

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year B): ~ 17/18 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

✉ 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 Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 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.

Loose	Presbytery: \$594.40	Parish: \$950.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$29,706 (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.

## 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

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

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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	<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:

Presbytery: \$N/A	Parish: \$185.00
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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	WEEKDAY MASSES
17/18 April	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2: 1-5		
Dunnstown- 6.30pm	As Requested	As Requested	Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon- 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Brian & Kate Carey	Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan- 10.30am	Cathryn Green & Sandra Miller	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
24/25 April	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 4: 8-12; 1 Jn 3: 1-2		
Clarkes Hill- 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Jill Prendergast	Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon- 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan- 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Gyan Schweighofa & Anne Eskdale	Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
1/2 May	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Acts 9: 26-31 Jn 15: 4-5		
Dunnstown- 6.30pm	Diane Reynolds	Diane Reynolds	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon- 8.45am	Monica Eastwood & Mark Conroy	Therese & Michael Winter	Saturday - Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan- 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Anne Eskdale	Cairan & Janine Donohoe Family	

## LITURGIES / WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) at Bungaree at 9.30am  
All Welcome!

	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	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
	Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am				

**Anniversaries:** Bill Molloy, Sr. Maureen Connelly RSM, Sr. Margaret Houlihan RSM, Jill Fradd, Carmel Fitzgerald, Margaret Trounce, Frank Conroy, Andrew Sherry, Peter Molloy, Laurie Flynn.

**We offer our prayerful support for the sick** Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Lyla Geary Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Noel Craven, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Eileen Haintz.

**Baptisms:** We welcome Jasper Alexander Hocking, the child of Lauren and Branton Hocking, who was baptised on 11 April at St. Brigid's Ballan, into our Parish community.

### Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflections & Daily Prayers

**Monthly Reflection** Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life and character. Michelle Vass, director of St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park NSW, reflects on "St Joseph – Man of Dreams" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

**Daily Prayers to St Joseph:** The ACBC have provided daily prayers and a shorter Litany to St Joseph available from <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### Pathways Victoria

The Catholic Diocese of Victoria has introduced a new model for Complaints and Redress in Victoria, Pathways Victoria, for implementing the Church's National Response Protocol released earlier this year. A public consultation period has been set-up for the period 13 April until 14 May 2021. A Media Release and Frequently Asked Questions information sheet has been posted on all church noticeboards. For further information, go to: [www.pathwaysvictoria.com/](http://www.pathwaysvictoria.com/)

### Good Shepherd Sunday: Word Day of Vocations - April 25

**Next Sunday is the World Day of Vocations:** Pope Francis tells us: "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood."

**Pope Francis – Message for 2021 World Day of Vocations. Saint Joseph:** "The Dream of Vocation 'God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: To beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: Hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of 'the saints next door.' At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.'"

**Enquiry Day for prospective Seminarians at Corpus Christi College - May 22, 2021:** An Enquiry Day for any young man who is interested to know more about a Diocesan Priestly vocation will be held at Corpus Christi College Carlton for all dioceses in the province. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please email Fr Edward Moloney [Edward.moloney@cam.org.au](mailto:Edward.moloney@cam.org.au) or Fr James Kerr [james.kerr@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:james.kerr@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Remember O Most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them, Amen.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

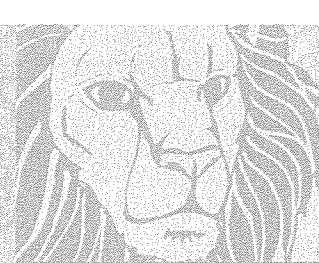
Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them: 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / B

18 APRIL 2021

## THE CALL TO BE WITNESSES

Justice is often understood as fairness or even-handedness. The biblical tradition would not deny this but would tend to see justice as primarily about being in right relationship with God, oneself and others. Someone who is able to live in such a way would be seen to live in *shalom* (peace). On this Third Sunday of Easter these two dimensions are stressed. The first and second reading deal with Jesus as the just one who invites us to find and maintain balance in our relationships with God, ourselves and others. In the Gospel it is in relationship with the risen Jesus that we find true peace, as he leads us out of our fears and gives each one of us a new task – to be faithful and courageous witnesses.

Peter reaches out to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and re-opens the case for Jesus. He does not deny their mistake but states that since they acted in ignorance in killing Jesus the opportunity is still there for them to review their previous judgement and now accept Jesus as their saviour and come into right relationship with him. It is the Risen Lord who appears to the disciples and helps them to understand that even his brutal death was part of God's saving plan. Furthermore, his presence among them will lead them to overcome their fearful relationship to the world. A new relationship is called for since now they are given a new task, to be witnesses to the whole world.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

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

*You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

**R. Lord, let your face shine on us.**

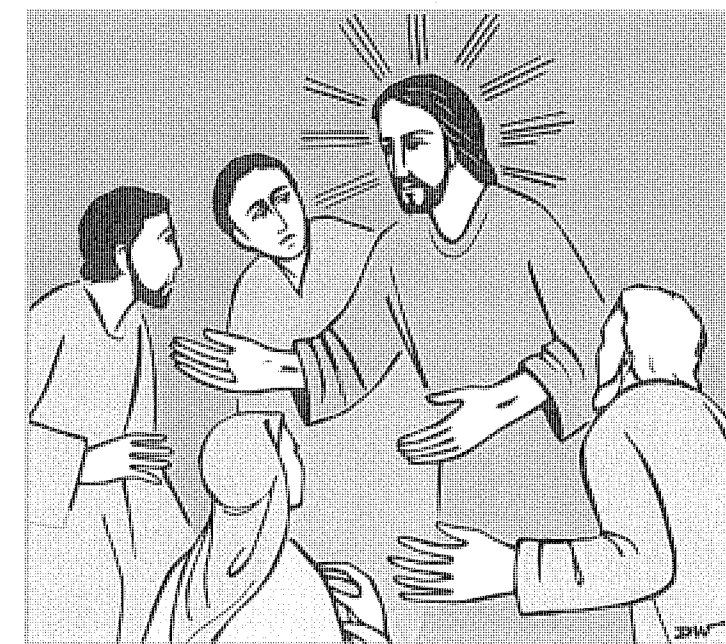
*(or Alleluia!)*

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; / from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! R.

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me whenever I call him. R.

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. / Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R.

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R.



## SECOND READING

1 Jn 2: 1-5

**A reading from the first letter of St John.**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. Lk 24: 32

**Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!**