

# The Ascension Of The Lord (Year A): ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</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

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

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

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495

[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:		

This weekend marks the end of the special week to celebrate the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on care of our common home. It begins with:

1. **'LAUDATO SI, mi 'Signore'**- 'Praise be to you, my Lord.' In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. 'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.'

2. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will

Go to the diocesan website for further information, which includes the Catholic Earthcare media release and a wide variety of resources [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Parish Update

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 and the safety measures being undertaken in our communities, all places of worship, churches and chapels remain closed until further notice. There has been some easing

of restrictions, (refer to Bishop Paul's letter attached to last week's bulletin), it is still not yet possible to fully open the churches. 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. Each week, Fr Sajan continues to celebrate mass privately for our intentions in both parishes of Gordon and Bungaree. We are grateful for his spiritual and prayerful support. We hope all parishioners are keeping safe, healthy and connected to our parish as we work our way through this very challenging and unusual 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

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/fx-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=2807&categoryId=101>

### Church Cleaning - May

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
	Margaret Mc Tighe and Maree Toohey	Mary Simpson and Donna Simpson



## 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 Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

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

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

[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 Hanrahan.



READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
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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**

Peter Auchtetl, John Burke, Marg Cahir, Winnie Flynn, William Jones, Tom Snr White, George Pearse, Barry Wise, Tommy White, Brian Maher, Fredrick Gilles, Calvert Clarke, Paul Reddie, Peter Frichot, Peter Davies, Barry Wise, Jean Bourke, Jim Wheelahan, Molly O'Neil

**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).

**COVID 19 Fee Relief for School Families**

The Catholic Education Office Ballarat have provided information for families experiencing difficulty paying school

fees during the COVID-19 crisis. See the video on their website <https://ceob.edu.au/>

**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.

**National Volunteer Week 18-24 May 2020**

At the end of National Volunteer week, let us honour those of our own community who generously give their time and skills to others. Where would we be without them?

**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.

**National registry to help churches track COVID-19**

Please see attached sheet regarding a national initiative to help Churches track cases of COVID-19 in a bid to keep parishioners safe. This is just one of the measures being implemented to create a safe place for the future celebration of masses.

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