



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

Loose:	Presbytery: \$360.00	Parish: \$158.00
Planned Giving:	Envelopes 2021/22:	\$16,272.05

We thank all who give so generously to these collections.

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: No mass this Thursday.

Volunteers Update: The Victorian Child Safe Standards came into operation on 1 July 2022. We are finalising our volunteer requirements as instructed by the Professional Standards Office, Diocese of Ballarat. If you have been

asked by the Parish Secretary to obtain a Working with Children Card or a police check, please forward these documents to the Parish Office. If you undertake volunteer work for the Parish and have not yet been contacted, please ring the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409. Volunteer Welcome Packs containing information on the Diocese's safeguarding policies are available from the Parish Office or can be picked up at Church after mass. Stay up to date via the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd newsletter at: [info@acsltd.org.au/](mailto:info@acsltd.org.au)



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

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409

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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

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

Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$824.50	Parish:	\$280.00
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Thank You: Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

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). Stay up to date via the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) newsletter at: [info@acsltd.org.au/](mailto:info@acsltd.org.au)

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022: The July edition of ODC 2022 has been published. Copies can be picked up at all churches. Read about the International Year of Glass, and the history of the stained-glass windows installed in many of the Diocesan's churches.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Julie Boyd		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
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 – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
13/14 August 2022	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10; Heb 12: 1-4		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Terry Elliott		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		

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					

Wheat by Thomas Hart Benton © Smithsonian American Art Museum



Recent Deaths: Joan O'Connor, Mike Brady, Con Britt.

Anniversaries: Marie Britt, James Glenane, Ted Ryan, Tim Devereux, Kevin Leonard, Mervyn Britt, Jim Britt, Margaret Maher, John Fuller, Tom White, Josephine Borg, Angus Finlayson, Mary Flynn, Patrick Hodgson, Robert McGiffin, Carmen Buttigieg, Joe D'Archy and John Green.

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".

Ordination to the Priesthood Mass - Thank You: Thank you to all who gathered at the Cathedral last Friday night, or joined the livestream, to celebrate the Ordination to the Priesthood for Fr William Lowry and Fr Matthew Restall. To the Ballarat Cathedral Parish volunteers and to all who assisted with the evening – those who prepared the Cathedral, those who assisted with catering for the clergy prior to Mass, welcomers, ushers, anyone who assisted in any way – your time and attendance before, after and during the Mass was very much appreciated by the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. We pray for Fr Bill and Fr Matt as they begin their priestly ministry in our diocese.

World Day against Trafficking in Persons: This year the UNODC will focus on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and stop human trafficking. Find out more at <http://endhnt.org>. ACRATH needs to raise \$200,000 by July 30 to sustain its programs and to continue supporting victim/survivors of human trafficking. We ask for your support for our important work and spread the message that 'PEOPLE ARE NOT FOR SALE!' Donate today via our website <https://acrath.org.au/donate/>. We receive NO government funding so your donation

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. Palms Australia has prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961 and 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. Register for a webinar - Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm - to talk with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – 6/7 August 2022: As our Diocese's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our parish community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

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

Creating a Just Synodal Church – A series of Zoom events during August: Join us in August as we focus on synodality, governance and leadership of the Church. As the official Plenary process moves to a new phase, there is much work still required to create a just, synodal Church; a Church where all are included equally and inclusively. You'll hear from local and international experts offering insights post the Plenary's second assembly, the ongoing work required as we move towards the Pope's Synod of Bishops, and insights from the *German Synodal Path*. In this, its 50th year of Theological Education, Yarra Theological Union – along with the Australasian Coalition for Catholic Church Reform and Garratt Publishing – invite you to attend this series of webinars on Wednesday evenings – August 10, 17, 24 and 31 at 7:30-9:00pm. Registration: \$22.00 incl. GST, Go to: TryBooking. Concessions: contact sales@garrattpublishing.com.au

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

When the author of Ecclesiastes declares that all is vanity it is important to know that the Hebrew word *hebel* refers to much more than vanity since it includes ideas of what is transitory, just a breath, and without substance. We all seek wisdom and meaning in a world that is often unjust and full of inconsistencies and paradoxes. As Christians, we look for that time when God will heal the wounds and injustices of our world and renew all creation. This was not the case when Ecclesiastes was written. At that time, there was no concept of an afterlife. The people believed that what was unresolved during our lives would stay that way, and understandably that provided a powerful and painful challenge for the people of Israel.

In both the first reading and in the parable of the rich fool, we can see that the saying holds true that 'you can't take it with you'. For all his wealth and fortune the wealthy man does not have the key to eternal life and his self-focus is shown to be sadly mistaken as he learns that the riches that endure to eternal life are of another kind altogether.

Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ and that our lives must reflect this. True wisdom is to be found in living lives with integrity, reflecting our identity as followers of Christ by the quality of our thought and actions. We have been brought into a new creation where our old prejudices and divisions must be left behind as we put on Christ anything that will not endure into eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, 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.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

■ **The word of the Lord.**