

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280

Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

Parish Secretary/Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

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PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spagordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose:	Presbytery: \$559.60	Parish: \$155.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$8,128.45

Welcome and thanks: Welcome to Fr Denis Ryan as he celebrates the Easter Sunday Masses in Gordon and Ballan. Fr Denis is a senior priest of the Diocese of Ballarat living in retirement in Geelong. We thank Fr Denis for celebrating Masses in our Parish for Easter, enabling Fr Sajan to celebrate Masses in each of the communities of the Bungaree Parish and Fr Justin to

celebrate Easter Masses in the Parishes of Creswick and Daylesford.

Sacramental Program – 2022: The Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night will be held at St. Brigid's School, Ballan on Wednesday 4th May at 7 pm.

Parish Lunch - 1st May 12 noon at Donegan's Farm: Lunch served at 12.30 pm (\$30 per person). All parishioners from Bungaree and Gordon are invited to attend.

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 Leadership Team: Damien Ryan, Barry Sheehan, Di Reynolds, Tim Bennet, Maurice Maher, Peter Roche & Inez French.

Safeguarding Officer: Accepting Nominations

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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

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St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Checking-in is no longer required; face masks no longer required in most indoor settings but are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. Recommend wearing a mask if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors & cannot physically distance.

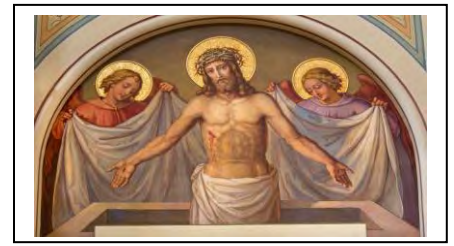
Volunteer Positions Open: interested persons are invited to volunteer for the positions of Sacramental Program Officer & Safeguarding Officer. If you would like to know more about these positions, contact Damien at: ryandjr@bigpond.com, phone: 0437125062.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
16 April 2022	Easter Vigil Mass Epistle Rom 6:3-11		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		
Bungaree – 8 pm	To be Advised		
17 April 2022	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10: 34, 37-43, Col 3: 1-4		
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Dunnstown – 9 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
23/24 April 2022	Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5: 12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour – 1st Thursday of each Month
31 April/1 May 2022	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5: 11-14		
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Dunnstown – 9 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Catherine Green		

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am

	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				



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Recent Deaths: Barry White

Anniversaries: Jack Toohey, Bill Molloy, Jill Fradd, Sr Maureen Connelly RSM, Sr Margaret Houlihan RSM, Carmel Fitzgerald, Margaret Trounce, Frank Conroy, Andrew Sherry, and Peter Molloy.

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 and 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 April: **For health care workers:** We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially those in the poorest countries. May they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

St Joseph's Church Derrinallum Final Mass: An invitation is extended to parishioners and former parishioners, their families and friends and any interested community members, to attend the Final Mass following the closing of St Joseph's Church in Derrinallum. This Mass will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11.00am. Light refreshments will be served at the Church following Mass. To assist with catering, please reply to Gerard Fitzgerald, ph. 0409 863079 or Kathy Bell, ph. 0499 555607.

Walking in the Spirit: The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the "Walking in the Spirit" prayer campaign, beginning Easter Sunday, April 17, and runs until the Second Assembly, which opens on Sunday, July 3. Go to: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthespirit/

The Bishop's Easter Message 2022 - On the road again

Over the past couple of months, I have been on the road again, travelling around the diocese. This is in contrast to the last couple of years when travel has been limited because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the virus is still having an impact, sometimes causing severe illness, we have been able to resume many of our usual activities. This includes moving around more freely. For this I am most grateful, because it has allowed me to resume visits to our parishes and schools.

It has been wonderful to celebrate Sunday Masses in churches in the Swan Hill parish and join the students and staff of St Joseph's College Mildura for Mass in their college gym. I have been able to join in a meeting in the parish office in Warrnambool and prayer times with primary school students in Wendouree. These visits have brought home to me how much people all around our diocese have done to bring their communities through the pandemic and how much they are doing to help one another as we resume more normal activities in our parishes and schools and our lives as a whole.

I offer my thanks to you all for your patience during the pandemic and the kindness you have shown in supporting one another during this time. May that patience and kindness stay with us even as the pandemic subsides.

As we come to celebrate Easter this year, we are conscious of various trials that people are suffering around Australia and around the world – the ongoing effects of bushfires that have charred the lives of communities in the past couple of years, the recent devastation of floods, the terrible destruction of war in Ukraine. In the face of such sorrows, the joy of Easter might seem far away. Yet, our Christian faith can be a source of joy even in the midst of distress. The gospel assures us that God is close to us in times of struggle as well as in times of peace, that Christ has shared our pain, and that, just as God's love raised Jesus from the grave, so God's love can raise us to new life.

The Ukrainian word for "Easter" is "Velykden", meaning "Great Day". Easter does indeed celebrate a great day, the day of Christ's resurrection. The traditional Ukrainian greeting at Easter is "Christ is risen!" The response is "Christ is risen indeed!" Even as they endure much suffering, may this Easter be a great day for the people of Ukraine as they rejoice in the resurrection of Christ. May this Easter be a great day for us as well as we too rejoice in Christ's resurrection. May you have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR

MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' R.

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. R.

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the cornerstone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. R.

SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

■ The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

The sequence may be said or sung. Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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THE SAVING WORD

EASTER SUNDAY / C

17 APRIL 2022

MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

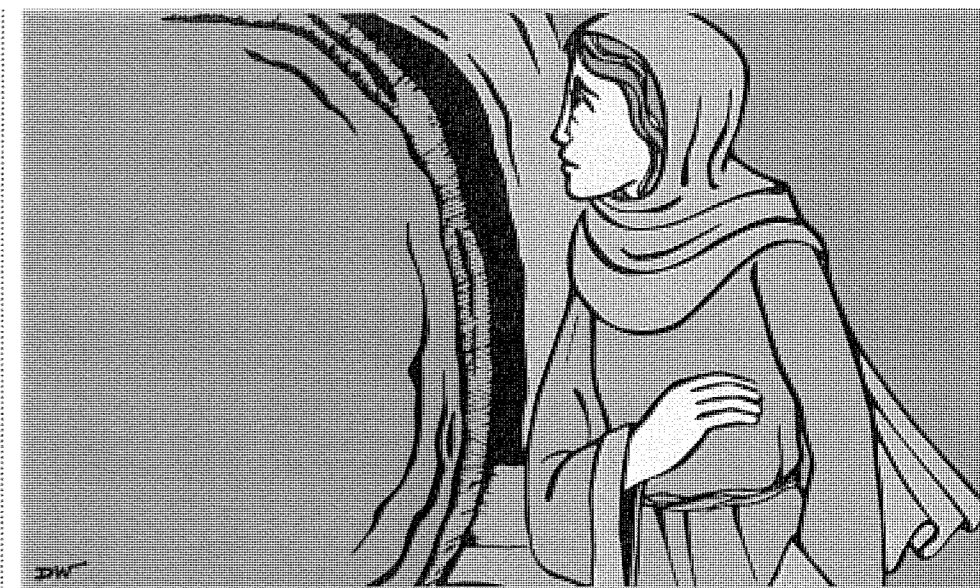
But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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GOSPEL

Lk 24:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered

their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the

dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.