

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 15/16 January 2022

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Justine Driscoll

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 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: \$365.95	Parish: \$203.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$6,368.60

Thank You:

We thank all who give generously to each of these collections. Donations to the Parish are vital to the sustainability of our parish community.

Liturgy Readings:

The Parish is inviting all parishioners – young and old – to consider volunteering for liturgy readings this coming year. The Parish is especially supportive of family groups who wish to participate.

Coordinators of the liturgy roster are Monica Eastwood (Gordon), Anne Eskdale (Ballan) and Donna Simpson (Springbank), or contact the Parish Secretary at: gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Update:

Fr Justin Driscoll will be on leave for one month. He will take up the position of Parish Priest during the second week of February 2022. Fr Sajan will continue to celebrate mass in the Parish of Gordon in accordance with the regular schedule.

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: \$NA	Parish: \$170.00
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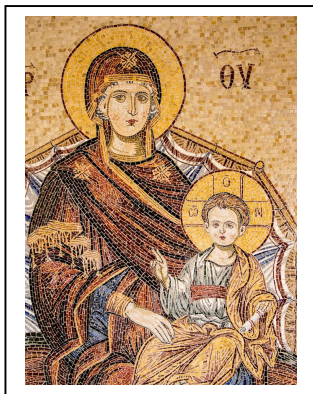
Ministry and Cleaning Rosters for 2022 - St Michael's Church, Bungaree: The Ministry List and Cleaning Roster have been updated for 2022. If you have not yet received an electronic copy, hard copies of the List and

Roster have been placed at the back of St Michael's Church.

Columban Art Calendar-2022:

If you wish to receive a copy of the 2022 Columban Calendar, please contact the Parish Secretary.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
15/16 January	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 62: 1-5, 1 Cor 12: 4-11		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Maria Donegan		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Bert Jarvis		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
22/23 January	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Neh 8: 2-6, 8-10; cf. Lk 4: 18		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Julie Moran		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Margaret Green		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
29/30 January 2022	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 13: 4-13.		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45 am	Terry Elliott		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	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: John McDermott, John Parkin, Lex Walsh, Shane Everard, William Greaves, Kevin Mullane, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada, John Grabovic, Barry Conroy, Catherine Maher, James Crough and Lyndsay Daly.

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, Majella Franklin (nee Glenane) and Leon Burvill.

Are you a Spiritual Leader?

The Spiritual Leaders Program is an online (via Zoom) one-year, part-time program and will be a mix of selected Thursday evenings, Saturdays, and a 3-day Intensive. The program, which commences in March 2022, focuses on personal integration of the theory and practice of a contemplative, discerning approach to pastoral ministry. Closing date for applications is 28 January 2022. Places are limited. Apply to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation in Malvern, VIC. Fee-Help is available to qualifying participants. Telephone 03 9890 1101 or go to: www.heartoflife.melbourne

Pathways Response Victoria The Victorian Catholic Bishops launched Pathways Response Victoria which will provide a further way of responding to those who have suffered abuse in the Catholic community. Pathways Response Victoria will be the successor to Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response from the start of 2022. More information is available at <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pathways-response-victoria/>

Dropping off the Edge 2021. Jesuit Social Services have released their recent research into social and economic disadvantage in Australia. The report will be used to advocate State, Territory and Federal Governments for tailored, targeted and long-term work to create better outcomes for future generations. Learn more about *Dropping off the Edge 2021* at www.dote.org.au

Xmas Dinner at Donegan's Farm: The Xmas dinner get-together last December 7th was a very enjoyable night. As it was the first community activity since COVID-19 commenced, some parishioners had not seen each other for many months. It was wonderful to catch-up with parishioners from Bungaree as well. We thank Bishop Paul and Fr. Ed for joining us in celebrating the Christmas festivities, unfortunately Fr Sajan had commitments that evening and was unable to attend. We also had the opportunity (at last) to acknowledge Sr. Kathleen's contribution to the community and thank her for all the work she undertook on behalf of the Parish of Gordon. Thanks to Josie and Peter (and helpers) for the delicious meal and Fr. Ed for the musical entertainment on the night.

Bicentenary Commemorative Book 'From Humble Beginnings: Commemorating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia' features a history of the oldest existing Catholic school in each diocese in Australia. This commemorative book is full colour and includes historical and contemporary images of the schools. It is available in paperback and hardcover versions.. To order, go to: <https://200years.catholic.edu.au/commemorative-book-pre-order-form/>

"Amoris Laetitia Family"

Year Five years after the publication of Pope Francis' post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia, he launched the year of Amoris Laetitia Family on March 19, 2021 and it continues until June 26, 2022 - the day of the X World Meeting of Families in Rome. This initiative aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations. For more information go to the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life Amoria Laetitia Family website at <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

Highways and Byways Small Grants Program 2022

The 2022 Highways and Byways Small Grants Program is now open for applications. The theme is Healing the Land – Healing Ourselves – Together. Grants of up to \$3,000 are available to community organisations, especially in rural and regional areas, for projects that focus on healing the land in holistic ways and increasing opportunities to build community through practical projects, leadership and skills acquisition, and knowledge transfer. For more information go to <https://highwaysandbyways.org.au/grants/>

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

*The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in
Galilee.*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 JANUARY 2022

GIFTED FOR OTHERS

When the people of Israel searched for a fitting metaphor to capture the joy and celebration of the time of the Messiah, they made use of the image of the wedding feast (cf. Matthew 22:1-10; Luke 14:15-24). It was a time when good spirits, food, and rejoicing were in abundance. As Jesus works his first sign at Cana we see the blessings that accompany his presence. Not only does he bring the new wine of the kingdom, but the best wine has been left till last! When Jesus responds that his hour has not yet come, we are reminded that this is but the beginning of the banquet and that Jesus' hour will not finally come until he is lifted up on Calvary.

Paul never met Jesus during his earthly ministry but his experience of the risen Lord convinced him that the Messiah had come and that the messianic banquet had well and truly begun. The abundance of spiritual gifts that had been poured upon the Christian community of Corinth bore eloquent testimony to that. The problem that concerned Paul was that all these gifts would not become a source of competition and divide the community. The variety of gifts within the community was not to be a sign that some community members had been blessed more than others. Before the Lord, all of us are of equal worth and every person is called to use the gifts they have for the common good.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Isa 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your
God rejoice in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the
hand of the Lord,

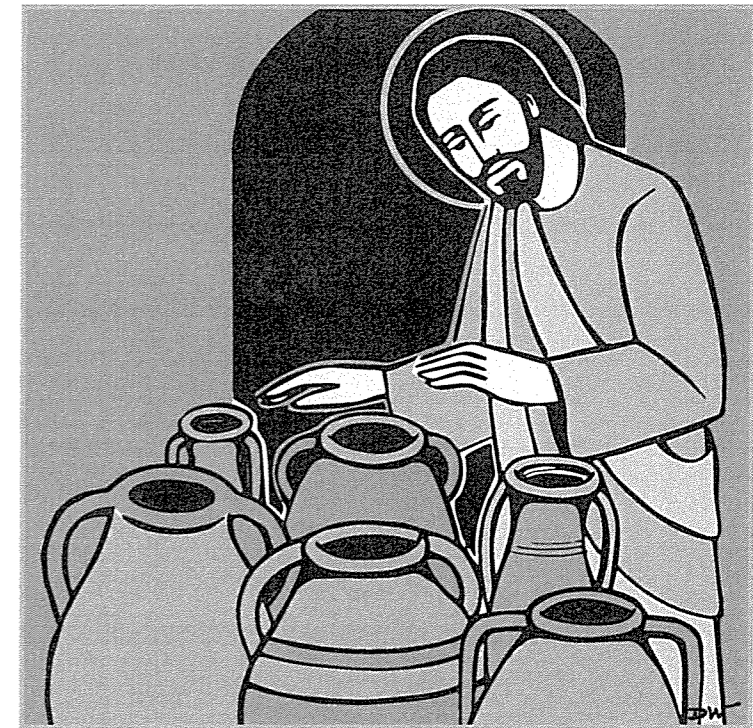
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded'
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1-3, 7-10. R. v. 3

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / O sing to the Lord, bless his name. R.
2. Proclaim his help day by day, / tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, / give the Lord glory and power, / give the Lord the glory of his name. R.
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. / O earth, tremble before him. / Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' / He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.



SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:4-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians.

*One and the same Spirit distributes different gifts
as he chooses.*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

■ **The word of the Lord.**