

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 (*contributions submitted via CDF & Bendigo Bank not included)

Loose:	Presbytery: \$472.50	Parish: \$1,435.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$16,114.05

Project Compassion - \$400.14. We thank all who give so generously to these collections.

Rite of Welcome into the RCIA: Welcome to Jayme whose faith journey towards full Christian initiation into the Catholic Church commenced many years ago. Today at the 10.30am Mass at Ballan, Our faith community will formally receive Jayme's intention and desire to enter the catechumenate as part of the RCIA process.

Our parish is committed to accompanying her towards the Easter sacraments and receives her desire to join our eucharistic community with great joy! Welcome Jayme! Any parishioner who would like to become involved in supporting Jayme (and any other adults who are seeking to become Catholic) through the RCIA process are encouraged to contact Fr Justin through the Parish Office.

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: For this week only, the Thursday weekday mass has been changed to Friday, 29 July at 12 noon. All Welcome.

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, Dom Prendergast, Maurice Maher, & 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 fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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COVID-19: Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19. Carry a mask when leaving home.

Volunteers Update: Are you interested in joining the Parish as a volunteer? Contact any member of the Parish Leadership Team for further information. Pick up a Volunteer Information Pack from Parish House (Bungaree Presbytery).

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022: The first edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Copies can be picked up at all churches.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
23/24 July 2022	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gen 18: 20-32; Col 2: 12-14		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Tim Bennett		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
30/31 July 2022	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23, Col 3; 1-5, 9-11		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
6/7 August 2022	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 18: 6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		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 Sunday 9am ~ Daylesford Sunday 10.30am

Anniversaries: Joe Donegan, Pat O'Neil, Clare Molloy, Edith Holmes, Kevin Maher, Jimmy Toohey and Patrick Maher.

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.

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 to join him in prayer. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. **Pope's intention for July: For the elderly:** "We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility".

Prayer for the 2nd World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

*I give thanks to you, Lord, for the blessing of a long life.
For, to those who take refuge in You, grant always to bear fruit.
Forgive, O Lord, resignation and disillusionment,
but forsake me not when my strength declines.
Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me,
to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end.
Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution, to guard with love my grandchildren and all the little ones who seek shelter in You.
Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant Thy Church to deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen*



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: The Church will this weekend celebrate the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly with the theme, "In old age, they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15). The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. We pray for all grandparents and the elderly and thank them for their gifts to families and to our parish communities. Info at <https://catholic.org.au/grandparents>

Parish of Gordon's Sacramental Program: The Parish's sacramental celebrations were held last Sunday at St Patrick's and St Brigid's. The final Mass celebrating Confirmation and First Communion concludes this Sunday, July 24 at St Patrick's. We congratulate the children enrolled in the program - Lilly Gillespie and Isabelle Ferrari who were baptised, confirmed and received their first communion, and Angela Tran, Riley Willie, Aidan Hughes, Ned Conroy, Maya Filo, Kiara Grigg, Mate Marinovic, Chloe Muscat, Esther Seketa and Clara Monterosso who celebrated their confirmation and first communion last Sunday, and Rose Flint, Elle Kenna, Macy Newman and Edward Bayard who celebrate their confirmation and first communion this Sunday. We welcome them into our faith community.

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission? Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

Vinnies Winter Appeal – Ballarat City Brass Band Concert: "A Golden Era Music" will be presented on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 2.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat. Entry by gold coin donation. All proceeds donated to the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

Catholic Earthcare a program of Caritas Australia: Catholic Earthcare launched its Earthcare Parishes program in December 2021. Since then, the network has grown to 60 parishes across 17 dioceses. Your parish is encouraged to begin your own journey towards the 7 *Laudato Si'* Goals, and becoming a *Laudato Si'* community. Contact Jillian Hogbin, Diocesan Director Caritas, who can lend support on how to sign up. For more info go to: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DD-Letter-to-Parishes-re-Earthcare-Ballararat.pdf>

Pastoral Practitioner vacancy at St John of God Hospital, Ballarat: Exciting opportunity for a committed Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral Services team in promoting and providing holistic pastoral services. Applications close August 17, 2022. For more info: go to <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/employment/>.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in
debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



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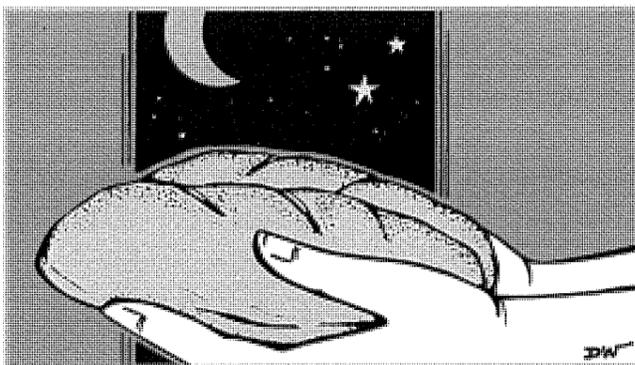
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FOUNDATION OF PRAYER

Like the disciples we find ourselves asking, 'Lord, teach us to pray'. All people of faith are called to pray but how are we to pray? What attitudes are appropriate? Should we be fearful of the living God or trusting and open? The readings for today provide us with some useful orientations. Abraham's pleading for Sodom and Gomorrah is not simply a theoretical concern. Abraham is pleading for the survival of Lot and his family, though he does not mention them specifically. He is prepared to push God's mercy to the limit to save his relatives. His trust in God and his courageous persistence in prayer are rewarded. Similarly, Jesus teaches the disciples that such persistence is the very stuff of the life of faith. Those who seek will find, to those who knock the door will be opened. Abraham knew that the living God was a God of justice and mercy; Jesus goes further to show that the living God is also to be seen as a loving parent, a tireless provider, to be addressed as our Father.

Paul knew that we can have this sort of confidence in God because of what had come about through Jesus' death. Our baptism enables us to share in his saving death and resurrection. On the cross, Jesus has already graciously paid the debt our sin would normally require us to pay. Because of this gift, we can approach God with confidence and trust because the burden of our past has already been taken up by Jesus.



Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

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. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Though I walk in the midst of affliction / you give me life and frustrate my foes. **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

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!**