

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: \$242.00-	Parish: \$160.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$2014.50

Parish of Gordon Update – On Thursday 14 October, Bishop Bird announced two parish appointments in the Diocese that will take effect on January 10, 2022

Fr Justin Driscoll will become Parish Priest of the Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon Parishes. Fr Justin has served as Administrator of the Cathedral Parish for the past 14 years. I offer my thanks for his outstanding ministry in this role. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves into the new role of care for the people of Creswick, Daylesford and Gordon.

Fr Ed Moloney will become Administrator of the Ballarat Cathedral Parish. Fr Ed has served on the staff of Corpus Christi Seminary in Melbourne for the past 6 years. I thank Fr

Ed for his dedication throughout this time in guiding seminarians on their journey towards priestly ministry. I pray for blessings upon him as he moves back to our Diocese to care for the people of the Cathedral Parish.

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.

COVID-19 vaccination certificate The Australian Immunisation Register can post immunisation history statements for those having difficulty accessing a digital copy (it may take up to 14 days to arrive). Phone 1800 653 809, Monday – Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm.

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: \$554.00	Parish: 185.00\$
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Looking Forward:

The Looking Forward document has been distributed in the Parish. If you would like a copy, please contact Damian Ryan on 0437 125 062 or by email at: ryandjr@bigpond.com

Members of the Gordon and Bungaree Parish Leadership Teams met in the Gathering Space St Brigid's Church on 13 October to further discuss the proposed directions outlined in the Looking Forward document. Fr Kevin Maloney and Fr Ed Moloney joined the discussion via telephone link-up.

Parish of Bungaree Update – Fr Kevin explained that demands placed on administrative processes within the

Diocese as well as the early retirement of a parish priest due to ill health, has led to a review of the assignment of parish priests and their respective duties and responsibilities. Discussions are on-going.

COVID Due to COVID restrictions, attendance is capped at 20. On arrival, remember to sign-in with the QR code, sanitize your hands & wear a facemask.

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	READER/INTERCESSIONS	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
23/24 October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31: 7-9; Heb 5: 1-6		
Clarkes Hill-6.30pm	Marty Forbes		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	Helen Ryan		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Anne Eskdale		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
30/31 October	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 6: 2-6; Heb 7: 23-28		
Springbank-6.30pm	Liz O'Loughlin		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45am	N Jeffrey		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Catherine Green		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
6/7 November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 17:10-16; Heb 9: 24-28		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Trish White		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	Marie Conroy		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	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	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: Des Torpy, Joan Auchettl, Monica Bourke, Ellen Doyle, William Gleeson, Una Shanahan, Constance Gleeson, Brendan McTigue, Dorothy Conlan, Anne Rutledge & Carmen Duca.

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. 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>

Spirituality and Disability Symposium

Next week is pastoral/spiritual care week for 2021. The theme of this year's week is 'Advancing Spiritual Care Through Research'. In response, Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) and St John of God Accord are hosting an online panel discussion 'Spiritual Health and Wellbeing - its Presence and Impact in the Lives of People with Intellectual Disability' that will feature a presentation on research that is currently being undertaken to explore the impacts of pastoral care to clients with intellectual disability and their carers. For more information go to <https://css.org.au/events/spirituality-and-disability-symposium/>

Palms Overseas Ministry: Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared & supported Catholics for mission. It's our response as a church to calls from Australian & overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart & soul. To be prepared for a 2022 placement go to <https://palms.org.au/enquire-now/> by Friday, October 29. Visit www.palms.org.au, email palms@palms.org.au or call Christine, ph. 02 9560 5333.

Upcoming Forum: Listening, learning... change

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor – a Ballarat response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement will be held on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10.00am – 3.00pm. This free event can be attended via some parish hubs (COVID restrictions depending) or independently via the Zoom platform. Register through Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/listening-learning-change-tickets-185567857457?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch&keep_tld=1. Brochures are available through your parish or can be downloaded from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/>

ACRATH Conversation Series

The final conversation topic for 2021 will be held on Wed, October 27 on "Placing the person at the centre of our Christmas shopping". Guests are Bonnie Graham, Ethical Fashion Coordinator with Baptist World Aid Australia and Nick Savaidis, founder of ETIKO and an early pioneer of ethical clothing in Australia. Hear how Nick and Bonnie are working to slavery-proof supply chains and influence buying practices and how this impacts workers around the world. You can join the Conversation at 11.15am for a cuppa and 15 minutes of informal chat. The conversation with Nick and Bonnie will start at 11.30am sharp and finish at noon. Join the zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88257740666?pwd=dC9XaDE4aFVFS3lMOUJlRotvMUERUTog>

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission: On October 10, 2021 Pope Francis celebrated Mass to mark the global launch of the Synod of Bishops with the theme For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission. In dioceses around the world, local launches will take place this coming weekend, ushering in a period of local consultation that will assist with the two-year process that will culminate in the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in October 2023. Follow the special timeline to see how the Synod & Plenary will unfold. Go to: <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

How to get the Parish Newsletter Bungaree & Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au; Emailed copies at bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au & tubs outside churches.

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.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

24 OCTOBER 2021

HEALING POWER OF FAITH

The exile was a brutal experience for the people of Israel. It was a moment of powerlessness, shame, and disgrace for them. Feeling abandoned by God and bearing the scars of the bitter siege which had preceded their defeat, they huddled together trying to understand how their world, and God's promise, had been turned upside down. Jeremiah who had warned the people of their impending fate can now finally proclaim a word of comfort and hope. They will be brought back to their land. Furthermore, the path God is making for them is not one just for the strong. The vulnerable, the blind and lame, and those in labour will be able to tread this path.

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem a blind man calls out for his help. For others on the road, this man is an intrusion and obstacle. But he is the one who demonstrates what it means to have faith in Jesus. As Jesus bravely and compassionately journeys to his death and resurrection it is the blind man who ironically has the eyes to see what is really happening – and the courage and faith to follow.

The compassion of Jesus for the blind man is in keeping with how the letter to the Hebrews sees Jesus' high priesthood. He is the one who offers sacrifices on our behalf, the one who heals our wounds and brings us back into relationship with God and with others. He deals with us gently and with sympathy knowing our vulnerability and weakness.

FIRST READING

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back

from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,

by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

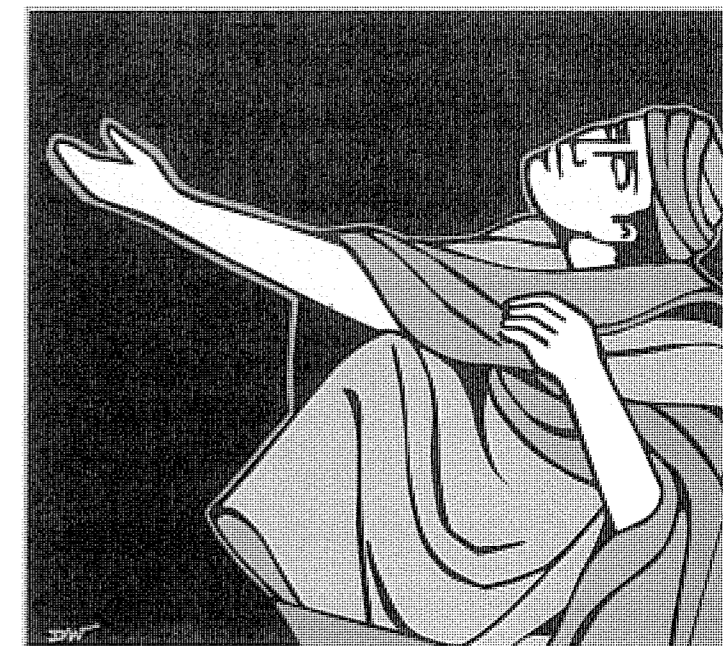
Ps 125. R. v. 3

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was
our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips
there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
 marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What
 marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we
 were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as
 streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in
 tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**



4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, /
 carrying seed for the sowing: / they come back,
 they come back, full of song, / carrying their
 sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Christopher Monaghan CP

Forum Schedule

Time	Session	Speaker
9:45-10:00	Sign in on Zoom	
10:00-10:05	General welcome	Jim Ryan
10:05-10:20	Acknowledgement of Country and Opening Prayer	Jeanette Morris
10:20-10:30	Social Justice Statement 2021 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'	Bishop Paul Bird CSsR
10:30-11:10	Keynote speaker <i>'Listening to and learning from the world—what the science is telling us'</i>	Dr Mark Diesendorf
11:10-11:20	Response and reflection	Fr Barry Ryan
11:20-11:40	Questions	Jim Ryan
11:40-12:00	Morning tea break	20mins
12:00-12:45	Keynote speaker <i>'Listening and drawing wisdom from our own wells—responding to the Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor'</i>	Dr Sandie Cornish
12:45-1:00	Response and reflection	Fr Barry Ryan
1:00-1:15	Questions	Jim Ryan
1:15-2:00	Lunch break (BYO)	45mins
2:00-2:20	Indigenous response <i>'Listening to creation—a call to care for country'</i>	Vicki Clark
2:20-2:40	An interconnected Response <i>'Caring for creation—watering the seeds of change'</i>	Jacqui Rémond
2:40-3:00	Thank you and closing prayer	Jim Ryan

Forum location:
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish
Mary Glowery Room
 (Covid restrictions apply)

Forum can also be attended via Zoom

Register though Eventbrite
 (search forum title: 'Listening, learning...change' when registering)

Registration opens
22nd October

FREE Event



Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission
<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/social-justice-commission/>
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Cry of the Earth

Cry of the Poor

A Ballarat Response to the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22

Saturday 6th November

10:00am-3:00pm

FREE Event

Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor

Listening, learning... change

The Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor* affirms that “we human beings need a change of heart, mind, and behaviour.”

It draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic Social Teaching, and from the wisdom of the world, including the insights of the First Nations.

The Bishops invite us to take up Pope Francis’ invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si’ Goals. These Goals are:

- ◆ Response to the cry of the earth;
- ◆ Response to the cry of the poor;
- ◆ Ecological economics;
- ◆ Sustainable lifestyles;
- ◆ Ecological spirituality;
- ◆ Ecological education; and
- ◆ Community engagement and participatory action.

Dr Mark Diesendorf

Dr Mark Diesendorf is Honorary Associate Professor in Environment & Governance at UNSW Sydney. Previously, he was a Principal Research Scientist in CSIRO, Professor of Environmental Science and Founding Director of the Institute for Sustainable Futures at University of Technology Sydney, and Education Program Leader of the Australian Cooperative Research Centre for Low



Carbon Living. His most recent book is *Sustainable Energy Solutions for Climate Change* (UNSW Press & Routledge-Earthscan). He also enjoys bushwalking, kayaking and tending to his native garden.

Dr Sandie Cornish

Dr Sandie Cornish is a practitioner in the field of Catholic Social Teaching. She leads the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and is a sessional lecturer with the Australian Catholic University, and with BBI-TAITE. Sandie is a member of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development and is one of the periti for the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia.



Sandie holds a PhD in Practical Theology, a Licentiate in Catholic Social Doctrine and Ethics from the Pontifical Gregorian University, a Master of Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Economics.

Vicki Clark

Vicki Clark OAM is a proud Mutti Mutti/Wemba Wemba woman who lives in Nyah. Vicki’s contribution to the Australian Catholic Church, Catholic Education and Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities has been profound. For 25 years she was the coordinator of Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria. Vicki is involved in the national Reconciliation process, Opening the Doors Foundation and Yingadi Aboriginal Corporation which nurtures Indigenous spirituality and works at preserving culture. Vicki is a member of numerous boards in Victoria and across Australia. Vicki will offer challenges to us from an Indigenous perspective.



Jacqui Rémond

Jacqui Rémond is Co-Coordinator of the Vatican Ecology Taskforce at the Dicastery for Integral Human Development and Co-Founder of the Global Catholic Climate/ Laudato Si’ Movement. Jacqui is the Former National Director of Catholic Earthcare Australia, the ecological agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (2007-2017) and Laudato Si’ Consultant at the Australian Catholic University. With a long history in environmental advocacy,

Jacqui previously worked as the Coordinator of the Northern Australia Environment Alliance. and served as Chair of Environs Kimberley. In 2006, Jacqui undertook training with Al Gore to become a ‘Climate Change Leader.

