

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, Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth



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

A/Principal: Jayne Bosworth:
Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015
☎ 5368 9495

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

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$188.75	Parish: \$180.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$1264.50

Looking Forward:

The Diocese of Ballarat recently released the draft version of the *Looking Forward: Pastoral Planning for Parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat 2021-2025* document. The document details the challenges facing parishes, & outlines proposals for restructuring parishes. The proposed changes will directly affect the Parish of Gordon. The Gordon Parish Leadership Team invites all parishioners to carefully read & review the draft *Looking Forward* document. To ensure that all parishioners will have the opportunity to read the document, it has been forwarded to subscribers of the Parish Bulletin & printed as an attachment to the 2/3 October copy of the Combined Newsletter. Because of COVID restrictions, copies of *Looking Forward* have also been placed in the bins/boxes at all churches for pick up. Copies are also available from the Parish Office. The Parish of Gordon Leadership Team met

during the week to discuss the *Looking Forward* document with Fr Kevin and Fr Ed. It is likely that our Parish will have a shared parish priest arrangement with the Parishes of Daylesford and Creswick from early in 2022. Further details will be provided on our future arrangements as they are confirmed.

COVID - Mass Attendance

Attendance is capped at 20 persons. Bookings will be coordinated via the Parish Office. Please email or ring the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409 to book attendance at all forthcoming masses. Remember to leave your name, contact phone number & preferred mass time/place. The booking register will close every Friday at 3pm. If you have said you will attend mass & cannot go, please inform the Parish Secretary. On arrival, sign-in with the QR code, sanitize your hands & wear a facemask.

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: \$470.00	Parish: \$275.00
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Catholic Diocese of Ballarat 2021-2025 document for discussion. The document details the challenges facing Parishes & outlines proposals for restructuring parishes. The proposed restructure will directly affect the Parish of Bungaree. The Bungaree Parish Leadership Team is currently reviewing the document. Copies of the *Looking Forward* document will be distributed during this week.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
2/3 October	27 Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 2: 18-24; Heb 2: 9-11		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Therese Winter		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Margaret Green, Mark Conlan		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
9/10 October	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7: 7-11; Heb 4:12-13		
Springbank-6.30pm	Donna Simpson		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	Shelley Ryan		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Winnie Zammit, Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of each Month
16/17 October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 1416		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Dorothy Sheenan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Monica Eastwood		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Anne Eskdale		

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	Clarks 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: Pat Toohey, Emmanuel Barbara, Ag Wheelahan, Kevin Conway, Joseph Smallman, Lorraine Keilar, Jim Field, James Doyle, Jan Quinlan, Thomas Davis, Des Shanahan, Anne Snell, Eric Jones, Gerald Mullane, Francis (Red) Forbes & Marguerite Eddy.

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

Diocesan Director of Caritas

After many years of generous service, Sue Searls is retiring from the role of Diocesan Director of Caritas. Bishop Paul would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in taking up this role. The position will be funded by Caritas as a part-time role, averaging one day a week, although most of the work is concentrated in the months of February to May in relation to Project Compassion. There is a role description available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>. If you would like to be considered for this position or if you would like more information, please contact Bishop Paul at bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au by Thursday, October 7. Please include your contact details and some notes about your interest in this position and the experience you could bring to this role.

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 & asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope & 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 September: **Universal intention – an environmentally sustainable lifestyle:** *We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple & environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

Light from the Southern Cross-Catalyst for Conversation Series

The 2nd online conversation 'Synodality & Co-Responsibility' will be held on Monday, Nov 1. Speakers & Topics: Rev. Assoc Prof Orm Rush (ACU): *The Roots of the Synodality in the Vision of Vatican II*; Most Rev Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst: *Discovering Synodality by trying it out: Reflections on the First Assembly of the Plenary Council*; Ms Teresa Brierley, Director Pastoral Ministries, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle: *The long and winding Road: 30 years of discovery*.

For more information go to <https://www.catholicreligious.org.au/events/synodality-and-co-responsibility>

Season of Creation: Sept 1–Oct 4 is dedicated to prayer, reflection & celebration of God as Creator. It also reflects prayerfully on the gifts of creation & the mission given to us by God to care for creation & respond to its needs & crises. This year our theme is 'A Home for All? Renewing the oikos of God'. Oikos is a home for all but our common home, the Earth, is now in danger. For info go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/catholic-earthcare-ballarat-diocese/season-of-creation-2021/>

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>. Statements from the Premier regarding COVID-19 matters are published immediately on his webpage: <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/>. At the very end of the page is also published the upgraded table of restrictions, PDF format, that are based on his most recent press conference. This page is updated daily.

Plenary Council – Opens on 3 October

After 3 years of preparation and journeying, the First Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia commences this Sunday 3rd October with Mass at 2.00pm (Melbourne time) from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth on Sunday, Oct 3. Watch the live-streamed Mass & access information on the Plenary Council website at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

It is anticipated that the 10.30am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat celebrated by Bishop Paul Bird for the start of the Assembly will be livestreamed. A link will be uploaded in due course to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/plenary-council/> The Plenary Council website is the place for viewing daily Plenary Council Masses and livestreams of the daily Plenary Sessions <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> Download daily Plenary Council Mass booklets and Morning Prayer from <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

Due to ongoing the situation of the pandemic, many Plenary Council Members will not be gathering in physical hubs but be attending virtually via 'one person-one device' mode. With many challenges existing within our church and our society, now more than ever, we call on the God's protection and care, seeking the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit as we discern the future that God is calling us to. We are urged to take heart, to be courageous and to listen deeply to the voice of God and the voices of others. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT. It can be printed out, then emailed or posted back in or you can just send answers via email to pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to 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.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

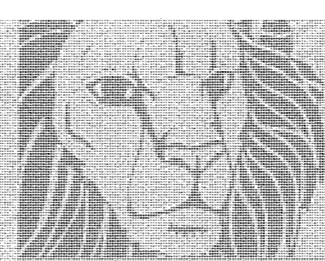
■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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CALLED TO RELATIONSHIP

Given the context in which we live where the breakdown of marriage is an ever increasing and painful reality, the readings for today call for us to examine anew the Christian foundations for marriage. The first reading in speaking of Adam's search for a helpmate and companion poignantly brings into relief the deep seated sense of incompleteness which is a part of the experience of each of us. The underlying truth is that it is by being in relationship with another, or others, that we can become most fully ourselves.

Jesus' authority as a teacher was being sorely tested by his opponents and they used the question of divorce as a means to discredit him. Without denying the authority of Moses Jesus takes his opponents back to the story of creation in order to show the dignity and purpose of marriage. There is no doubt that Jesus speaks powerfully regarding the value of marriage, but it is also critical to note that Jesus' reply does not pretend to cover all the situations that can befall a marriage, nor how to respond to them.

From now until the end of the year we will be following the letter to the Hebrews and paying particular attention to its reflection on the person of Jesus and his relationship to God and to us. Some of the images used in the letter are unfamiliar, and so it's important that the modern reader appreciate the belief that underpins them – that Jesus has shared in our experience, and so is able to be our leader and representative before God.

FIRST READING

Gen 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis.

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

■ The word of the Lord.

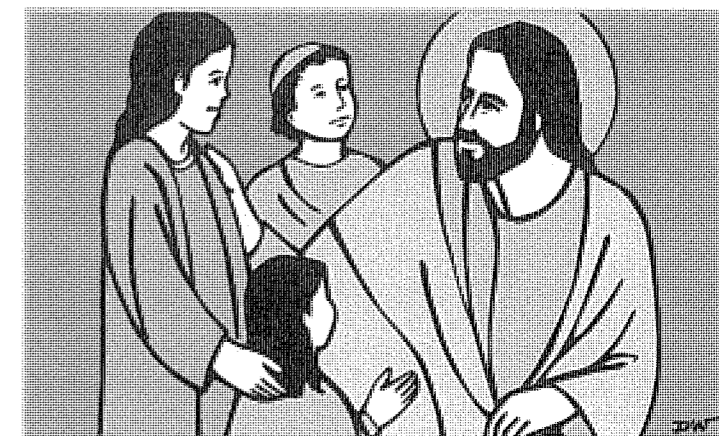
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127. R. v. 5

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord / and walk in his ways! / By the labour of your hands you shall eat. / You will be happy and prosper. R.

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine / in the heart of your house; / your children like shoots of the olive, / around your table. R.



3. Indeed thus shall be blessed / the man who fears the Lord. / May the Lord bless you from Zion / in a happy Jerusalem / all the days of your life! / May you see your children's children. / On Israel, peace! R.

SECOND READING

Heb 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Jn 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!**



Spirituality on the Sofa (S.O.S)

Wednesday 6th October 2021

The gathering will start at 7.30pm and finish at 9.00pm



THIS YEAR'S SIP/SOS THEME: "#reconnecting..."
TOPIC 6th October
"Re-imagining Faith Communities"



MELINDA SEED



CHARLES BURFORD



ANNE BENJAMIN

Melinda holds a Bachelor of Economics, Master of Arts, Master of Teaching and an Advanced Diploma in Ministry. She is the Youth Ministry Leader at Christ Church St Laurence & is licensed to preach in the Sydney Diocese

Charles is an Honorary Professor of the Australian Catholic University; has been a Visiting Research Scholar at Pennsylvania State, and Fordham Universities in the US and The University of Verona, Italy

Anne is an Honorary Professor at the Australian Catholic University and an Honorary Fellow at the University of Western Sydney; was Director of Schools in the Diocese of Parramatta and author of many publications, including - with Charles- of *"Leadership in a Synodal Church"*

JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION BY THE MAGIC OF ZOOM!

[Click here to join Zoom Meeting](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86348317712?pwd=MGVjTEdaNTE1ajFBcis2czFoRWV1dz09)

or, copy and paste the following into your browser:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86348317712?pwd=MGVjTEdaNTE1ajFBcis2czFoRWV1dz09>

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Meeting ID: 863 4831 7712 and Passcode: 149311

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