

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

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www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

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

COVID – Mass Attendance

The number of persons wishing to attend week-end masses will be restricted due to COVID density quotients. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Secretary on 0429 903 409. For those parishioners unable to attend mass this weekend, copies of this week's Combined Newsletter will be placed in containers outside St Patrick's and St Brigid's for pick-up. For parishioners who do not receive the Combined Newsletter via the Parish Bulletin email, copies of the 18 July

2001 and 25 July 2021 newsletters will be available for pick-up before the regular weekend masses during August.

COVID-19 Safe Guidelines

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
Get vaccinated if you are eligible.

FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY INSIDE THE CHURCH.

Remember to check-in using the **Service Victoria QR code app** or complete the sign-in registry.

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

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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

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www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Monica Eastwood, Mark Conroy		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Bert Jarvis, Lin Bowers		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
7/8 August	St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) 1 Kings 17: 8-16; Col 3: 12-17		
Springbank-6.30pm	Sue Daly		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	Julie & Sophie Boyd		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Catherine Green, Sandra Miller		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
14/15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Apoc 11: 19; 12: 1-6, 10; Lk 1: 39-56		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Hugh Ryan		Friday- Benediction after each 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Kate Carey, Marie Durham		Saturday- Reconciliation after 9.30 am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Marie Shanahan, Julie Dargan		

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: James Glenane, Ted Ryan, Kevin Leonard, Mervyn Britt, Jim Britt, James Rix, Tim Devereux, Frank Pearce, Margaret Maher, John Fuller, Josephine Borg, Mary Flynn, Angus Finlayson, Patrick Hodgson, Robert McGiffin, Carmen Buttigieg, Joe D'Arcy.

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

National Mass to mark Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children's Day has been cancelled.

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 August: **Universal intention for evangelisation – the Church:** Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

Plenary Council – Fan the Flame Prayer Campaign

You are invited to join the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council. As the first Assembly in October 2021 draws nearer, all people are invited to become 'Prayer Partners' to accompany the Members and invoke the Holy Spirit on this historic gathering for the Church in Australia. The "Fan the Flame" resources have been designed so they can be used by individuals or by groups of any size and in any setting. Parishes are encouraged to use these in any way that suits. They include material for each week, and as well as material that can be used at any time to support prayerful preparation for the Plenary Council. Resources can be accessed at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/>

Preventing Violence Against Women in a Faith Context

CSSV invites anyone interested in preventing violence against women in a faith context to join a one hour webinar to share the findings of the evaluation of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne's Preventing Violence Against Women (PVAW) Program. The webinar will incorporate presentations from the lead evaluator, the Program Manager and two parish project leaders. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the program and prevention work. The webinar will be held on **Wed August 4** 2021 from 3.00pm – 4.00pm at https://training.dvrcv.org.au/course-details?course_id=94502&course_type=w

Legislative Council Member, Fiona Patten of the "Reason Party" is introducing a motion in the Victorian Parliament to have the Lord's Prayer banned and in its place introduce a moment's silence at the start of each sitting. Her reasoning is that many Victorians are not Christians and it's discriminatory toward other religions and to Victorians with no religious affiliation. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact your local Member of Parliament.

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.

Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen, the Victorian Government has announced **an easing of COVID restrictions**. The new provisions apply **throughout Victoria from midnight tonight (Tuesday July 27)**.

Religious gatherings and ceremonies are permitted for up to **100 people indoors** and up to **300 people outdoors**.

In general, a **density quotient** of 1 person per 4 square metres applies. However, a venue smaller than 100 square metres can have up to 25 people per venue before the density quotient applies. In other words, even very small churches are permitted to have up to 25 people for a religious gathering. For a gathering of more than 25 people, the number would be calculated at 1 person per 4 square metres. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Funerals (indoor and outdoor) are permitted with up to **50 people** attending, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Weddings (indoor and outdoor) are permitted with up to **50 people**, including the two persons being married and two witnesses. The celebrant and photographer are not included in the cap. **COVID Check-in Marshals** must ensure attendees check-in.

Masks must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home or if an exception applies.

I rejoice that we will be able to gather again for Mass and other celebrations, even though the numbers will be limited. I thank those people in each parish who are helping us to come together while attending to the COVID-safe directives. I thank you all for your patience as we make the adjustments needed so that we can pray as a community while keeping everyone safe.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you
wanted to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering
you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread
from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.

He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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SHORT MEMORIES AND DEEPEST HUNGERS

God must surely wonder at our capacity to quickly forget how we have been blessed. The people of Israel wasted no time in complaining to Moses about having been brought out of slavery in Egypt! It was not enough that they had seen the army of Pharaoh drowned, or the plagues sent as signs that God was working through Moses. In a similar fashion the people who had seen Jesus heal so many who suffered from sickness, and then feed the multitude, will demand a further sign from Jesus in order that they would believe in him and trust in him as the bread of life!

There is a tremendous tension in these readings between the patience and generosity of God on one hand, and on the other, the ways in which we can fail to appreciate and accept what God is offering us. In time the people in the desert tired even of the quail and manna, just as many of Jesus' contemporaries were unable to accept that he was the bread of life, and the answer to their deepest hunger and needs.

As Paul knew all too well the process of conversion is an ongoing one, a challenge to leave behind our old selves, that is, that which does not answer our most heartfelt needs or engender life. Even though we may recognise that Jesus is the source of our life it can still be a struggle to nurture the new life of Jesus within us because of old patterns of acting or perceiving.

FIRST READING

Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

■ The word of the Lord.

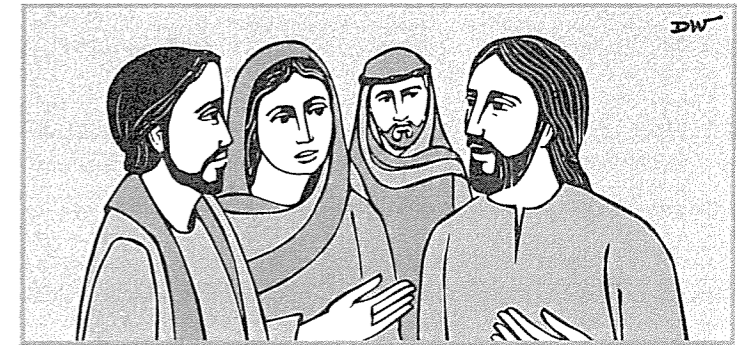
RESP PSALM

Ps 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, / the things our fathers have told us, / we will tell to the next generation: / the glories of the Lord and his might. R.

2. He commanded the clouds above / and opened the gates of heaven. / He rained down manna for their food, / and gave them bread from heaven. R.



3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. / He sent them abundance of food. / He brought them to his holy land, / to the mountain which his right hand had won. R.

SECOND READING

Eph 4: 17, 20-24

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

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6: 24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When