

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 19/20 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. Justin 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: \$485.05	Parish: \$193.10
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$7048.35

Reconciliation Program: A compulsory meeting for parents (only) will be held on Tues 22nd February at St. Brigid's Ballan at 7 pm (registration & enrolment payment of \$100 on the night, bring your child's baptismal certificate). The sacramental team will speak about the program. Another meeting will be held in May to discuss Confirmation & Eucharist program (cost of \$120). All children are required to attend mass on **Sun 27th February 8.45 am St. Patrick's Gordon OR Sun 27th February 10.30am St. Brigid's Ballan** to be presented to

the parish & receive their purple stoles & information packs. Note: A four week program will be required to be completed at home with the celebration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Tues 22nd March 4pm St. Brigid's Ballan OR Wed 23rd March 4pm St. Patrick's Gordon** Enrolment forms available from the Parish Primary Schools & will be needed for the meeting. Any queries please ring Therese Winter 0417518187

Roadworks on Old Melbourne Road, Gordon: Please take care when parking in front of the church as work on the sidewalk is in progress.

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: \$450.00	Parish: \$205.00
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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.

Volunteer Positions Open: The parish is inviting interested persons to volunteer for the position of Sacramental Program Officer, and the position of

Safeguard Officer. If you would like to learn more about these positions contact Damien Ryan at: ryandjr@bigpond.com, phone: 0437125062. The Parish Leadership Team wishes to thank Leah Hanrahan for her time and commitment as the Parish Safeguard Officer, particularly during the last two years under COVID.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
19/20 February 2022	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15: 45-49		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	To be Arranged		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To be Arranged		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Rosemary Canavan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
26/27 February 2022	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 27: 4-7; 1 Cor 15: 54-58		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Helen Mahar		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
5/6 March 2022	9th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deut 26: 4-10; Rom 10: 8-13		
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	Catherine Green		



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

Venerable Mary Ward (1585-1645) founder of the Congregation of Jesus and the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Sisters of Loreto I.B.V.M.).

Anniversaries: Martin Molloy, Chris Maher, Veronica Bryce, Laurie Wheelahan, Eily Mullane, Catherine Donegan, Fay Daly, Betty Martin, Don Murphy, Frank Britt, Tim Fletcher, Edna Carson, Catherine Parkin, Eileen White, Elizabeth Flynn.

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. 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.*

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In many places throughout the world there is a shortage of priests and therefore religious sisters are the custodians of the faith. These sisters however often struggle to live and support the faithful, so across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

Rite of Election: The Rite of Election is an important part of the process of a person's journey to full membership in the Catholic Church community and one which is greatly appreciated by all who participate. This applies to both adults and children of catechetical age who have undertaken formation. The Rite of Election for catechumens, candidates and children of catechetical age will take place on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022 at 12.30pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. The presider will be Bishop Paul Bird CSsR. At the conclusion of the ceremony all are invited to join the Bishop in the Cathedral Hall for a light lunch.

Synod of Bishops on Sydonality – submissions due soon! Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You have one week to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Sydonality. Synod 2023 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. Find out more at <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. Parish Contact: Anne Eskdale at: edqgroup@bigpond.net.au; Submissions close on February 27. For any further assistance contact the Pastoral Ministry Office pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Project Compassion Sunday is 27 February 2022. The theme for *Project Compassion 2022: For All Future Generations*. Project Compassion Boxes & Information brochures can be picked up at the entrance (inner porch) of the church. Interested in Volunteering for Caritas? If anyone is interested in volunteering as the parish representative for Caritas please email caritas@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant: The Parish of St Columba's Ballarat North are seeking a Parish Coordinator to ensure the efficient operation of the Parish Office, part time 16 hours (0.4) per week. Please contact the Parish Office on 03 5331 1012 for a position description. Applications close on Friday, March 4, 2022 and should be addressed to Fr Marcello Colasante, St Columba's, 306 Gregory Street Ballarat North Vic 3350, email: ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Liturgy Brisbane online liturgical formation & training courses: The Diocesan Liturgical Commission recommends the following online courses offered by Liturgy Brisbane: Ministers of the Word (Readers); Lay Ministers of Communion Course; Combined Course: Ministers of Word & Communion. You can learn at your pace when you want to learn with comprehensive, multi-modal and engaging training. Immediate training for new volunteers or an excellent refresher for experienced ministers. More infor at: <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/>

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 FEBRUARY 2022

A HEAVENLY IMAGE

Both today's first reading and Gospel passage deal with what is the appropriate response to those who seek to harm us. Saul set out to destroy David and now as he sleeps his life is in David's hands. Will David return violence for violence, death for persecution? Everyone can cite the wounds they have received, the wrongs they have endured as a justification for retaliation and vengeance. The problem with giving violence in response to violence is that the vicious cycle never finishes – one violent act leads to another. Like David, Jesus knew that it is only by being able to forgive that this cycle can be stopped. At the heart of the Gospel is the call to a love that counters hurt, misunderstanding, oppression, and persecution with forgiveness and generosity.

As Paul continues to unfold his arguments for the bodily resurrection of Christians, he compares two Adams. The first Adam is found in the book of Genesis and the second is the risen Lord Jesus. For Paul, it is eminently reasonable that since we have borne the image of the first Adam by having a body, we will also bear the image of the second Adam by sharing in the bodily resurrection. The Corinthians knew that they had been baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus, but Paul knew that they had not fully entered into the life of the resurrection. This would only come about when they had received their glorified bodies at the end of time.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**



3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!**