

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 17-18 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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015
Principal: Mr Paul McDowell ☎ 5368 9495

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

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$506.90	Parish: \$243.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$372.00

Planned Giving Program

We thank all parishioners who contributed to the Planned Giving Program during the past year & continue to support the mission of Church. 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, Gathering Space at St Brigid's Church, & foyer of St. Michael's Church, Springbank.

Interim Principal- St. Brigid's School

Jayne Bosworth has been appointed as Interim Principal at St Brigid's in Ballan for Term 3. Jayne has worked in Catholic education as Deputy Principal & Curriculum Leader for the last 5

years & has been in education for 20 years. Jayne is a passionate, enthusiastic & reflective learner, educator & leader who has a clear vision of high-quality education for all children. Jayne is really looking forward to fostering meaningful connections within the parish.

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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)



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: \$207.50	Parish: \$325.00
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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, & 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.

Sacramental Program

On Tues 20th July at 7:30pm there is a meeting for parents & carers of children in Year 3 & 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! Further questions can be directed to Fr Sajan or Sue Prendergast (5334 7604).

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
17/18 July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 23: 1-6; Eph 2: 13-18		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Jennifer McKay		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To Be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green, Mark Conlan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
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 – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To Be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Winnie Zammit, Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
31 July/1 August	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Di Cahir		Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Monica Eastwood, Mark Conroy		Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Bert Jarvis, Lin Bowers		

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: Leonie (O'Donohue) Burzacott, Paul Hanrahan, Luke Moran, Robert Cahir, Michael Flynn, Kevin Maher, Stephen Toohey, Frank Graham, Laurie McCarty, John Duffy, Les Beacham, Anne McRory, Nikolas Barbara, Marie McEldrew, John Graham, Neil Carey, Alice McCarty, Patrick Ronan and Joe Donegan.

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 into our Parish community, Leo James Crough, who will be baptised this Sunday at St. Peter's Church, Clarkes Hill; & 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.*

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>

COVID-19 Alert

If you visited Ballan on or around 8 July, please read the COVID-19 notices placed near the entrances of all 3 churches this weekend.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

While there are further easing of restrictions in regional Victoria as of 11.59pm on Thursday, July 8, all parishioners are requested to follow COVID-19 Safe guidelines: Always wash your hands before, and when you return home, Keep at least 1.5 metres between yourself and others, Never, ever go out if you are unwell unless it is to get tested, and Get vaccinated if you are eligible. **FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY INSIDE THE CHURCH.** Remember to check-in everywhere you visit using the **Service Victoria QR code app**. More info is available on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates also available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>.

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.

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>

CTC - Ethical Issues and Human Ageing studies

Catholic Theological College is offering a course on "Ethical Issues and Human Ageing" over six Saturdays 31 July; 7 and 28 August; 11 September; 9 and 23 October from 10.00am – 12.00pm and then 2.00pm to 4.00pm. The course can be taken for personal enrichments or credit towards a post-graduate award. For more information go to <https://units.divinity.edu.au/scheduled-unit/DT9633C-3770> or email registrar@ctc.edu.au

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

With just under 3 months to go before the First Assembly of the Plenary Council in October, parishioners are encouraged to keep praying for the Plenary Council Members representing our Dioceses, Religious Orders, Catholic Education, Catholic agencies and institutions around the country. Go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/members/> to see the members who are representing your diocese at the Plenary Council.

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.



himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10: 27
Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 6: 30-34
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING

The scene of Jesus stepping ashore and taking pity on the crowds who were desperately looking for a guide and shepherd has always been a poignant and moving one. Jesus had taken the disciples aside after the rigours of their mission of preaching. It was to be a moment of rest and reflection, of coming to terms with what they had experienced and learned in their new-found mission. Perhaps what they learn, more than anything else, is the hunger and need the people have for what Jesus has to offer by his presence and teaching.

Centuries before, Jeremiah had spoken of God's promise to shepherd the people of Israel and to raise up new shepherds, and a truly wise king. With the mission of the Twelve, and the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus the people have the eyes to see that God's promises are being fulfilled. The time for a new beginning has come.

Paul and the communities formed by him had no experience of the earthly mission of Jesus and it naturally led them to ponder on what difference the life and death of Jesus had made. Today's reading from Ephesians invites us to see the death of Jesus as the means that God used to bring a new humanity to birth. The age-old division between Jews and Gentiles has now been broken down. It is as though Jesus on the cross took to himself all our anger, violence and division, transforming it by the power of his healing and self-giving love.

FIRST READING

Jer 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

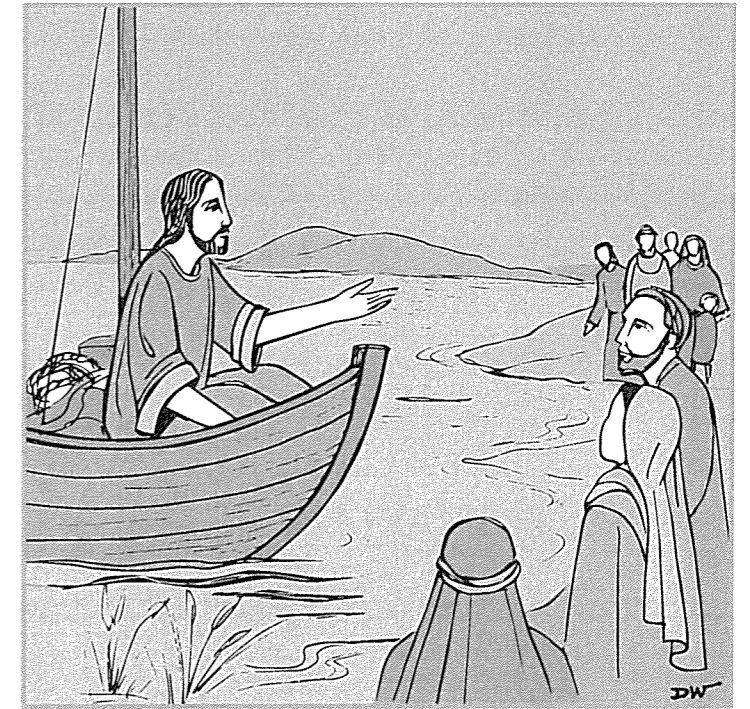
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. R.



2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. R.

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. R.

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. R.

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 13-18

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

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in

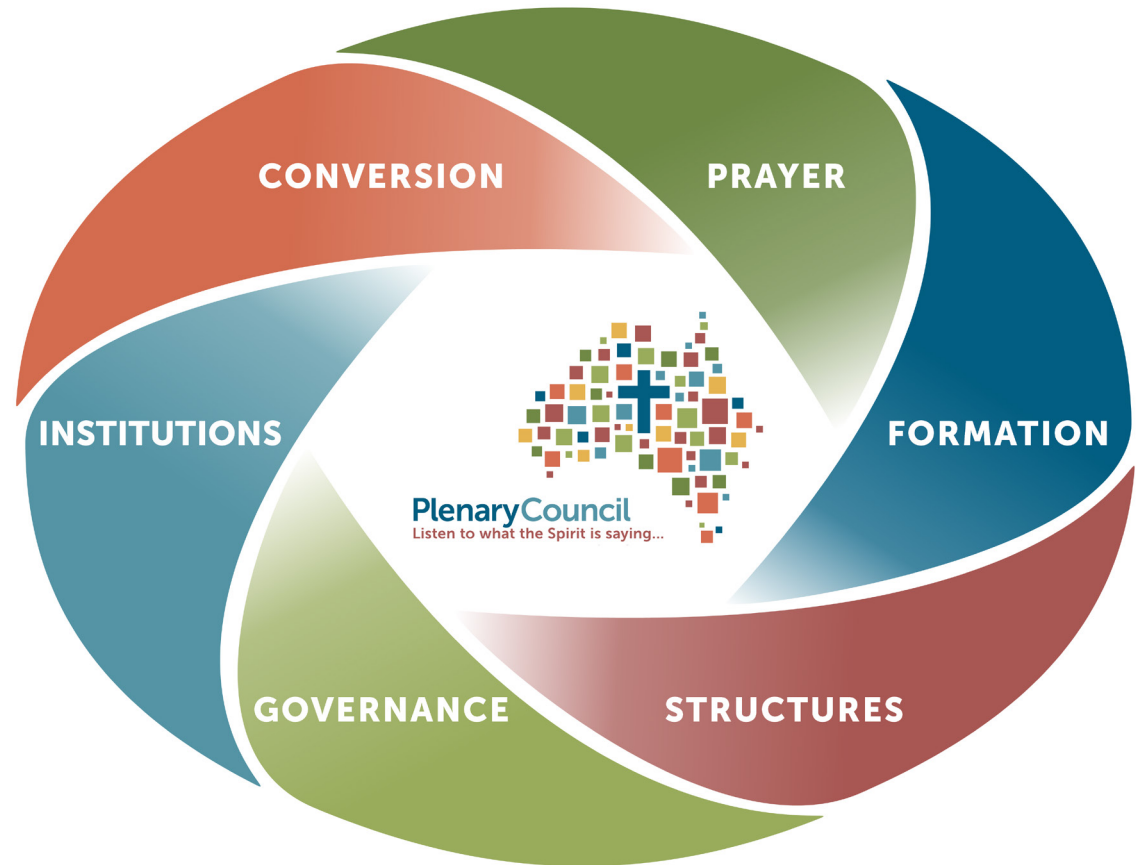
FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

AGENDA

As children of God, disciples of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Members of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia are called to develop concrete proposals to create a more missionary, Christ-centred Church in Australia at this time.

'I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.'

Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium 27



■ Conversion

- How might we better accompany one another on the journey of personal and communal conversion which mission in Australia requires?
- How might we heal the wounds of abuse, coming to see through the eyes of those who have been abused?
- How might the Church in Australia open in new ways to Indigenous ways of being Christian in spirituality, theology, liturgy, and missionary discipleship? How might we learn from the First Nations peoples?
- How might the Church in Australia meet the needs of the most vulnerable, go to the peripheries, be missionary in places that may be overlooked or left behind in contemporary Australia? How might we partner with others (Christians, people of other faiths, neighbourhood community groups, government) to do this?
- How might the Church in Australia respond to the call to 'ecological conversion'? How can we express and promote a commitment to an 'integral ecology of life' in all its dimensions, with particular attention to the more vulnerable people and environments in our country and region?

■ Prayer

- How might we become a more contemplative people, committing more deeply to prayer as a way of life, and celebrating the liturgy of the Church as an encounter with Christ who sends us out to "make disciples of all the nations"?
- How might we better embrace the diverse liturgical traditions of the Churches which make up the Catholic Church and the cultural gifts of immigrant communities to enrich the spirituality and worship of the Church in Australia?

■ Formation

- How might we better form leaders for mission – adults, children and families, couples and single people?
- How might we better equip ordained ministers to be enablers of missionary discipleship: the Church becoming more a "priestly people" served by the ordained ministry?
- How might formation, both pre- and post-ordination, better foster the development of bishops, priests and deacons as enablers of the universal Christian vocation to holiness lived in missionary discipleship?

■ Structures

- How might parishes better become local centres for the formation and animation of missionary disciples?
- How might the Church in Australia be better structured for mission, considering the parish, the diocese, religious orders, the PJPs and new communities?

■ Governance

- How might the People of God, lay and ordained, women and men, approach governance in the spirit of synodality and co-responsibility for more effective proclamation of the Gospel?
- How might we recast governance at every level of the Church in Australia in a more missionary key?

■ Institutions

- How might we better see the future of Catholic education (primary, secondary and tertiary) through a missionary lens?
- How might we better see the future of Catholic social services, agencies and health and aged care ministries as key missionary and evangelising agencies?