

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 5/6 February 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: \$548.50	Parish: \$66.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$6,644.75

#### Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions. Go to Victorian government website for more info at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> Updates are also available from the Diocese of Ballarat website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-church-information-and-advice-2/>. FYI, a printout of the

COVID Test & Isolate National Protocols is available at the back of the church.

**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.

**The Gordon Parish Leadership Team Meeting** will meet this coming Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7 pm at the Gathering Space at St Brigid's Church, Ballan.

### 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:	\$527.00	Parish:	\$530.00
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**Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates:** Go to <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/> FYI, a printout of the COVID Test & Isolate National Protocols is available at the back of the church.

#### Are you interested in receiving the Parish Newsletter?

Ring the Parish Office on 0492 903 409 or email the Parish Office at [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) and ask that your name be added to the email contact list. You can also

read the newsletter on to the Diocese website at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/) Click on Parishes & People and select parish (i.e. Bungaree). Scroll down to the latest parish bulletin and click to open.

**Free for Anyone to Take:** Glassware: There are a number of tumblers and sherry glasses at the Bungaree Church labelled: "St Michael's School Bungaree 1878 to 1993". Vinyl Chairs: There are brown vinyl chairs available at Bungaree.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>5/6 February 2022</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 6: 1-8; 1 Cor 15: 1-11</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	Di Reynolds		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Mark Conlan		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
<b>12/13 February 2022</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer17: 5-8; 1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree-8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Winnie Zammit		Holy Hour - 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>19/20 February 2022</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15: 45-49</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	To be Arranged		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45am	To be Arranged		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30am	Rosemary Canavan		



LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES					
<i>Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am All Welcome!</i>					
	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					

**Recent Deaths:** Salvina (Sally) Barbara, Alma Bartholomew

**Anniversaries:** Anthony Jarvis, Gerard (Rusty) Winter, Ron Spedding, Olive Andrews, Kathleen Ryan, Patricia (Trish) Ford, Frank Frawley, Greg Arnel, Margaret Maloney and Fr. James Ryan

**We offer our prayerful support for the sick:** Anna Bartaska, 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).

**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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). Pope's intention for February: **For religious sisters and consecrated women:** *We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women - thanking them for their mission and their courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*

**Word of God Sunday:** The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

**Synod of Bishops on Synodality – submissions due soon!** Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality. Synod2023 calls the People of God to walk together in our common mission as Christians. *Walking together enables us all to accept our mission to share the Good News. Do we take this mission seriously? What stops us from being active in mission?* You are invited to form small groups to submit your thoughts and ideas from a local perspective. For any further assistance contact the Pastoral Ministry Office [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au) Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. **Submissions close on February 27.**

**Caritas Diocesan Director:** We welcome Jillian Hogbin to the position of Ballarat Diocesan Caritas Director, following the retirement of Sue Searls. Contact Jill at [caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7171.

**Caritas Appeal for Tonga:** Tonga is coated in a thick blanket of ash after the eruption of undersea volcano Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai on January 15, which triggered tsunamis across the region, destroyed telecommunications and contaminated water supplies in the small Pacific Island nation. Coastal communities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu have been impacted by tsunami waves, along with communities as far afield as Australia, Japan and the Americas. The Tongan government has said that "immediate assistance" is needed to deal with the fallout of the massive volcanic eruption. Visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific/> or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support by donating to our Pacific Emergency Appeal.

**A prayer for Queen Elizabeth II on her Platinum Jubilee:** We pray for Queen Elizabeth II as she celebrates 70 years of service as Queen. May the Lord strengthen her in the Christian faith that has sustained her and may the Holy Spirit grant her wisdom in her service day by day.

**Garratt Publishing's Book of the Year 2021:** 'Leadership in a Synodal Church' by Anne Benjamin & Charles Burford. The book explores leadership and culture through the lens of mission, synodality, governance, people and moral discernment. Leadership in a Synodal Church draws on a wide range of scholarship in theology, leadership, governance and organisational theory to offer, from the theory and practice of leadership, a positive resource for a Church journeying towards greater synodality. The authors honour their explicit intent in this regard. The chapters unfold logically, integrating good organisational practice with a theology of mission; the book is enhanced by practical examples and exercises for reflection. It concludes with practical proposals for the further development of leaders who will promote a culture in harmony with a synodal Church.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,  
and I will make you fishers of my people.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke.

*They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

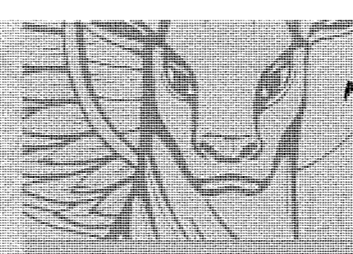
■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 FEBRUARY 2022

## APOSTLES OF THE LORD

All the readings for today share a sense of awe and wonder as Isaiah, Peter, and Paul reflect on their respective vocations. In their own ways, each of them has to come to terms with their unworthiness to undertake the mission they have been given. Having seen the living God in a vision, Isaiah knew he was unworthy. However, once he had been purified, he was able to respond willingly and generously to God's call. In the face of the miraculous catch of fish, Peter pleads with the Lord that he would depart from him. He knows he is a sinner and yet the Lord will make use of him as one who will be catching people for the kingdom of God.

Paul understood that of all the people who bore the name apostle, he was the most unworthy. He makes mention of his persecution of Christians before his conversion in 1 Corinthians 15:9, Galatians 1:13,23, and Philippians 3:6. The damage that he had inflicted was to become a powerful stimulus for his tireless missionary endeavours. In today's reading, Paul reminds the Corinthians of the message they had received concerning the resurrection by drawing upon one of the earliest creeds. Some of the members of the community had mistakenly come to think that they already shared fully in the life of the resurrection. Their baptism had immersed them in the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but Paul knew that Christians would need to wait until Jesus' return to experience this fully.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Isa 6:1-8

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*Here am I! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way,  
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,  
for I am a man of unclean lips  
and I live among a people of unclean lips,  
and my eyes have looked at the King, the  
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,  
your sin is taken away,  
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our  
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

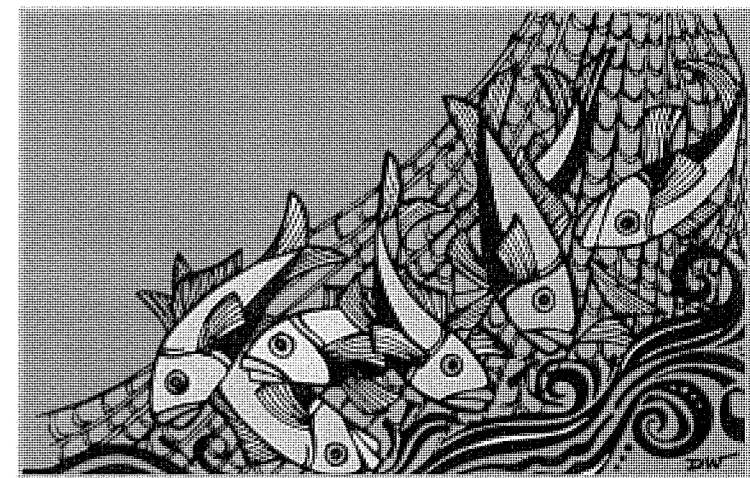
■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v. 1

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing  
your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you  
have heard the words of my mouth. / Before  
the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before  
your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love /  
which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the  
day I called, you answered; / you increased the  
strength of my soul. **R.**



3. All earth's kings shall thank you / when  
they hear the words of your mouth. / They  
shall sing of the Lord's ways: / 'How great is  
the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, /  
your hand will do all things for me. / Your  
love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work  
of your hands. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

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

*I preach what they preach, and this is what you  
believe.*

In the first place, I taught you what I had been  
taught myself, namely that Christ died for our  
sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he  
was buried; and that he was raised to life on the  
third day, in accordance with the scriptures;  
that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly  
to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than  
five hundred of the brothers at the same time,  
most of whom are still alive, though some have  
died; then he appeared to James, and then to  
all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to  
me too; it was as though I was born when no  
one expected it.

But what matters is that I preach what they  
preach, and this is what you all believed.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

*Longer form, 1 Cor 15:1-11.*