

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, Aileen Toohey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll and Tim Delaney

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 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
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:		\$5,359.00

Parish Update

The Victorian Government has reintroduced Stage 3 restrictions in regional Victoria. Unfortunately for us it means that our churches will be closed with no masses until at least September 13. There are exceptions for funerals and weddings. We hope all parishioners are keeping safe and connected to our parish as we work our way through this very challenging environment. The Parish Leadership Team are still meeting via zoom every fortnight. We're not making any major decisions, just ensuring that the Parish is running smoothly, and addressing any pastoral needs within our community. We hope you are continuing to keep connected, safe and healthy. Hopefully we can gather

together as one community soon. Take care and stay warm and well, especially this weekend as there is snow expected.

Social Justice Sunday

This will be celebrated on 30 August 2020. The 2020-2021 Statement, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia*, encourages faith communities, governments and each of us to make mental health a priority. It is a timely message in the context of the COVID-19. The pandemic is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities. To download the Statement go to https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020/nf41c/517738642?h=b7LnsSfFvhXe8L_3veb7Qju-uUYyLp9P8cTF6ExiGKg.

Church Cleaning

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK



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

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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
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 (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

Sacramental Program Up-Date

The Bungaree Sacramental Program was set to start in early June, however due to the restrictions 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 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 or to Sue Prendergast: sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
THERE WILL BE NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE				

LITURGIES

There will be no masses until further notice

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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

John McCormack, Margaret Spence, David Griffiths, Stan Slater, Bill Nunn, Martin Gleeson, Patricia Ryan, Therese Johnson, Maureen Everard, Maureen Mahar, Rita Powell, Patrick Keating, Molly O'Loughlin and Malcolm McKenzie.

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, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Anne Micallef and Clare Adriaans

How to get the Parish Newsletter

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Emailed copies at Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Tubs outside churches. Please deliver to those unable to obtain their own.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Stage 3 restrictions were re-introduced in regional Victoria effective from August 5, 2020. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bishop's Office

The Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times. We are available via email or phone. Contact details: bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au, ph. 03 5337 7121

Diocesan Resource Centre Closed until further notice

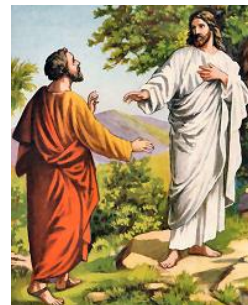
With the reintroduction of Stage 3 Restrictions, the Diocesan Resource Centre will be closed until further notice. (at least 14 September)

Cancellation of Chrism Mass for 2020

Bishop Paul has advised parishes by email that the Chrism Mass has been cancelled for 2020 due to the coronavirus restrictions which do not allow for large gatherings. We look forward to celebrating this mass on the Monday of Holy Week in 2021

Annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection

The annual collection normally takes place on Good Friday. Due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday September 13th** to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. This year, we are facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Sunday September 13th and please also keep them in your prayers. Details on how you can donate will be given next week.



Plenary Council Update: Discernment Papers:

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. Six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will look at one paper for a month. For the month of August we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal?** To read the discernment paper, visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-1.pdf> or collect a copy from the box at the church entry.

Social Justice Statement 2020-2021

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-2021, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our community. For more information www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Staying Connected ... Doing Ministry Safely Online

A 90 minute online workshop designed for those working with children and young people in church communities. Thursday 10th September 5pm-6.30pm. More info and free registration at: www.trybooking.com/BKZSO

Child Protection Sunday – 13th September 2020

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Damascus College Information Webinars & Virtual Tours for 2022 Commencement

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Webinars on Wednesday, September 9 at 5.00pm and Tuesday, October 20 at 6.30pm. The Information Webinars are a great way for prospective families to learn more about Damascus College. Guided Virtual Tours are held fortnightly on a Thursday at 9.00am. To register, please go to <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us>. You will be sent an online link the day prior to the event.

ALL NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN TO BE SUBMITTED BY 3.00PM WEDNESDAY AT gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au or bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au THANKS