

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 17/18 September 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, 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

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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.sbballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery: \$386.85

Parish: \$1,818.00

Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: Fr Justin will celebrate mass this Thursday, 22nd September at 10.30 am. All Welcome.

Australian Catholics: Spring 2022 edition is now available. Copies have been placed in all churches. Theme for this

edition: *Media for Good: Harnessing the power of communication.*

Social Justice: Parishes have been requested by the Diocesan Social Justice Commission to promote action in favour of justice, peace and the integrity of creation. If you wish to learn more about the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023, or become involved in social justice activities, please contact the Parish Secretary, email address: gordon@ballarat.catholic.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.

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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

Bungaree Parish Leadership Team Meeting: The Leadership Team meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 13th September, 7.30 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery has been postponed. If parishioners have any matters they would like to discuss with members of the Leadership Team, please contact Damien Ryan at: ryandjr@bigpond.com/ or the Parish Secretary at: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022: Copies can be picked up at all churches. Read about the work of John Orval. His beautiful stained-glass works can be seen in some of our local churches. Free exhibition **Luminous: John Orval, Stained Glass Artist** in Hamilton from August 20 – October 30. Bus tour to see Orval's work in Hamilton, Coleraine, Nareen and Tahara on September 30. More info at: <https://www.hamiltongallery.org/events/john-orval/>

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
17/18 September 2022	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Tim 2: 1-8	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
24/25 September 2022	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 6: 1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6: 11-16	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Joan Powell		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
1/2 October 2022	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hab 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; 2 Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14	
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	Winnie Zammit		

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: Corey Fletcher, Eileen McDermott, Bill O'Donohue, Kathleen Sheehan, John (Jack) Frawley, Jack Nunn, George Azzotardi, Jimmy Winter, Ewen McCarthy, Michael Williams, John McCarthy, Wayne Torpy, Genoveffa Micallef, Carmen Gatt, Fred Bendeich, Primo Bettolatti, Eileen Davies, Hilda Blakemore, Gerard Williams and Steven Molloy.

We offer our prayers 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 & Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

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 September: For the abolition of the death penalty: We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.**

Welcome to the Season of Creation: The Season of Creation has special significance for the Catholic Church. It is a time marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The theme this year is *Listening to the Voice of Creation*. We celebrate in the awareness that our world is suffering from numerous environmental crises as well as conflict in many regions. These global crises are interconnected and affect millions of people but are experienced most deeply by the poor and vulnerable. The earth is crying out to us, but are we listening now to the Book of Creation? *May this Season inspire us and strengthen us in our efforts to protect our common home.*

St Augustine's, 150th Anniversary –This Weekend: Join the Parish of Creswick in celebrating St Augustine's Church 150th anniversary. Sunday mass on September 18th at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Paul. All Welcome.

Ballarat Diocesan Launch of the Social Justice Statement 2022-2023: This is a unique opportunity to learn about this year's statement: "Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse." Join a parish hub or attend online via zoom. There will be two guest speakers offering different understanding and viewpoints on this topic: Todd Sparkman, Senior Sergeant Victoria Police and Susan Muller, Family Safety Practitioner, Family Law Services, CatholicCare Victoria. Held on Saturday, October 1 from 10.00am – 12.00noon. Bookings are now open at trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CCSWQ>

National Catholic Men's Gathering 2022: menALIVE to the MAX is a national catholic gathering of men to be held in Sydney from October 7–9, 2022. The 2022 theme is RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. We are looking forward to gathering to listen, learn and long for the fullness of life. More info at <https://www.menalive.org.au/menalive-to-the-max/>

Reunion of Sacred Heart College Ballarat (Class of 1965+): Reunion will be held on Sunday, October 9, commencing with a tour of Damascus College (10am), followed by lunch at the Golden City Hotel (11.30am). To attend, please contact Lois Knights, email loisknights345@hotmail.com or phone 0419 902 538.

ACU Public Lecture - Catholic Sacrament of Marriage: The ACU Centre for Liturgy is very pleased to host a public lecture on the future of the Catholic sacrament of Marriage on October 10 from 10.00am - 11.30am to be presented by Professor Julie Hanlon Rubio, an expert in marriage theology, from the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Berkeley CA, USA. More info and booking details at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/news-events-and-resources>

CRA National Justice Seminar, "Now is the Time!": Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar 2022 titled 'Now is the Time!' will be held on Wednesday, October 19 from 9.30am – 3.30pm at The Treacy Centre, 126 The Avenue Parkville, Melbourne. Speakers are Cathy McGowan AO, Geraldine Atkinson, and Brigid Arthur CSB AO. This seminar will engage in conversations on advocacy and action on contemporary justice issues. There will be opportunities for sharing and reflecting on the speakers' inputs. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

Pakistan Flood Crisis appeal: The United Nations estimates that around 33 million Pakistanis have been affected by recent floods. Caritas Australia's partners are responding to support communities who need immediate assistance. Donate by visiting <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pakistan-floods>

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

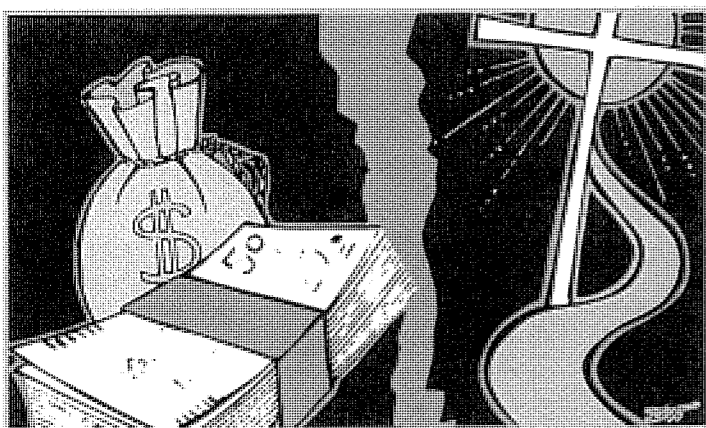
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Longer form Lk 16:1-13



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

18 SEPTEMBER 2022

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

How are we to live in the world and yet remain faithful to the living God? What attitudes to wealth and material goods are appropriate for the person of faith? How are we Christians to balance the demands of the world and those of our faith? Each of us has to address these complex questions and today's readings provide us with some useful orientations.

Amos had the courage to call some of his contemporaries to account because they had come to see their poor brothers and sisters as an opportunity for personal gain. They are reminded that while they have forgotten their responsibilities, God has not. Jesus' statement that none of us can be the servant of two masters goes straight to the heart of the matter. We are called to use material goods astutely but to always remember that these have been entrusted to us.

A regular part of civic life in the ancient world was the worship of the gods of the city and empire. But how were Christians to resolve this dilemma? Timothy's community members are encouraged to live their Christian lives in peace by making it known that they prayed to their own God for their rulers and authorities. It is made clear to them that this is not a case of having divided loyalties. God is the ultimate authority and God's plan is that all be saved through Jesus. By means of this creative response, these Christians were able to remain faithful to the demands of faith and their rulers.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

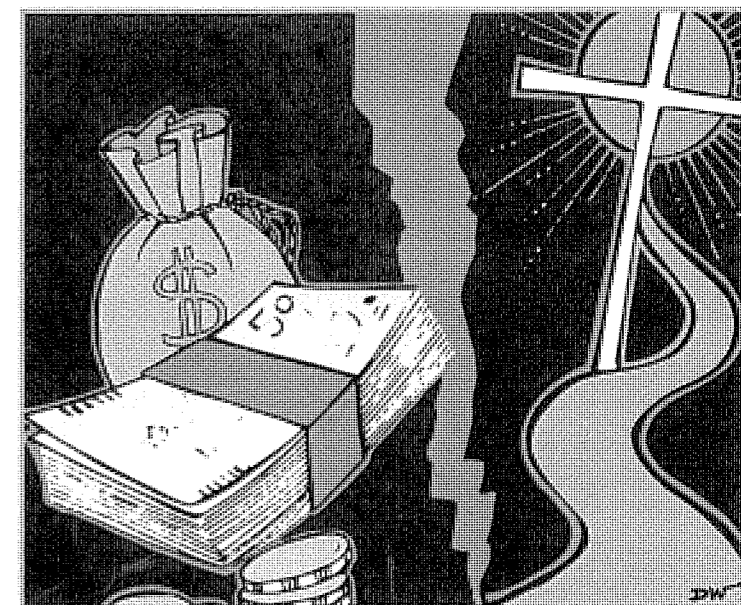
Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.
(or Alleluia!)

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! **R.**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dunghheap he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

■ **The word of the Lord.**