



## 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, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey

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)

**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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)

**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

\* Includes planned giving contributions through CDF, Bendigo Bank, and Churches

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$556.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$53,510.00*
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### Feast of the Assumption of Mary-Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August:

Mass at St Michael's Springbank at 10.30am, mass at St Brigid's Ballan at 5 pm. All welcome.

**Resignation of Lin Bowers:** During the week the parish received the resignation of Lin Bowers from the Parish Leadership Team and her resignation as the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Lin will be leaving the district. The Parish Leadership Team will arrange a farewell for Lin

that will provide an opportunity for us to thank Lin for her ministry, service, commitment, leadership and faith that she has shared so generously over many years. Fr Justin has appointed Aileen Toohey as the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

**Volunteers Wanted:** The Parish is inviting parishioners from Gordon and Springbank to accompany Maria on her Sunday morning home visits to give communion to the sick or to those parishioners who are unable to attend weekend masses. Parishioners who are willing to volunteer once every 6 weeks or so, are asked to contact Maria Donegan on 0406 241 240.



## 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.

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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

### Parish Schools

**St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill**

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown**

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://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:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$907.50	<b>Parish:</b>	\$385.00
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**COVID-19:** Face masks are recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19. Carry a mask with you.

**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 Welcome 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)

**Feast of the Assumption of Mary-Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August:** Mass at St Michael's Bungaree at 9.30am. All welcome.

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

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>13/14 August 2022</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10; Heb 12: 1-4</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	Terry Elliott		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>20/21 August 2022</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 66: 18-21; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13</b>		
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	Lin Bowers		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
<b>27/28 August 2022</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3: 17-20; 28-29; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24</b>		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Margaret Green		





Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

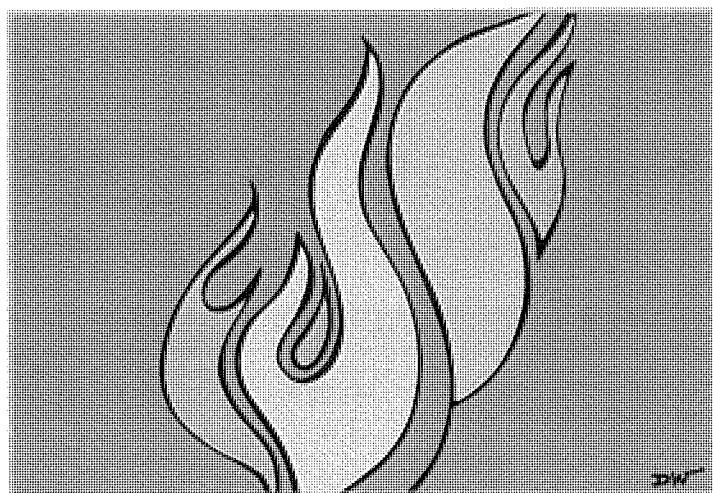
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

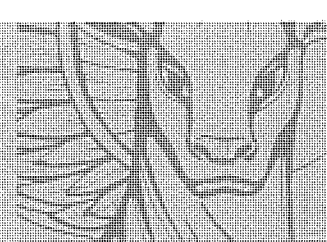


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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

14 AUGUST 2022

## WE ARE NOT ALONE

Jeremiah could have been excused for thinking that he had been taken out of the frying pan and cast into the fire! No sooner had he been released from prison and placed under the watchful eyes of the royal guard, than he found himself up to his neck in mud in a water cistern! Little wonder he poured out his heart to God 'the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision' (Jeremiah 20:8). The lot of those who speak the word of God is often one which meets with misunderstanding, rejection and isolation. Speaking the truth is no guarantee of being accepted. Jesus was aware that his mission of preaching the good news to the poor, bringing freedom to captives, and proclaiming the Lord's year of favour (Luke 4:18-19) would bring about division and rejection. As the early Church knew all too well, even family members could be divided based on their response to Jesus' message.

The letter to the Hebrews continues its reflection on the life of faith by noting that despite opposition and difficulties we are not alone. Just as the people of Israel in the desert were accompanied by a cloud that guided them, we are now surrounded by a cloud of witnesses – people of faith that stretch back through the ages to Abraham and Sarah. Above all, Jesus' presence, his example of endurance and his courage in facing the cross, can help us to keep running steadily in the life of faith.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

*You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

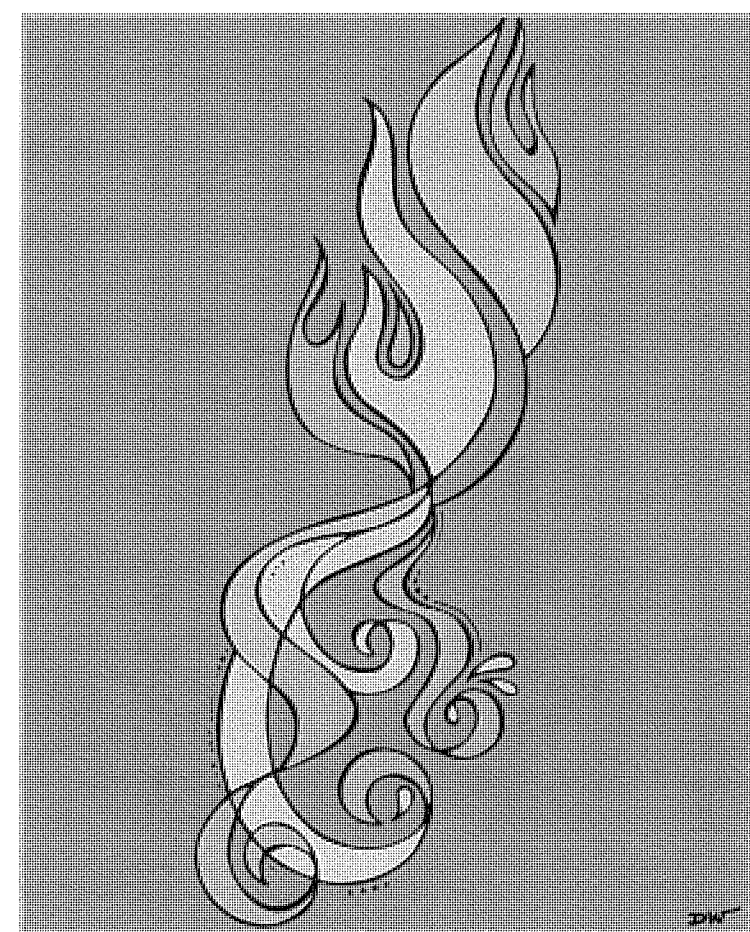
Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock / and made my footsteps firm. **R.**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear / and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**
4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, / O God, do not delay. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Heb 12:1-4

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

■ **The word of the Lord.**