming month the Parish Leadership Team will be reviewing the insurance premiums for all parish buildings.

**Easter Week:** We welcome Fr Ed Moloney to the Parish for Easter Week. Fr Ed will be celebrating Holy Thursday mass and Easter Sunday mass.

### 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		<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 weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$302.00	<b>Parish:</b> N/A
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#### Victorian Child Safe Standards

Our parish's Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct are available on the parish webpage of the diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.)  
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

#### Bungaree Sacramental Program 2021 (Year 2 and above)

**Tuesday, April 27** – Parent Information Night – 7.30pm  
Bungaree Parish Centre - Reconciliation

**Enrolment Masses** – Parish Masses (TBC) - May 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Tuesday, June 8** – Reconciliation Ceremony – 5.30 – 7pm  
St Michaels Church, Bungaree

#### Bungaree Parish Leadership Team:

There are currently two vacant positions each from Dunnstown and Bungaree on the Parish Leadership Team. If you would be interested in filling any of these roles or would like some more information, please contact Damian Ryan - [ryandjr@bigpond.com](mailto:ryandjr@bigpond.com)

**Working With Children Check:** Is your WWC check up to date? Currently, we are reviewing our data base, so it is important that all parishioners who assist with parish ministries hold valid and current WWC cards. Please contact Leah Hanrahan for more details if you are unsure of your status. ([lg3@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lg3@optusnet.com.au) or 0411 859 544)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
<b>27/ 28 March</b>	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Isa 50: 4-7 Phil 2: 6-11 Mk 15: 1-39</b>		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Marty Forbes	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45am	Beth Calleja / Mick Winter	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30am	Margaret Green / Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirt / Vicki Boka	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>03/04 April</b>	<b>Easter Night Rom 6:3-11, Mk 16: 1-7 Sunday Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4, Jn 20: 1-9</b>		
Gordon - 7 pm	Joan Bourke	Gary and Margaret McTigue	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree- 8.45 am	As Requested	As Requested	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill- 10.30 am	As Requested	As Requested	Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
Ballan -10.30 am	Winnie Zammit and Lloyd Lamb	Cairan and Janine Donohoe Family	
<b>10/11 April</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter Acts 4: 32-35, 1 Jn 5: 1-6, Jn 20: 19-31</b>		
Springbank	David Toohey & Family	Brendan Simpson & Family	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Bungaree	Shelley Ryan	D Rix	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Leon & Pat Burvill	

HOLY WEEK			
29 March- 1 April			
Ballan	30 March, 7 pm	Mass	Fr Ed Moloney
Dunnstown	31 March, 7pm	Mass	Fr Sajan Mathew
Ballan	1 April, 7.30 pm	Holy Thursday	Fr Ed Moloney
Dunnstown	1 April, 7.30 pm		Fr Sajan Mathew
Ballan	2 April, 10 am	Good Friday - Stations of the Cross	Lay Lead
Springbank	2 April, 3 pm	Good Friday - Commemoration of the Cross	Fr Sajan Mathew

**Recent Deaths** Veronica Brennan (nee Widdison), Martin Bourke, Kate Walsh (nee' Nihill)

**Anniversaries:** Pat Kennedy, Leo Davies, Lillian Meiklejohn, Kevin Meiklejohn, Jack Meiklejohn, Jack Papworth, Leigh Conroy, Emmanuel Muscat, Martin Spain, Tom Everard, Lars Drendel, Nora Frawley, Sr. Presentation Marnell, Greg Slater, Eileen Sedunary, Mathew Cahir, Jim Flood.

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

**Marriage** We celebrated the marriage of Gerald Toohey and Kate Fitzpatrick at St Michael's Church Springbank held on 20 March 2021. Our Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

#### **Mass of the Oils: Monday March 29, 2021**

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 29.

#### **Blessing of the Pascal Candles**

Fr Sajan will bless the Pascal Candles at the Vigil Mass to be held at Gordon on Saturday 3 April, 7 pm.

The Paschal Candle or Easter Candle is a new candle which is blessed and lit every year in the Church at Easter Vigil. The candle represents Christ, the light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature, both soul and body. Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross recall the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and of the five wounds in His hands, feet, and side. The Easter candle is lighted each day for daily Mass during the Easter Octave and also on all Sunday Masses and all Solemnities during the fifty days of Easter. It is also lighted on special occasions such as Baptisms and Funerals.

#### **Holy Land Collection to be held on Good Friday April, 2021**

The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection supports the Christian people of the Holy Land and provides for the upkeep of the sacred places as well as a range of projects and programs including Social and Charitable Activities, Educational and Scientific Activities, Pastoral Activities and Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs. This year's collection is particularly vital as the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a severe loss of income. In his letter to the People of Church in Australia, Fr Mario Debattista OFM, Commissary of the Holy Land – Australia, said: 'I assure you, every bit helps in these challenging times for the people and Church of the Holy Land'. Copies of his letter are available for interested parishioners.

#### **Journey towards the Plenary Council: Reflecting on a Theme for Discernment: How Do We Reply to the Wearied and Heal Through Community?**

##### **LET US DREAM**

What words or phrases stand out for you? The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, his love on the Cross, are what call us to be missionary disciples, inviting us to recognise each other as brothers and sisters of the larger human family, and especially of those who feel themselves orphans ... the Church must always be known for its closeness to the peoples of this earth and their struggle for dignity and freedom. In each culture where it is present, the Church must see people's sorrows and its hopes – and especially those of the poorest — as its own. The Church walks as part of the people, serving it ... To embrace the margins is to expand our horizons, for we see more clearly and broadly from the edges of society. Pope Francis, Let us Dream, 105-106, 126

##### **A PRAYER**

**Lord Jesus, You call us to be loved and to love. For the times we have not reached out to those in need; for the times we have withheld proper affections and affirmation; for the times we have not passed on your love to others, we pray: Lord, have mercy. Amen.** "Adapted from 'Examination of Conscience: Theological and Moral Virtues' in Robert Morneau, Reconciliation, 94-95"

##### **Year of St Joseph**

On Friday, the Solemnity of St Joseph, the Diocese of Sale launched the Year of St Joseph with Evening Prayer.

Our *Celebrating the Year of St Joseph* resource may be downloaded from the Diocesan website <https://www.cdsale.org.au/>

##### **Celebration of Holy Week 2021**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Bishops Commission for Liturgy webpage has information from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on the celebration of Holy Week 2021, the decree in Time of COVID-19 2020 and Votive Mass Texts and Good Friday Solemn Intercession in Time of Pandemic (2020). Go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/commissions/bishops-commission-for-liturgy>