

# 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): ~ 9/10 October 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, 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: \$	Parish: \$
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 9/10 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. 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.

**Leadership Team Meeting:** COVID restriction permitting, the Gordon and Bungaree Parish Leadership Teams will meet this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at the Gathering Space in Ballan.

### 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

✉ 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: \$	Parish: \$
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**COVID** Due to COVID restrictions, attendance is capped at 20. On arrival, remember to sign-in with the QR code, sanitize your hands and wear a facemask.

**Looking Forward:** The Looking Forward document has been distributed in the Parish of Bungaree. If you would like a copy,

please contact Damian Ryan on 0437 125 062 or by email at: [ryandjr@bigpond.com](mailto:ryandjr@bigpond.com)

**Leadership Team Meeting.** The Parish Leadership Team will meet with the Gordon Parish this Wednesday, 13th, at 7.30 pm at Ballan (subject to lifting of Covid lock down).

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>9/10 October</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7: 7-11; Heb 4:12-13</b>		
Springbank-6.30pm	Donna Simpson		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	Shelley Ryan		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Winnie Zammit, Lloyd Lamb		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
<b>16/17 October</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 53: 10-11; Heb 4: 14:16</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Monica Eastwood		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Bert Jarvis		Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>23/24 October</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31: 7-9; Heb 5: 1-6</b>		
Clarkes Hill-6.30pm	Marty Forbes		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Helen Ryan		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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
<b>Sun 8.45am</b>	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am					

**Anniversaries:** Eileen Frawley, Frank Quinlan, Allan Smith, Ethan Secculi, Joseph Rice, Maureen O'Donohue, Bernadette Moran, Catherine Moran, Lucinda Moran, Josie Tudor, Mary Wheelahan, Sr. Patsy Ford (S.R.M.), Christine Dent, Fred Tudor & Kevin Mahoney.

**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, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Eileen Haintz.

### Catholic Mission Month

Catholic Mission Australia has launched its annual World Mission Month Appeal, focusing on the work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand supporting children from vulnerable & disadvantaged backgrounds through the Kindergarten Centre. For more information go to <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/catholic-mission-launches-world-mission-month-appeal>

### 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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for October:

**Intention for evangelisation - Missionary Disciples:** *We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.*

**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 & character. Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD reflects on "St Joseph- A Hidden Life" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

### Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR decreed the establishment of a new parish in the diocese, Star of the Sea, South West Coast, as at October 1, 2021. The new parish covers the area of the former parishes of Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy, Warrnambool & Warrnambool West. Fr John Fitzgerald, Moderator & Fr John Corrigan, Co-Pastor, will continue their service in the new parish. More info available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/star-of-the-sea-parish-south-west-coast/>

### CatholicCare Victoria - Free Mental Health & Wellbeing Guide

CatholicCare Victoria has been supporting the Ballarat community for almost 45 years. To help in these tough times, we've developed a free guide to mental health & wellbeing, created by regional Victorians, for regional Victorians. Download your copy today at [https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=mental-health&utm\\_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AMoli\\_Conf5W\\_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUvo7ec](https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/13/mental-health-and-wellbeing-guide?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=mental-health&utm_content=ballarat&fbclid=IwAR26onSC87f6p89AMoli_Conf5W_cYPyRTwsDKzWwMk4xREnbkTGzUvo7ec)

### For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission

In March 2020, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the XVI Ordinary General Assembly Synodal Church of the Synod of Bishops would be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission". The journey towards the celebration of the Synod in October 2023 will solemnly open on October 9-10, 2021 in Rome, & on October 17 in each particular Church. For more information go to <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

### Light from the Southern Cross-Catalyst for Conversation Series

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 & winding Road: 30 years of discovery*.

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

### The First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia has opened:

To see updates from the diocese go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

Watch the live-streamed Mass & access other information on the Plenary Council website at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

We continue to extend to people in the diocese an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process & to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED HANDOUT.** Please feel free to complete this, while the Assembly is still continuing, with thoughts and observations and email to [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Any submissions will be forwarded to the Diocesan Members to the Plenary Council. Another way of supporting the Plenary Council is through prayer or watch this video <https://youtu.be/HXor1YbKaPs>

### 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.*



You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## TRUE WISDOM

Wisdom is a gift that many of us aspire to but it is found not only by desiring it but choosing it in the midst of the complexity and richness of our daily lives. The writer of the book of Wisdom speaks as one who longs for understanding, who sees it as the true and lasting source of wealth in a human life. This openness and longing for wisdom find concrete expression in the Gospel where the rich man, who has been faithful to the commandments, is still unsatisfied and searching for more. He is wise enough to recognise in Jesus someone who is a true teacher. That his face falls at the words of Jesus shows he is also aware that he has not yet arrived at the point where he has the inner freedom to take the next step.

The letter to the Hebrews speaks of the word of God as a two-edged sword, able to cut in both directions and uncover what lies deep within us. For the rich man, Jesus' word challenges him not on what he has already done but on what he is yet to do. He is well intentioned but is not yet as free as Jesus wants him to be. As the Gospel proceeds it is clear that while his contemporaries and the disciples saw wealth as a sign of God's blessing Jesus was more concerned about the ways in which our possessions can hold us back from a whole hearted commitment to the gospel message.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Wis 7:7-11

### A reading from the book of Wisdom

*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,

and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:12-17. R. v. 14

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!**

1. Make us know the shortness of our life /  
that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord,  
relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to  
your servants. R.

2. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we  
shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Give us  
joy to balance our affliction / for the years  
when we knew misfortune. R.

3. Show forth your work to your servants; /  
let your glory shine on their children. / Let the  
favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success  
to the work of our hands. R.

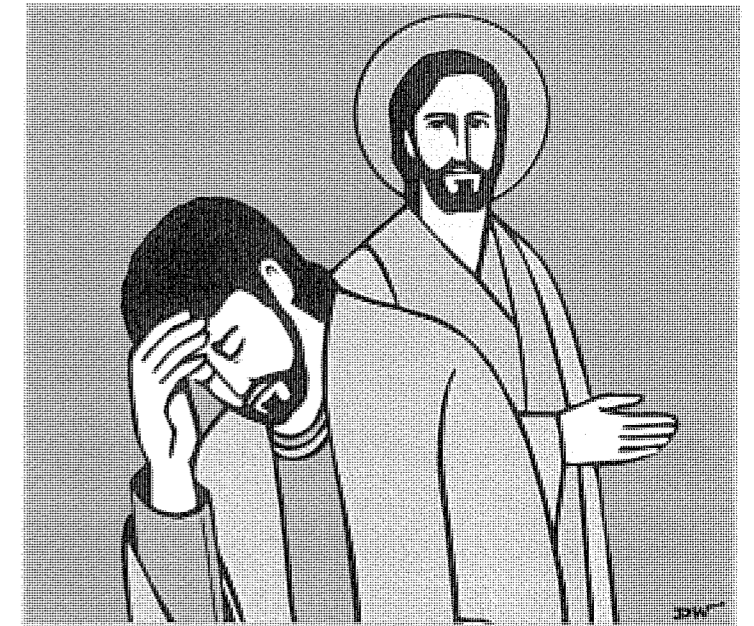
## SECOND READING

Heb 4:12-13

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and active:  
it cuts like any double-edged sword but more



finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Mk 10:17-30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness;



# Continuing the Journey



The last twelve or so months of our Plenary Council Journey has required many unplanned changes because of the impact of COVID-19. What hasn't changed is the heart of the journey – the discernment process.

We are mindful of all those who have made a significant contribution to the Plenary Council journey so far through the responses submitted during the time of listening, dialogue, and discernment; as well as the work of the members of the Six Discernment and Writing Groups.

The other important milestone celebrated recently is the publication of the Agenda for the Plenary Council. It charges the Members with the responsibility of developing "concrete proposals" for the Church in Australia in response to sixteen questions born of the last three years of conversation and discernment. It is important for all of us to remember when reading the Agenda that it is to be addressed over the entirety of the time we "celebrate" the Plenary Council. This includes the first Assembly in October 2021, the months between the two assemblies and the second Assembly in July 2022.

We extend an invitation, another opportunity, to engage in the process and to listen deeply to the voice of the Spirit. You can do this by commenting on the agenda below or by responding on the next page.

Responses can be made by either individuals or groups in your parish or community (adhering to COVID-19 restrictions). They do not have to be formal - they can be written or in poems or pictures, songs or prayers.

## 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*



Agenda continued next page

Comments on the Agenda can be made here:

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## 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?

### *You are invited to respond to the following:*

You are invited to share briefly the impact of COVID-19 on your life and your faith life.

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What has changed for you in relation to the Plenary Council since COVID-19?

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Any further comment you would like to share?

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**Responses can be submitted: Pastoral Ministry Office, PO Box 576, Ballarat, 3353 or email: [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)**

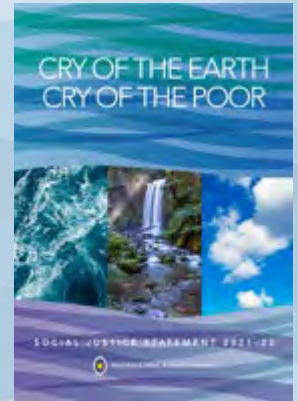


# Ballarat Diocese Social Justice Commission

**On Saturday, November 6, 2021  
the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission will  
host a Climate Change Forum in Ballarat.**

**Through this forum, we will celebrate the launch of the  
Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2021-2022  
'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'.**

**We are inviting you to share what you have for ecological justice.**



## **INVITING STALL HOLDERS!**

The Creator of all calls us to practice a new way of living, one that is "good, true and beautiful." (LS 205)  
We commit to take action together because it is "urgent and necessary." (LS 57)  
(<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>)

**Do you market a product that is about sustainable practices and clean living? Maybe you know a thing or two about how to reduce carbon emissions.**

**Do you have a particular skill in embracing nature and celebrating all things in the natural environment?**

**We want to show the community what people are doing and this is an opportunity for you to share!**

**It could be anything from how to make bees wax wraps, to how you compost food scraps or how to recycle and make your own paper. Perhaps you have a wealth of gardening skills and can set up a stall to showcase them. Maybe you have information about how to save power and water. Get in touch with us and let us know what you've got! We would love to hear from you.**

**Email [social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au)**

**The *Laudato Si* goals will guide our actions - how does your idea fit in?**

**This road will challenge us and the ideas and support of our sisters and brothers in Christ will strengthen us along the way.**

**"We were made for love," and deeper relationships will nourish us wherever the Holy Spirit leads. (LS 58)**

(<https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>)