

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 Paul McDowell

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting 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 ☎ 5368 1015 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 5368 9495	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$582.60	Parish: \$117.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$24,538 to date

Gordon Sacramental Program 2021:

Thursday, Feb 18 – Parent Information Night,
7pm St Patrick's School Gordon – Reconciliation Preparation
Sunday, Feb 28 – Enrolment Mass – Reconciliation –
Gordon – 8.45am / Ballan – 10.30am

Thursday, March 25 – Reconciliation Ceremony – 4pm - St Patrick's Church, Gordon

Bank Details for Weekly Collections at Mass:

If you would like to make a deposit directly into our Bank account for the weekly loose collection at Mass, our details are as follows:

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 - A/c No: 1602 757 98.



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 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 weekend:

Presbytery: \$287	Parish: \$390.00
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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 (follow parish links.)
Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

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 (lg3@optus.net.au) for more details if you are unsure of your status.

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

Bungaree Sacramental Program 2021:

Tuesday, April 27 – Parent Information Night – Sacrament of Reconciliation – Bungaree Parish Centre – 7.30pm

May 1 / 2 TBC Enrolment Masses – Reconciliation – Parish Masses

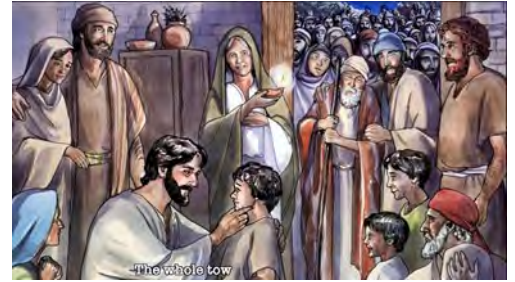
Tuesday, June 8 - Sacrament of Reconciliation — 5.30-7pm – St Michael's Church, Bungaree.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	
06 / 07 February	5 th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Job 7: 1-4, 6-7, 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk 1: 29-39		
Dunnstown – 6.30pm	Trish Ryan	Ryan Family	
Gordon – 8.45am	Monica Eastwood / Mark Conroy	Brian & Kate Carey	
Ballan – 10.30am	Marie Shanahan / Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	
13 / 14 February	6 th Sunday of Ordinary Time – Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1 Mk 1: 40-45		
Springbank – 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	
Bungaree – 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	
Ballan – 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan / Anne Eskdale	Lorraine DeSpirt / Vikki Boka	
20 / 21 February	1 st Sunday of Lent – Gen 9: 8-15 1 Pet 3: 18-22 Mk 1: 12-15		
Dunnstown – 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Cahir Family	
Gordon – 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	
Ballan – 10.30am	Margaret Green / Mark Conlan	Gian Schweighofa / Anne Eskdale	

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) in Bungaree at 9.30am – all welcome!

	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)			



Recent Death: Anna Doan

Anniversaries

Frank Frawley, Greg Arnel, Margaret Maloney, Fr James Ryan, Gerard Winter, Ron Spedding, Olive Andrews, Nina Cassar, Kathleen Ryan, Trish Ford, Kevin Johnson, James Baynes.

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 and Anne Micallef.

Baptism Anniversaries: This month we celebrate the Baptisms of the following children – Oscar Conlan (2018) Ruben Borg, Hannah Bourke, Kasper Driscoll (2019), Chloe Rivett, Jade Rivett, Hannah Rivett, Jimmy Robinson (2020).

Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them so they may walk in newness of life.

We also congratulate Ryker Gerald Mullane who is being baptised in Dunnstown this weekend. We welcome Ryker (son of Bryce & Jordan) into our faith community and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

COVID UPDATE:

Following on from the latest media briefing by Premier Mr Daniel Andrews, please be aware that regulations have changed again and the **wearing of Face Masks indoors is now once again mandatory** until further notice from the State Government. This means **those attending Mass are required to wear their face masks while inside the church.** All the latest details and updates can be found on the DHHS Victoria website or by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/important-alert-about-new-hotel-quarantine-case-covid-19>

Other dates for your Calendar:

Opening School Mass – St Brendan's, Dunnstown – Wed, Feb 12 – 9.15am
St Patrick's, Gordon – Thur, Feb 13 – 11.45am
St Brigid's, Ballan – Thur, Feb 13 – 1.30pm
Ash Wednesday Mass – St Brendan's Dunnstown – Wed, Feb 17 – 9.15am
St Patrick's Gordon – Wed, Feb 17 – 11.45am
St Brigid's Ballan – Wed, Feb 17 – 1.30pm



NOTE ON ASH WEDNESDAY - Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "*Repent, and believe in the Gospel*", or "*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*".

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything. From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021

Liturgy Rosters have been listed in the bulletin, however, if some names are incorrect or absent, can you please arrange for another person to take their place and also inform the office if any names need to be brought up to date. At this stage, there will be no Minister for Communion until further notice

World Day of Prayer for the Sick – February 11

Message from Catholic Health Australia: Pope John Paul II initiated World Day of the Sick a year after he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. It began in 1993 and each February 11 we are called upon to pray for the sick and to remember those who care for them. As the past year has shown us if we have our health then we have much to be grateful for. So we ask you to pray for them.

Year of St Joseph:

Pope Francis on December 8, 2020 published an Apostolic Letter *Patris corde (With a Father's Heart)*, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "**Year of St Joseph**", running from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

POSITION VACANT: The Parishes of Gordon & Bungaree are looking to jointly employ a suitably qualified person to fill this position of Parish Secretary across both parishes. (12 hours pw Gordon / 5 hours pw Bungaree). For more details, please contact the Gordon Parish office on 0492 903 409. or on the Gordon or Bungaree website. Applications close Friday, February 26 2021.

Alleluia, alleluia! / He bore our sickness, / and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

07 FEBRUARY 2021

CONCERN FOR OTHERS

In the midst of his suffering Job takes stock of his life and judges that it can be best described as drudgery and futile. His words are a powerful reminder to us that ours is not the first or last generation to search for meaning in the midst of the complexity of the human situation. It is into the darkness, pain and questioning of ours that Jesus enters with a message of hope. His mission and message is one of healing, freedom and new beginnings.

Paul writes to the Corinthians about the mission that he has received from the Lord, that of preaching the gospel message. He is dealing with a situation where some of the people are exercising their freedom in Christ by eating meat which had previously been sacrificed to idols. While Paul agreed with them that idols did not exist, and that the meat was only meat, their mistake was in not being concerned about their 'weaker' brethren who were scandalised by their behaviour. Rather than arguing who is right and who is wrong, Paul argues that not causing suffering to the other person is a higher value. Using his own practice as an example he talks about how he has tried to become all things to all people so that he might not be an obstacle to the gospel message being preached. Since he exercises his freedom by concern for the other, he hopes that the 'stronger' members of the community will do the same.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Job 7: 1-4, 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
or the workman with no thought but his wages,
months of delusion I have assigned to me,
nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days
have passed,
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath,
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

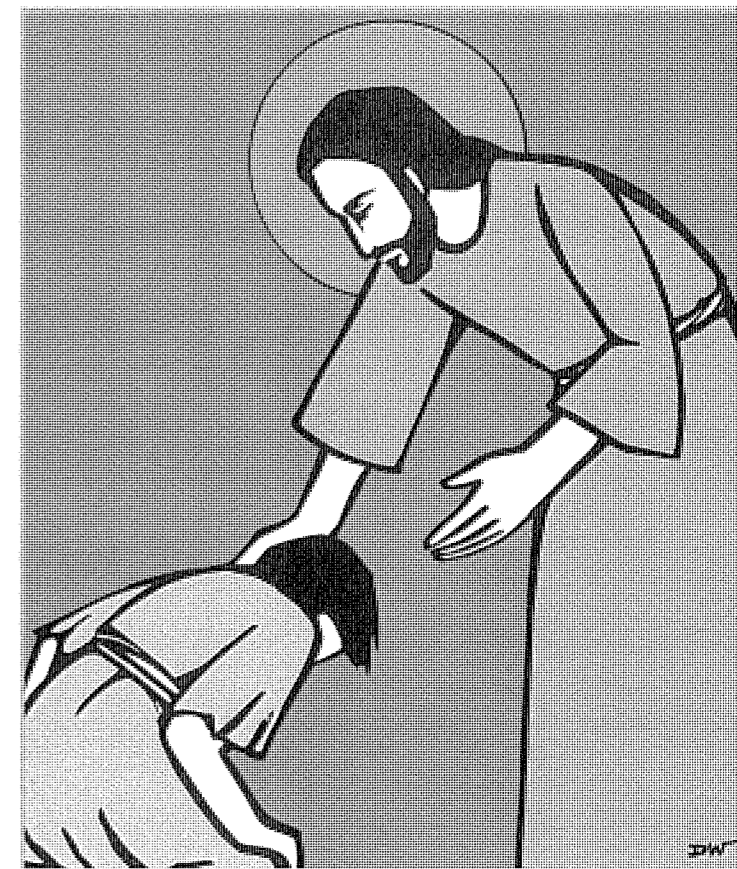
Ps 146: 1-6. R. v. 3

R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted. *or Alleluia!*

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; / sing to our God for he is loving: / to him our praise is due. **R.**

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem / and brings back Israel's exiles, / he heals the broken-hearted, / he binds up all their wounds. / He fixes the number of the stars; / he calls each one by its name. **R.**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; / his wisdom can never be measured. / The Lord raises the lowly; / he humbles the wicked to the dust. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

■ The word of the Lord.