

## 3rd Sunday of Lent (Year C): ~ 19/20 March 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 & 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: \$437.50	Parish: \$57.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$7493.45

#### Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

**Reconciliation Program:** The Reconciliation Program commenced this week. Note that 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** Any queries please ring Therese Winter 0417518187

### 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 two weeks

Presbytery: \$788.50	Parish: \$285.00
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**Volunteer Positions Open:** The parish is inviting interested persons to volunteer for the position of Sacramental Program Officer, and the position of Safeguarding 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
<b>19/20 March 2022</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	To be Arranged		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To Be Arranged		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Lin Bowers		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>26/27 March 2022</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent Josh 5: 9-12; 2 Cor 5: 17-21</b>		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Pat Prendergast		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45am	To be Arranged		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Marie Shanahan		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>2/3 April 2022</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Cor 5: 17-21</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30 pm	To be Arranged		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon-8.45 am	To be Arranged		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Bert Jarvis		

## 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
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					

**Recent Deaths:** Kath Noy, Neil Chamberlain, Sheila Prendergast

**Anniversaries:** Andrew Barbara, Peter De Spirt, Harry Wise, Joseph Micallef, Mary Winter, Joseph and Antonia Spiteri, Renee Barbara, Helen Kuczynski, Brian D'Arcy, Jack Ford, Joseph Cini, Doreen Torpy, Mona Nihill, Margaret O'Regan, Des Frichot, Joan Shanahan and Peter Torpy.

**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, Majella Franklin (nee Glenane).

**Praying with Pope Francis:** The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement. 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. '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 March: **For a Christian response to bioethical challenges** - We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

**'Lenten Reflections' (via Zoom)** Thursday evening 7.30pm-8.30pm from 3 March to 7 April. Join us on a Thursday evening during Lent. Each week there will be guided meditation, quiet reflection and group sharing. Cost: Donation. Book via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) tel 9890 1101.

**Caritas Australia Ukraine Crisis Appeal:** In a matter of weeks, millions of people have fled the conflict in Ukraine. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis. Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance including shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on the latest activities by Caritas agencies on the ground [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news)



**Project Compassion – Third Sunday of Lent:** Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow “For All Future Generations”. Donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish or visit [www.lent.caritas.org.au](http://www.lent.caritas.org.au) or call 1800 024 413.

**Interfaith Walk for Peace:** As part of the Ballarat Harmony Fest 2022, Ballarat Interfaith Network Event, together with BRMC, invite all to the Interfaith Walk for Peace on Sunday, March 20, 2022 from 2.00pm - 4.30pm. The walk will begin at the BADAC Cultural Education Centre, 403 Main Road, walking to WRISC Family Violence Support at 205 Dana Street and ending at Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ the King, 49 Lydiard Street South. Insight into community services offered to mitigate against violence. Interfaith focus on Indigenous, Christian and Islamic wisdom for peace. COVID precautions. Refreshments offered.

**Mass of the Oils:** Monday, 11 April 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall. Any COVID restrictions applicable at this time will apply to the Mass of the Oils.

**Choir for Mass of the Oils 2022:** Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, 11 April 2022. Practice times are Sunday, March 27, Sunday, April 3 and Sunday, April 10 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

**Study Tour of the Biblical Lands: Israel and Palestinian Territories 3-18 December 2022:** Hosted by Dr Rosemary Canavan the study tour is focussed on the Gospel of Luke. For further information including itinerary and costs, go to: <https://www.olivetreetravel.com.au/wp-content/uploads/ROSEMARY-CANAVAN-ISRAEL-DEC-2022.pdf>

**Good Friday Holy Land Collection:** The annual collection for the Church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday.

## MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022

*“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10)*

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Mt 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL**

Lk 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / C

20 MARCH 2022

## CALL TO REPENT

For the people of Israel, the Exodus was understood to be the series of events that forged them as a people. When Moses is commissioned to go to the people and tell them what God is about to do for them, Moses asks for God's name. In reply, he is given the riddle of God's name in Hebrew that means 'I am who I am, I have been who I have been, I will be who I will be'. Moses and the people are invited to enter into a mystery. On the journey towards the land of promise, they will discover who God is, and who they are as God's people.

Paul uses the example of Israel's time in the desert to lead his wayward converts of Corinth to partake in the celebration of the Eucharist in a fitting manner. Some of them felt that they could eat meat that had already been sacrificed to idols, while others were scandalising their brothers and sisters by being drunk when the poor arrived for the Eucharist. They are forcefully reminded that even the people of Israel in the desert who ate the spiritual food and drink that God provided could be punished. In other words, there is no room for any complacency or arrogance that would justify us disregarding others.

In the Gospel too, Jesus challenges the complacency of his hearers. He makes use of contemporary events in Jerusalem to shock and unsettle. Ultimately, we are reminded of God's forbearance and mercy but are also called to make the most of the present opportunity to repent.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

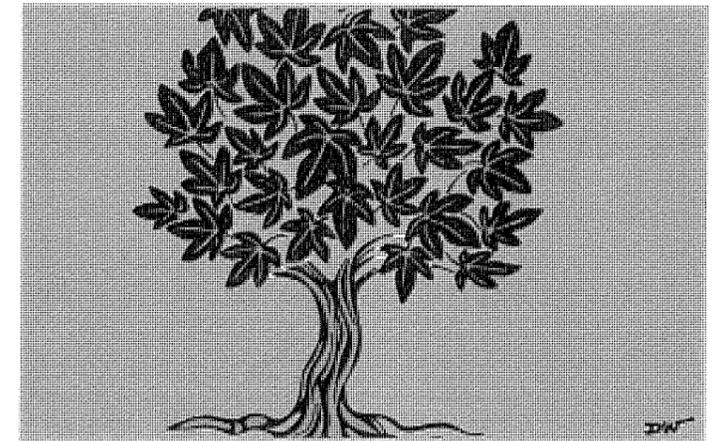
Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. 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 does deeds of justice, / gives judgement for all who are oppressed. / He made known his ways to Moses / and his deeds to Israel's sons. R.

4. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. R.

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

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

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.