

# Pentecost Sunday (Year A): ~ 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

## 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 Pastoral Council: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)

Shane Carey, Aileen Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll, Tim Delaney, Marie Shanahan

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162

✉ 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 Finance Council    Brendan Maher and Dan Toohey

Parish Schools

**St. Brigid's Primary School**  
**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015  
Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495

[www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

Loose	Presbytery:	Parish:
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	
Year to date:		

### Parish Update

There has been more easing of restrictions but it is still not yet possible to fully open the churches (refer to Bishop Paul's letter). Churches may only be opened for quiet prayer, but with a limit of 10. There is also a requirement to keep a register of all attendees and maintain good hygiene practices of all areas. Given the small number of parishioners able to participate and the logistics of managing this, it seems wise for to hold off celebration of masses until restrictions ease

further. We hope all parishioners are keeping safe and connected to our parish as we work our way through this very challenging environment.

### Word of Encouragement

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Australians' lives, including their worship, the Catholic bishops will entrust the country to the care of Mary Help of Christians on her feast day next week. They have penned a "Word of Encouragement" to the Catholic people of Australia in light of the pandemic

Church Cleaning – June

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Simms and Caz Craggill	Noelie Carton and Joan Bourke	Anita Maher and Cathy Hanrahan



## 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

✉ 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**

Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280  
Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	Parish:
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### Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. 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 Hanraha

### Sacramental Program Up-Date

The Bungaree Parish Sacramental Program was set to start in early June, however due to the restrictions and uncertainty that we still face during this Covid-19 time, in consultation with Fr Sajan, the following decisions have been made:

- The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be postponed till 2021. Children in Years 3 and 4 will be able to receive those Sacraments then. Dates for this will be decided later in the year.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will still go ahead this year, at this stage. Any children who have not received this Sacrament and are in Year 2

or above, are eligible for this program. The Parent Meeting is 13th October, 2020 and the Retreat Day & Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Tuesday 10th November, 2020

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct these to the Bungaree Parish Office via email:

[bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or to Sue Prendergast: [sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
There will be no masses until further notice				

LITURGIES

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	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 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarke's Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

**Anniversaries**

Frank Brennan, John Egan, James Terris, Nick Cassar, Heather Marlsen, Kevin Dowsley, Jean Bourke and Joan Clifford

**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, Jan Quinlan, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary and Clare Adriaans

**Prayers to our Patron Saints of our Parish Communities**

We have produced Prayer Booklets containing prayers from all the Saint of our Parish Communities. They are in the tubs outside the churches with the Bulletins and will also be available in the churches once they are opened.

**How to get the Parish Newsletter**

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)
- [Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) for emailed copies.
- Tubs outside churches. Please deliver to those unable to obtain their own.

**Our Diocesan Community**

The latest edition of ODC and eNews is now available to read online at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) under "News and Events"

**Message from Pope Francis to Pray the Rosary in May**

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary during May and has composed two new prayers asking for Our Lady's intercession to help end the COVID-19 pandemic. See attached or go to the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Week of Prayer and Christian Unity 2020**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from May 24-31, 2020 in the week between Ascension and Pentecost. This year's theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action and remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta. It calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. Resources are now available at the website [The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**"Dancing at the Vatican" Australian Premiere**

In May 2017, Pope Francis became the first world leader to recognise the devastating plight of those living with and affected by Huntington's disease. "Dancing at the Vatican" tells the story of a seemingly impossible, cross-continental journey made by some extraordinarily brave families bound by the same devastating disease. Special online screenings in Australia on June 12 and August 14. Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/dancingatthevaticanaustralia>. Learn More at <https://www.dancingatthevatican.com>.

**National Reconciliation Week 2020: May 27 – June 3**

The theme for #NRW2020 – In this together – is now resonating in ways that could not have been foreseen when this was announced last year, but it reminds us whether in a crisis or in reconciliation, we are all #InThisTogether. For resources and further information, go to <https://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/?CFID=12862572&CFTOKEN=e6a4ca29bbfd552d-D8E105CE-F113-49B7-19FBF3A050E3AA2A>

**Position Available — Ballarat East Parish Coordinator**

Applications are currently being sought for the position of Parish Coordinator. This is a part-time position that ensures the effective operation of the parish office by providing office coordination, reception and administrative assistance. A copy of the position description and application form are available on the St Alipius' Parish website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) Applications close Friday, June 26, 2020.

**Position available - Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator**

The Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator will develop and facilitate diocesan initiatives, programmes and activities to strengthen and support Diocesan and Parish life. Position information available from the diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 postponed**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Council 2020 Assembly 1 scheduled for October in Adelaide, has been postponed. Read the full media release at <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/first-assembly-of-plenary-council-postponed/>. See a message from Bishop Paul on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

**NCEC Education Conference 2020 Postponement**

In close consultation between the National Catholic Education Commission and Catholic Education Melbourne, the difficult decision has now been made to postpone the 2020 National Catholic Education Conference. Unprecedented restrictions on travel and other factors will significantly impact the likely attendance of many conference delegates, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors during 2020.

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