

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 26-27 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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll
Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015
☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend & Parish Office Drop-Off

Loose	Presbytery: \$229.65	Parish: \$2,537
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$36,611.15 (updated)

Easter dues received \$50.00. Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections.

Cancellation of Mass at St Patrick's Church Gordon

The Church grounds are currently closed for safety reasons. There will be **NO MASS THIS SUNDAY** (27 June) at St Patrick's Church, Gordon. Instead, Mass will be held on Sunday 27 June at 8.45am, **St Michael's Church, Bungaree**. We hope that the regular church services will resume the following week (3/4 July).

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. Loose copies of the letter are also available for parishioners interested in joining the Program. The 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; principal@spgordon.catholic.edu.au

St. Brigid's School 2022 PREP Enrolments

Enrolments open Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Enrolment forms to be returned by Friday 16 July 2021. For info and registration go to: 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
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

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$596.50	Parish: \$345.00
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We gratefully acknowledge all parishioners who generously donated to each of these collections.

QR Code Bungaree Parish

The Government has introduced a new 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.

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
26/27 June	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24; 2 Cor 8: 7.9. 13-15		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Tim Bennett	Con Powell	Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree- 8.45 am	As requested	As requested	Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	Cairan & Janine Donohue Family	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
3/4 July	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Jennifer McKay & Sally McKay	Nick McKay Family	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Beth Calleja, Michael Winter	Brian & Kate Carey	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
10/11 July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Springbank-6.30pm	Sue Daly	Brendan Simpson & Family	Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45am	A Elliott, O.Elliott	F. Hanrahan	Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Rosemary Canavan, Anne Eskdale	Lorraine DeSpirt, Vikki Boka	

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Anniversaries: Fay Thomas, Noreen Wheelahan, Brian Gleeson, Margaret Ronan, Sophie Papworth, Kathleen Davies, Peter Cochrane, Brian Murphy, Vera McGuigan, Eileen Crough, Jack Crough, Gerard Nunn, Laurie Maher, Jane Auchettl.

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.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

There will be further easing of restrictions in regional Victoria from 11.59pm on Thursday, June 24. More information available, when updated, on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>.

Alive in the Spirit: National Virtual Conference to Enliven Catholic Communities

Reconnect, Renew and Reimagine. Community and Mission. Our faith communities are hungering for inspiration and support as we emerge from the pandemic and approach the first national plenary session. "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online conference from July 8-10, 2021, offers a next-level experience to participants through a variety of keynotes, home-grown workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. The mixture of live and on-demand opportunities is fully adaptable to strengthen the mission and aims of local Catholic communities. Find out more: www.aliveinthespirit.com.au/ contact Lisa Bright, ph. 0448 652 720.

A new hymn in honour of St Joseph

Australian Marist Br Michael Herry has written a new hymn, *One Quiet Man*, inspired by Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of St Joseph. To listen to the song, please visit the Marist Music website <http://www.maristmusic.org.au/one-quiet-man-a-new-hymn-to-st-joseph>. Br Michael can be contacted at michael.herry@marists.org.au

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

A national campaign has been launched to support a prayerful build-up to the first assembly of the Plenary Council. The "Fan the Flame" campaign is offered as resources for individuals and groups of various sizes and contexts who are providing essential support by praying for the Council journey and specifically for the Council assemblies, including the members who will participate. Resources available from <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheblade/>

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 – view at www.thepopevideo.org. Pope's intention for June: **June universal intention for evangelisation – the beauty of marriage:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: May they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

A topical and exciting opportunity for students/youth groups to reflect on the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Project Officer for Melbourne Young Christian Students has great pleasure in presenting a topical and exciting opportunity for students/youth to understand, reflect on and respond to the COVID-19 virus, a pandemic that has affected us all in so many ways. *Shaping our Post Pandemic World* is an Enquiry for Secondary Students, comprising five sessions to explore *How the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected me, my country and our world; why it should concern me; and what I might be able to do about its consequences*. It is published, free of charge, by the Australian Young Christian Students, written in Melbourne for students, whether they are in the YCS or not. The Enquiry and an endorsement by Archbishop Mark Coleridge are available from <https://www.aycs.org.au/pandemic-enquiry>. The YCS will be coordinating an ongoing campaign among students into the Catholic response to the pandemic. For info, please contact Lys Crowe, Project Officer, Melbourne YCS lysbeth.crowe@aycs.org.au

The Sisters of Mercy wish to advise the **passing of Sr Rosemary Kelly** on June 14, 2021.

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 2021

As an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops, the National Catholic Men's Gathering aims to inspire and encourage all men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The online program hopes to reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. In this Year of St Joseph, the National Catholic Men's Gathering is again being offered as a free event for registered participants. The 2021 program will focus on St Joseph and will include a pre-recorded introductory session, three pre-recorded sessions and a final commissioning, all available from Saturday, July 31, 2021. To read about this year's speakers go to <https://www.nce.catholic.org.au/catholicmen>

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.

and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James.

So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

27 JUNE 2021

CREATED FOR LIFE

All peoples, including people of faith, have wrestled with the mysteries of life and death from the dawn of time. The book of Wisdom was written late in the development of the Old Testament, and centuries of experience and reflection are found in its verses that speak about how God has created all things in order that we might experience God's love in the gift of life itself. Created in God's image, our ultimate goal is to live our lives in such a way that we reflect this life-giving love of God for us in our attitudes and behaviour.

The Christian communities of Corinth were invited by Paul to join with other communities in Galatia and Macedonia to provide support for the poor believers in Jerusalem who were suffering in the midst of famine. In his previous letter, Paul had spoken eloquently of how they were all part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12) and how this called them to a life of faith, hope, and love (1 Corinthians 13). Now was the time to live simply, giving of their excess, so that their brothers and sisters could simply live.

Jesus' actions in the Gospel today bear eloquent testimony to the claim of the book of Wisdom that we are created for life. Both Jairus' daughter and the woman with the haemorrhage will be lifted from their suffering by their encounter with Jesus. The woman's extraordinary faith leads her to reach out and touch Jesus' cloak resulting in her being restored to health. Jesus himself lifts up the young girl and brings her once again to the fullness of life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.

To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,

as those who are his partners will discover.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2

**R. I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me / and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, / restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. R.

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, / give thanks to his holy name. / His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. / At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R.

3. The Lord listened and had pity. / The Lord came to my help. / For me you have changed my mourning into dancing, / O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R.

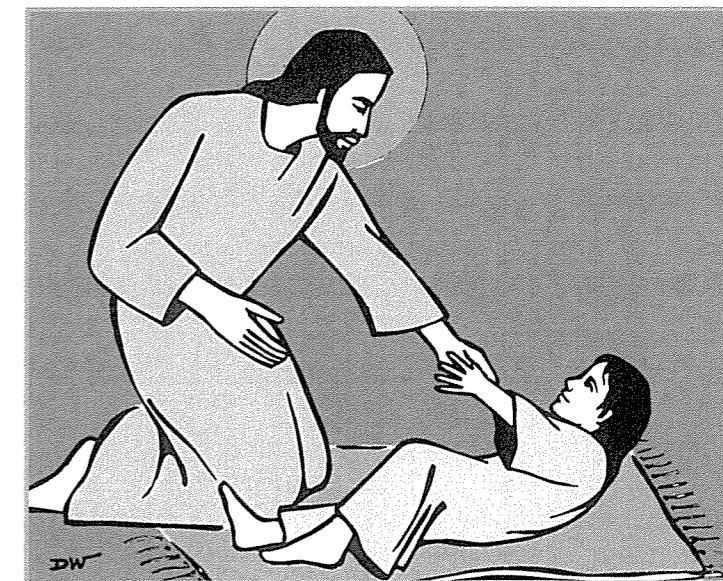
SECOND READING

2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15

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

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of



keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 2 Tim 1: 10

Alleluia, alleluia! / Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death / and brought us life through his gospel. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 5: 21-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him