

# 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 12-13 June 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

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

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

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

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

### Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$297.40	Parish: \$175.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$31,289.2 (updated)

Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections.

### Planned Giving Program

June is a crucial month for the administration of the Parish as it is the month when the Planned Giving Program is reviewed and updated. During the next fortnight, a Planned Giving Letter signed by Fr. Ed. Moloney, our Parish administrator, will be sent to participants in the Planned Giving Program by email or mail. We ask parishioners who will be attending mass during the next two weeks to pick up their letter directly after this week's mass (Springbank & Ballan) or next week's mass (Gordon & Ballan). Addressed envelopes will be placed near

the sign-in registration sheet for pick-up. Loose copies of the letter are also available for parishioners interested in joining the Program. The Gordon Parish Leadership Team is deeply appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners and their families, especially those who contribute to our Planned Giving Program.

**St. Patrick's School, Gordon** welcomes all enquiries and enrolments for 2022. For further information or to organise a school tour, please contact the Principal, Mr Paul McDowell on 5368 9495; email: [principal@spgordon.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### St. Brigid's School 2022 PREP Enrolments

Enrolments open Tuesday, April 20, 2021. For info and registration go to: [www.sballan.catholic.edu.au/school-tours](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au/school-tours)

## 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

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

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

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

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

### Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$212	Parish:	\$2,280
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We gratefully acknowledge all parishioners who generously donated to each of these collections.

### QR Code Bungaree Parish

The Victorian Government has introduced a new centralized QR code system that all Victorians must follow. All parishioners must sign-in using the QR code. If you do not have a mobile phone or you have left your phone at home, then please use the sign-in log sheet placed at the lobby area/inner porch of the church. After every mass and other ceremonies (i.e. baptisms), the sign-in log sheets must be

returned to the Bungaree Parish Office so that a central registry can be maintained and quickly accessed, if required.

### First Time to Sign-In with QR Code?

Place your smartphone camera over the QR code image (matrix barcode) and scan it. If your phone doesn't start the check-in process automatically, you must download and open the [Service Victoria app](https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/) (click on link). You can also find the app at: <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/>. Scan the QR code and follow the prompts to check-in. Submit your name and phone number & wait for app to signal sign-in approved.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
<b>12/13 June</b>	<b>11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ezek 17: 22-24; 2 Cor 5: 6-10</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	NA	Margaret & Gary McTigue	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	N. Jeffrey	Leah Hanrahan	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan, Anne Eskdale	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>19/20 June</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 38: 1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5: 14-17</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Helen Spratling	Helen Spratling	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	Beth Calleja & Michael Winter	Brian & Kate Carey	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Margaret Green & Mark Conlan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>26/27 June</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24; 2 Cor 8: 7.9. 13-15</b>		
Clarkes Hill 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett	Con Powell	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon 8.45 am	Deb Goldie, Therese Winter	Pat Barry, Eily Carey	Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	Cairan & Janine Donohue Family	

## LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 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	Clarkes 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					

**Recent Deaths:** Paul Reddie

**Anniversaries:** Joan Clifford, Edna Quinlan, Paula Scott, Georg Dimech, James Jarvis, Leo Tuddenham, Brian Foley, Michael Davies, Kristen Canty, Elizabeth Nunn, Alan Blake, Judith Dickinson, Myrtle Fuller, Greg Plageman, Maurice Ryan, Andrew Prendergast, Margaret Hanrahan, Frank Cullinan, Ernie Auchetti, Daniel Greene.

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

**Baptisms:** This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Alex Turner, Liam Turner, Quinn Mitchell, Bridget Grigg and Kiara Grigg. Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

### Year of St Joseph 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. Fr Khalid Marogi, Director of the Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office, reflects on "Joseph as 'Protector'" (Mt 2:13-18). Refugee Week, June 20-26, 2021 - <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### Plenary Council Prayer Campaign:

People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts Oct 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Go to [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

### Sacred Music

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a liturgical music professional learning seminar in early July. Registration closes on 28 June. For more info go to <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/professional-development>. Interested in sacred music and prayer composition? Instructional event on 19 July. Registration by July 15 is essential at [www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfL](http://www.acu.edu.au/PublicLectureCfL) Contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy [centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au) or ph. 02 9701 4751.

### St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and applications forms are available from <https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>. Closing date July 30, 2021.

### Catholic Theological College Online Open Day Information sessions

Catholic Theological College is offering free online Open Day Information Sessions "Getting Started in Theology" in June for anyone interested in beginning or extending their study journey. There are three sessions to choose from (they will all offer the same information) featuring Dr Rosemary Canavan, CTC Academic Dean, and Rev Dr Phil Gleeson SDB, Acting Postgraduate Coordinator. Drs Canavan and Gleeson will outline how to get started and how to plan study that matches the ministry and professional development needs of potential students. There will also be opportunities to ask questions. Sessions will be held on Tues, June 15 at 7.00pm - register at <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/711111111111>; Thurs, June 17 at 10.00am - register at <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/711111111111>; and Tues, June 22 at 7.00pm - register at <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/711111111111>

### Hello Everyone,

The Victorian Government has announced an easing of COVID restrictions to take effect from midnight on Thursday June 10. The following provisions will apply in **regional Victoria**.

**Religious gatherings and ceremonies** will be permitted for up to **75 people** per venue, with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 square metres.

**Funerals** will be permitted with no more than **75 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral.

**Weddings** will be permitted with no more than **20 people** (including the two persons being married, the celebrant and two witnesses).

**Face coverings** must still be carried at all times. Face coverings must be worn inside the church and must also be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres distancing cannot be maintained.

There will be no restrictions on travel within regional Victoria.

God bless you all. **Bishop Paul**

June 9, 2021

### 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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 4: 26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.*

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

13 JUNE 2021

## LIVE BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

The parables of Jesus have a marvellous way of giving us the feeling of having Jesus sitting beside us. They have always been able to cross barriers of time, space and culture. They have a power to delight and unsettle, to console and challenge that is undimmed with the passing of nearly 2000 years. They are deceptively simple and always invite further reflection. When Jesus spoke of the kingdom or reign of God he drew on the image of the mustard seed. In doing this he was able to speak of the hidden beginnings of God's reign and, at the same time, the certainty of its growth. This of course is where the parable is deceptively simple, and where its challenge is to be found. As in the time of Jesus, it is still difficult to believe in the certainty of the coming of the kingdom, especially when its growth continues to be hidden, and the hearts of many seem to remain unchanged.

It is precisely here that Paul's reflection on his life as a Christian in the first century can be a source of encouragement. While we can picture Paul's ministry as one of on-going successes, the reality was not so simple. Faced with rejection and misunderstanding from some of the community in Corinth he does not lose heart. Sometimes growth among them was hard to see but he keeps his eyes firmly on what lies ahead. He knows there are many times when we must have the trust to live by faith and not by sight.

## FIRST READING

Ezek 17: 22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*I have made the small tree great.*

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,  
from the highest branch I will take a shoot  
and plant it myself on a very  
high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain  
of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,  
every winged creature rest in the shade of its  
branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I,  
the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low  
ones grow,

who withers green trees and makes the  
withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

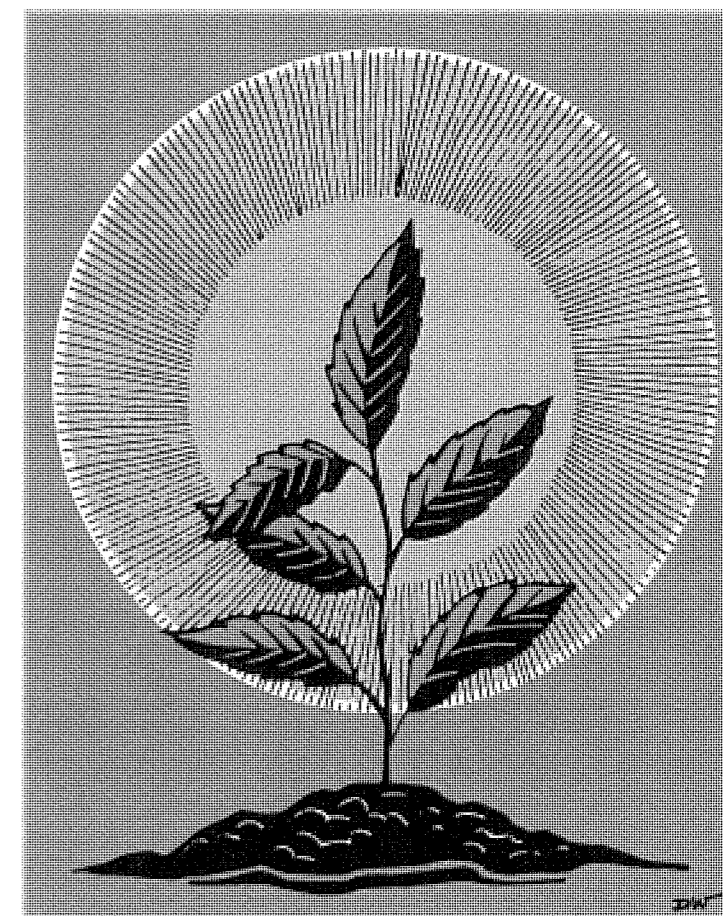
Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord/  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning/and  
your truth in the watches of the night. R.

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree/and  
grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.

3. Planted in the house of the Lord/they will  
flourish in the courts of our God,/still bearing  
fruit when they are old,/still full of sap, still  
green,/to proclaim that the Lord is just./  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.



## SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 6-10

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

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

■ The word of the Lord.

Christopher Monaghan CP