

Pentecost Sunday (Year C): ~ 4/5 June 2022

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.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections in Church last weekend

Loose:	Presbytery: \$525.45	Parish: \$680.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$11,442.45

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 recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

Volunteers-Update: During the next two weeks we will be contacting volunteers to update contact details and other requirements (i.e. Working with Children Card). We are deeply appreciative of the invaluable contribution that our volunteers make to the running of the Parish and sustaining our Church community.

National Count of Attendance- Gordon: We thank parishioners attending mass during May for participating in this year's mass count.

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

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$1055.40	Parish:	\$469.00
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National Count of Attendance-Bungaree: We thank the congregation at St Brendan's, St Michael's, and St Peter's for participating in this year's mass count.

Volunteers-Update: We are updating the contact details of our volunteers, and assisting them in acquiring any necessary documentation, if needed (i.e. Working with Children Card). We are extremely grateful for the invaluable contribution our volunteers give to our parish ministries.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
4/5 June 2022	Pentecost Sunday Acts 2: 1-11; Rom 8: 8-17		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Chris Leonard		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
11/12 June 2022	The Most Holy Trinity Prov 8: 22-31; Rom 5: 1-5		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Nola Jeffrey		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of each Month
18/19 June 2022	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Gen 14: 18-20; 1 Cor 11: 23-26		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Di Reynolds		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan		

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					



Recent Deaths: Sandra Briffa

Anniversaries: Barrie Wise, Stephen Brockman, Jean Bourke, Jim Wheelahan, Molly O’Neil, Angela Teuma, Josephine Borg, John Egan, James Terris, Nick Cassar, Heather Rose Marlsen, Kevin Dowsley, Tommy White, Anthony Hall, Frank and Maureen Brennan.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick: Anna Bartaska, Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner and Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

Baptisms: We pray for Henry Thomas Stevens, son of Madeline and Corey who will be baptised in St Brendan’s Church Dunnstown, and for Charlotte Jane Knox, daughter of Katherine and Luke who will be baptised in St Brigid’s Church Ballan this Sunday. We welcome them into our faith community. Lord God, *strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

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 June:** For families: We pray for Christian families around the world. May they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity for 2022: May 29 – June 5: The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches “We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship” (cf Matthew 2:2). Resources for use in prayer services in your parishes, local ministers associations or inter-church Councils are available at <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources/wopcu22>

World Environment Day – Sunday, June 5, 2022: Celebrated every year since 1974, World Environment Day is a good time to focus on the environmental dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals. This year the theme is celebrating “Only One Earth”. This was the slogan for the 1972 Stockholm Conference; 50 years on, this truth still holds – this planet is our only home. With nature in emergency mode, the #OnlyOneEarth campaign for World Environment Day 2022, wants you to celebrate the planet through collective environmental action. #OnlyOneEarth advocates for transformative environmental change on a global scale. The campaign shines a spotlight on climate action, nature action and pollution action while encouraging everyone, everywhere to live sustainably. While our individual consumption choices do make a difference, it is collective action that will create the transformative environmental change we need, so we can advance to a more sustainable and just Earth, where everyone can flourish. <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/>

CTC Conference: ‘How do we know Christ now?’ Celebrating 50 years of CTC- 17 June: This conference will focus on the critical question: ‘How do we know Christ now?’ and explores how we know the same Christ more authentically and powerfully today. It will be led by the staff of CTC from across the disciplines and use a dialogical approach with opportunities for discussion and experiential engagement. This free online (via zoom) conference will be held on Friday, June 17, 2022 from 9.30am - 12.30pm. Keynote presentation will be held from 9.30am - 11.15am and workshops from 11.30am - 12.30pm. Registration is required for the keynote presentation and workshop choices. For more information go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/how-do-we-know-christ-now/> The CTC will run an **Online Open Day session** via zoom on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7.00pm. For more information and to register go to <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/open-days/>

Plenary Council conversations around the Diocese: Leading up to the second Assembly of the Plenary Council (July 3 -9), there will be an opportunity to gather for a conversation around the diocese with the diocesan members to encourage and affirm their participation in the Council. The Motions Framework document has been published and is available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Motions-Framework-31a-May-2022.pdf> and this will also be a focus for prayer and engagement. The **Ballarat gathering will be held on June 23, 2022 at 7.00pm** in Mackillop/Glowrey Room, Cathedral Precinct.

The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 14:15-16, 23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,

and my Father will love him,

and we shall come to him

and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own;

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you

while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,

whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



PENTECOST SUNDAY / C

THE SAVING WORD

5 JUNE 2022

COMMUNICATING OUR FAITH

Through the gift of the outpouring of the Spirit, the first disciples were empowered to preach the message of Jesus in language that could be understood by all. To this day Pentecost remains a model for the continuing life of the Church as we seek to speak meaningfully to the people of our own time.

One of Paul’s greatest strengths as an apostle was his creativity and tireless search to communicate, in contemporary language, the meaning and consequences of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Like a cutter of precious stones, he was always bringing new facets to light, always searching for new ways to explain and communicate what he believed. He knew that Pentecost was only experienced by a chosen few and yet all Christians had been baptised into the love of Father, Son and Spirit. The gift of the Spirit enables all of us to call on God as Abba, as Father, sharing in the inheritance and promises of Christ himself. With this gift comes the call to respond and for Paul, this means leaving our enslaved past behind. Since the Spirit has made a home in us, we should live accordingly.

Similarly, the Gospel calls us to actualise the gift of the Spirit we have received through our faithfulness to Jesus’ command to love one another. That first Pentecost the disciples spoke in ways that could be understood by all. The simplest and most powerful language we have is being faithful to Jesus’ command to love one another.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

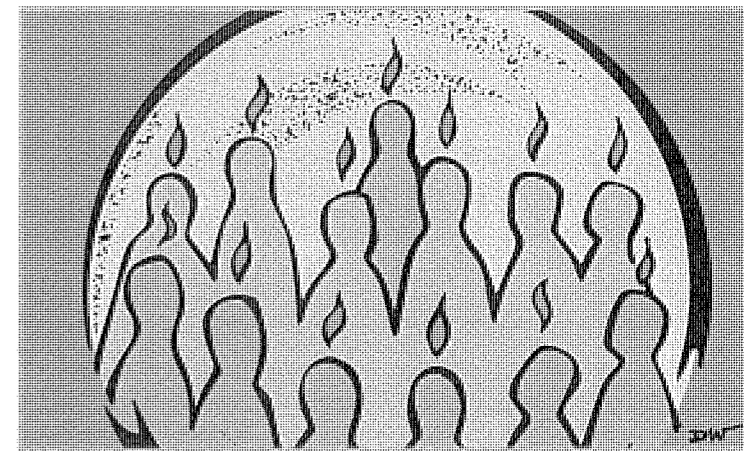
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your works, O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. R.
2. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. R.



3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! / May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in the Lord. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 8:8-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, ‘Abba, Father!’