

## Easter Sunday (Year B): ~ 3/4 April 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

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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

<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b> <b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 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: \$446.45	Parish: \$172.00
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$28,619 (updated)

**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

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<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill</b> <b>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown</b>	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>	\$232.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$825.00
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#### 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)

#### 2021 Sacramental Program & Liturgical Dates

Parents of children in Year 2 and 3 and above, please note that the **Parent Information Night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be on **Tuesday 27th April, at 7:30pm** at the Bungaree Parish Centre. It is important that you have a parent or representative for your child at this meeting for them to be able to be enrolled in the program. As the Sacramental Program could not go ahead last year, the Year 3 children will receive three sacraments this year as the Confirmation and Eucharist Sacramental Program will be offered later in the year. This year Priscilla Johnson, who is a member of the St. Michael's Parish, will be joining the Sacramental Team. If you have any queries please contact: **Fr Sajan, ph. 5334 0450 or Sue Prendergast, ph. 5334 7604 or Priscilla Johnson 0428 384 015**

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
<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	Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree - 8.45 am	As Requested	As Requested	Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill - 10.30 am	As Requested	As Requested	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
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 - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree	Shelley Ryan	D Rix	Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Leon & Pat Burvill	Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>17/18 April</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5</b>		
Dunnstown - 6.30pm	As Requested	As Requested	Friday - Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon - 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Brian & Kate Carey	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan - 10.30am	Kathryn Green & Sandra Miller	Blinks Family	

HOLY WEEK			
29 March- 1 April			
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 Led
Springbank	2 April, 3 pm	Good Friday - Commemoration of the Cross	Fr Sajan Mathew

**Anniversaries:** Ellen Murphy, Allen Payne, Sarah Molloy, Fran Cooen, Nellie Conroy, Kathleen McGiffin, Monica Ramsay, Monica Hryncyszyn, Reg Haintz.

**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.

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

The Mass of the Oils (or Chrism Mass) was celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat last Monday, March 29. Despite COVID restrictions on numbers, the mass was well attended with representatives from all the forty parishes of the Diocese present. Bishop Bird celebrated the mass. Judith Hodgson accepted the oils (oil of the Sick, oil of Catechumens, oil for the Holy Chrism) on behalf of the Parish of Gordon and Liz Hanrahan on behalf of the Parish of Bungaree. For those that were unable to attend, the Mass will be available to view from the diocesan website shortly.

#### **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.

#### **Lenten Resources – Easter Triduum**

The Sandhurst Diocese kindly shares their reflections on excerpts from Pope Francis' "Let us Dream", together with insights and suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers. The leaflets are for individual reflection or small group reflection and discussion. The theme for the Easter Triduum is, "**He is going before you...**" Copies are available at all churches; and electronic copies forwarded to parishioners. Can be download from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/liturgy-resources/>

#### **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.

#### **Praying with Pope Francis**

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. This video, published to Facebook and YouTube, includes a personal message from the Pope as he asks us to pray for each monthly intention. You can find it at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for April: **Fundamental Rights:** We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

#### **Our Journey to Easter**

As we celebrate Easter, the National Centre for Evangelisation has published a series of four articles, reflecting upon the joy of returning to community celebrations at Easter <https://nce.catholic.org.au/the-resource-centre/our-journey-to-easter>

#### **Diocesan Liturgical Commission Membership**

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is currently seeking new members from all areas of the diocese. Membership is for an initial term of three (3) years with the option of two further terms (3 years per term). The Commission meets five times per year in Ballarat. Video linking facilities are available for meetings. All members of the Commission must hold a current Working with Children check or VIT (Victorian Institute of Teaching) registration. The Charter of the Liturgical Commission is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/liturgy-sacraments/diocesan-liturgical-commission/>. Expressions of interest can be forwarded to [liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:liturgy@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*(see opposite page)*

**SECOND READING** Col 3: 1-4

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is

hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**SEQUENCE**

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life’s own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ’s glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

1 Cor 5: 7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!**

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**GOSPEL** Jn 20: 1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**MASS OF EASTER NIGHT**

**EPISTLE** Rom 6: 3-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

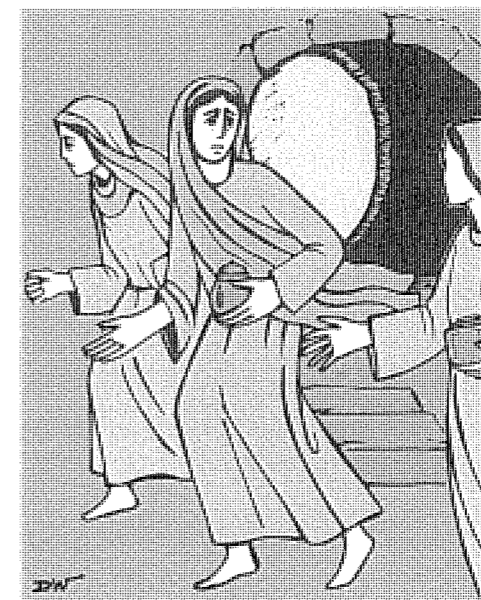
*Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / ‘His love has no end’. **R.**
2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

**GOSPEL** Mk 16: 1-7

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

*Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very

early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right-hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, ‘There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, “He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you.”’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**MASS DURING THE DAY**

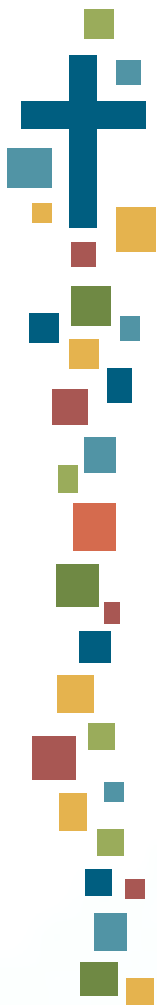
**FIRST READING**

Acts 10:34, 37-43

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism.



# Journey towards the Plenary Council Reflecting on a Theme for Discernment

Three Days of Easter 2021 – ‘The Easter Triduum’

‘HE IS GOING BEFORE YOU ...’



## FROM THE READINGS



### Holy Thursday

When Jesus had washed their feet ... he went back to the table. 'Do you understand', he said, 'what I have done to you?... If then, I the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you'.

*John 13:12-15*

### Good Friday

And yet ours were the sufferings he bore,  
ours the sorrows he carried ...  
he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins.  
On him lies a punishment that brings us peace,  
and through his wounds we are healed.

*Isaiah 53:4-5*

### Easter Vigil and Sunday

Christ, as we know,  
having been raised from the dead  
will never die again.  
Death has no power over him any more.

*Romans 6:9*

Very early when the sun had risen,  
on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb ...  
"Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.  
He has been raised; he is not here.  
Behold the place where they laid him.  
But go and tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you  
to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you."

*Mark 16:2-7*



### What words or phrases stand out for you?

**It is the very heart of God that overflows** in those famous passages of the father rushing out to hug his prodigal son; the wedding host who gathers guests from the roads and the fields for his banquet; the net-breaking catch of fish at dawn after a night of fruitless trawling; or Jesus washing the feet of his disciples on the night before he died. Such overflows of love happen, above all, at the crossroads of life, at moments of openness, fragility, and humility, when the ocean of his love bursts the dams of our self-sufficiency, and so allows for a new imagination of the possible.

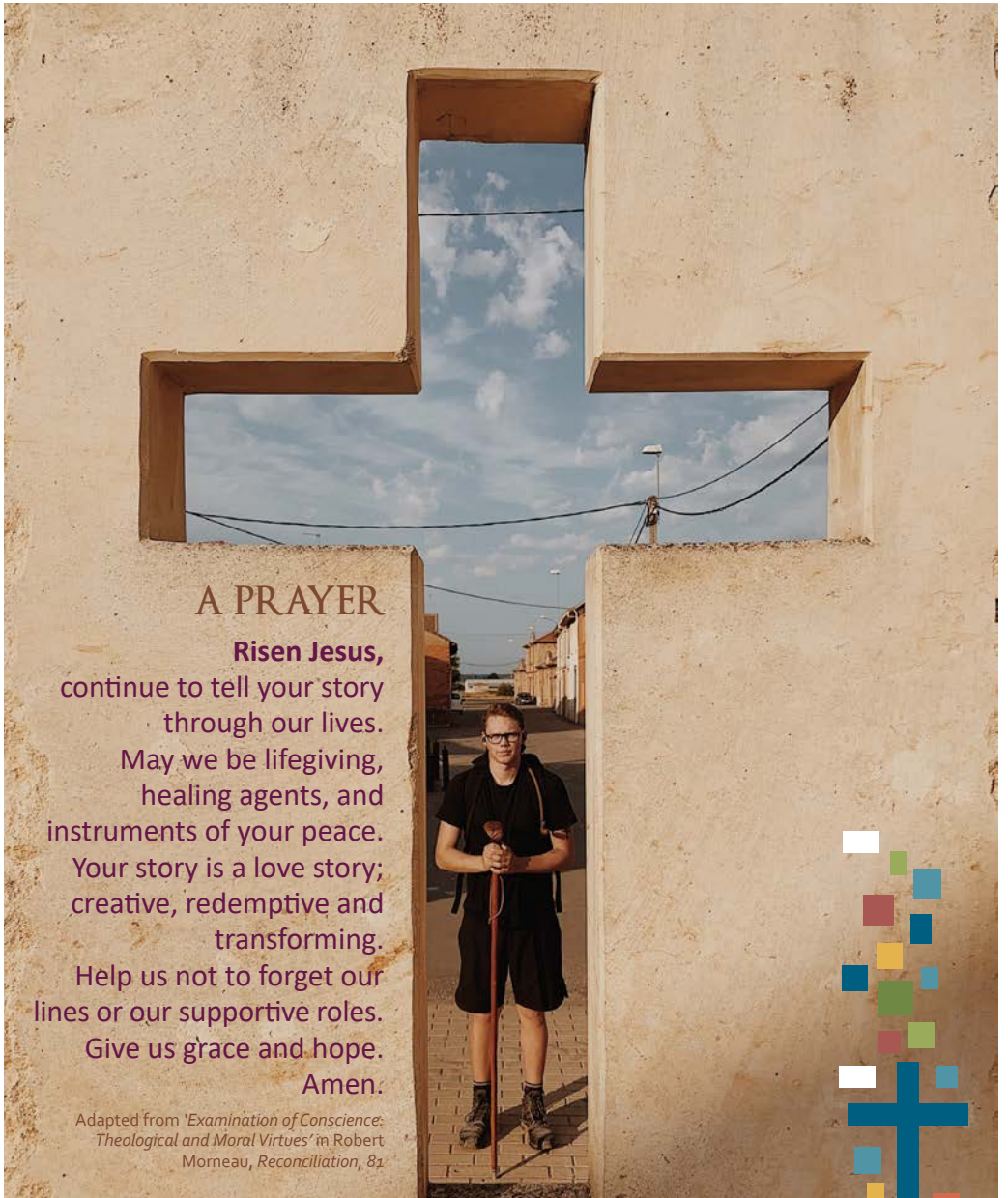
Pope Francis, *Let us Dream*, 81

**Lasting peace is about creating and maintaining processes of mutual listening ...** Sometimes walking together means continuing to endure disagreements, leaving them to be transcended on a higher level at a later time. Time is superior to space, and the whole is greater than the parts ... the Lord always keeps His promises.

Pope Francis, *Let us Dream*, 83, 92

**Truth lies outside us like a 'kindly light':** Like John Henry Newman, whom I declared a saint in October 2019, I see the truth lying outside us, always beyond us, but beckoning to us through our consciences. It is like a "kindly light" we reach not normally through reason, but "through the imagination, by means of direct impressions, by the testimony of facts and events, by history ... Newman was convinced, as am I, that in embracing what often appear at first sight to be contradictory truths and trusting in the kindly light to lead us, we will eventually come to see the greater truth that lies beyond us. I like to think that we do not possess the truth so much as the truth possesses us, constantly attracting us by means of beauty and goodness.

Pope Francis, *Let us Dream*, 56



## A PRAYER

**Risen Jesus,**  
continue to tell your story  
through our lives.  
May we be lifegiving,  
healing agents, and  
instruments of your peace.  
Your story is a love story;  
creative, redemptive and  
transforming.  
Help us not to forget our  
lines or our supportive roles.  
Give us grace and hope.  
Amen.

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Theological and Moral Virtues' in Robert  
Morneau, *Reconciliation*, 81.



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