

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 10-11 July 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

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend & Parish Office Drop-Off

Loose	Presbytery: \$419.60	Parish: \$129.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$

Easter Dues received: \$10.20. Thanks to all parishioners who so generously gave to each of these collections.

Planned Giving Program

We thank all parishioners who contributed to the Planned Giving Program during the past year and continue to support the mission of Church by participating in the Parish's pastoral programs. The Leadership Team is deeply appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners and their families, especially those who contribute to our Planned Giving Program.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2021/22 can be picked up during July. Addressed envelopes have been placed in the inner porch of St Patrick's Church, the Gathering Space at St Brigid's Church, and the foyer of St. Michael's Church, Springbank.

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

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$305.00	Parish: \$630.00
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We gratefully acknowledge all parishioners who generously donated to each of these collections.

Vicar-General visits the Parishes of Gordon & Bungaree

The Vicar-General of the Diocese of Ballarat, Fr. Kevin Maloney, met with the Gordon Parish Leadership Team & the Bungaree Parish Leadership Team last Wed evening, 7 July 2021. Also present were Fr. Sajan and Fr Ed. The challenges facing the Diocese were outlined by Fr. Kevin, and initiatives implemented to address administrative and operational costs in country parishes were detailed. Further meetings are scheduled in the coming weeks. We will keep you informed of any developments; no major decisions will be made prior to general consultations with all parishioners.

Congratulations to Leo Murphy who celebrated his 90th birthday last month.

Sacramental Program

On Tuesday 20th July at 7:30pm there is a meeting for parents and carers of children in Year 3 and above who wish to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. The Bungaree Parish offers this Family based program as a joint sacrament. Anyone wishing to receive these sacraments must have a representative at this meeting. As part of learning about the Eucharist we enjoy cake and a drink at this meeting so save some room for that! Any further questions can be directed to Fr Sajan or Sue Prendergast (5334 7604).

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
10/11 July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 7: 12-15; Eph 1: 3-14		
Springbank-6.30pm	Sue Daly		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	A Elliott, O.Elliott		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Rosemary Canavan, Anne Eskdale		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
17/18 July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23: 1-6; Eph 2: 13-18		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Jennifer McKay		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To Be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green, Mark Conlan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
24/25 July	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 4: 42-44; Eph 4: 1-6		
Clarkes Hill-6.30pm	Marty Forbes, Helen Mahar		Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	To Be Advised		Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Winnie Zammit, Lloyd Lamb		

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: Jack Maher, John Galea, Hector Papworth, Paul Nihill, Tom Blood, Pat Ford, Jack Moloney, Brian Foley, Lois Wheelahan and Lucy Fitzpatrick.

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

Baptisms: We welcome Elisha Muscat, Levi Plover, Eden Toohey & Joseph Toohey who will be baptised this Sunday into our Parish community; & we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Ava Kersley, Louise Kersley, Airlie Longden. Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.

Alpha @ St Patrick's Parish

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that create a space, online or in person, where people can explore life, faith and meaning. It is a safe environment for anyone and everyone who wants to explore life and the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome! From Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 7.00pm (for 11 weeks) in the MacKillop/Glowrey Rooms, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat. For more information, please contact alpha.jess@icloud.com

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 Robert Krishna OP, a Dominican priest and chaplain to Monash University, reflects on "St Joseph – 'A Just Man'" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

Sea Sunday

This Sunday, 11 July, is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be an Appeal for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Funds collected will be used to provide practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports. To donate or for more info, visit www.stellamarisaustralia.org

Discernment Seminar

Seminar series led by Paul Beirne, Director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. First seminar focuses on the movements of God's Spirit in our lives and in our ministries. Attendance via Zoom & in-person, 14 x Tuesdays, 9.15am-11am, 20 Jul - 16 Nov 2021. Book and pay via <https://www.trybooking.com/BSUVX/> Inquiries: secretary@heartoflife.melbourne/ Cost \$450.

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 July: **July universal intention – social friendship:** We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Expressions of Interest

Ballarat's Diocesan Finance Council, the Committee of Management of the Catholic Development Fund, and the Board of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation are seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people (women and men) to join the advisory council, the advisory committee as well as the Foundation's Board. We are seeking persons from across the Diocese who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Corporate Governance; Finance, Banking; Legal; and Philanthropy. Successful candidates will demonstrate a genuine commitment to the ethos and values of the Catholic Church, and possess personal qualities of integrity, collaborative approach, sound judgement, and excellent communication skills. More information is available at the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/expressions-of-interest-are-being-sorted-for-membership-of-the-diocesan-finance-council-the-committee-of-management-of-the-catholic-development-fund-and-the-board-of-the-catholic-diocese-of-ballarat-f/> or contact Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager, ph. 5337 7126.

Wimmera-Mallee Parish

Bishop Paul has decreed the establishment of the new Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee. The new parish includes the area of the former parishes of Hopetoun, Horsham, Nhill and Warracknabeal. Monsignor Glynn Murphy and Fr Jim McKay currently serve in these parishes and will continue their service in the new parish. Contact: wimmeramallee@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.



have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Eph 1: 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 6: 7-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance: and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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OPPORTUNITY AND DANGER

When God intervenes in our lives it can mean radical change that brings with it both opportunity and danger. Amos’ work had involved the care of trees – nothing had prepared him for his new ministry as prophet. Preaching far from his home, he was politely threatened, and told in no uncertain terms, that his message of judgement was not welcome at the king’s shrine. His response was that while his message was discomfoting to hear, it had been given by God. It was not his own and his experience of God was so powerful that he could not deny it. He had a duty to preach the message he had been given.

The mission of the twelve is another example of the kind of radical change that can accompany a close encounter with Jesus. Called to share in Jesus’ mission they are prepared and commissioned for this new task, a task which will lead them to face acceptance, as well as the risk of rejection. They are instructed that they must travel light, there is nothing they can carry that will defend them from a closed mind or a hardened heart.

The opening hymn in the letter to the Ephesians is a beautiful and loving reflection on what we have received in Jesus. It is filled with wonder for the fact that we have all been adopted through Jesus, who is the source of forgiveness and our freedom. There is an implicit invitation: having received so much how could we not share this with others – whatever the risk.

FIRST READING

Am 7: 12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, ‘Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.’ ‘I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,’ Amos replied to Amaziah. ‘I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his people. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 1: 3-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

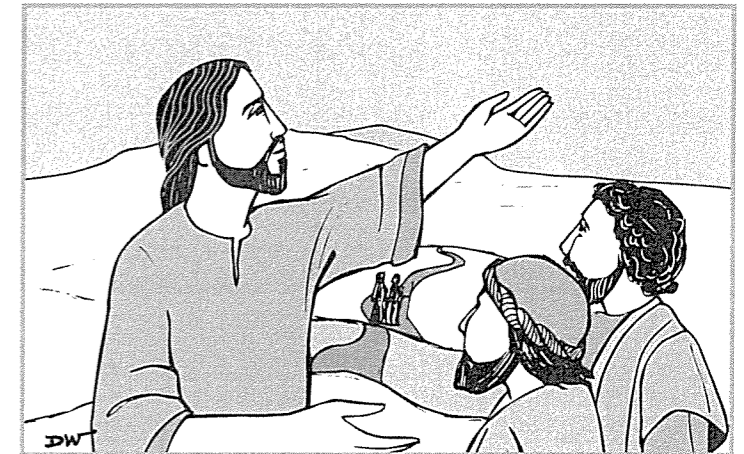
Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,

to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,



determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth. And it is in him that we were claimed as God’s own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him,