



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.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery: \$403.55

Parish: \$353.00

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, 6th October, at St Brigid's Ballan. 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.*

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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

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: \$521.50

Parish: \$NA

Thank You: We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to these collections.

Annual General Meeting for the Parish of Bungaree: The AGM will be held on the 5th November immediately after the vigil mass at St Brendan's, Dunnstown.

Bungaree Parish Leadership Team Update: We thank Maurice Mahar who recently resigned from the Leadership Team for his invaluable assistance to the Parish, and welcome Marty Forbes who along with Dom Prendergast,

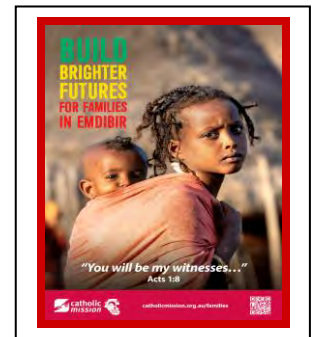
will be representing the Clarkes Hill community for the next twelve months.

All Soul's Day Mass – 13 November: Fr Sajan will celebrate mass for the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed* at the Pootilla Cemetery at 9.30 am, Sunday, 13th November. All welcome.

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	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit		Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
8/9 October 2022	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2: 8-13	
Springbank - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree- 8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of every month
15/16 October 2022	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 17: 8-13; 2Tim 3: 14-4:2	
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	Lloyd Lamb		

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	Clarks 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					



Recent Deaths: Kerry Mullane, Eileen (Eily) Quinlan

Anniversaries: Andrew Forbes, Brian (Split) Frawley, Eric Jones, Gerald Mullane, Francis (Red) Forbes, Emmanuel Barbara, Ag Whelahan, Kevin Conway, Lorraine Keilar, Joseph Smallman, James Joseph Doyle, Jim Field and Jan Quinlan.

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 and Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

Baptism: We welcome Lucy Josephine Simpson, daughter of Brooke and Marcus, who will be baptized this Sunday at St Brigid's Church, Ballan into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

World Mission Day: This weekend is the 2022 Catholic Mission Church Appeal. The Catholic Mission is the Australian Agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies. The Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support the needs of local people by providing them with the opportunity to live a full, enriched life – physically and spiritually – regardless of race, stigma, religion or gender. If you wish to contribute to Mission's Annual Appeal, envelopes have been placed in the churches.

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). It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a sweet song in praise of our Creator God; along with an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this, our common home. Our Earth weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuses and to her destruction. Our children plead with us to do everything possible to prevent, or at least limit, the collapse of our planet's ecosystems and to preserve the ancestral lands of our first nations peoples. *During this 2022 Season of Creation, let us pray that the human family can work effectively in confronting the crises of climate change and the reduction of biodiversity. May we respond in prayer and action so that we and future generations can continue to rejoice in God's creation.*



Economy of Francesco Covenant: 'Building an economy of the Gospel': Following Pope's Francis invitation to young economists, entrepreneurs, and changemakers to attend the recent 3-day *Economy of Francesco* event in Assisi, a Covenant to improve the global economic system to better the lives of all people was signed. In the Covenant, representatives of youth from around the world, recognize the "responsibility that rests on our generation" and commit themselves to working towards the economy of today and tomorrow becoming an economy of the Gospel. Read more about the covenant at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-09/economy-francesco-final-covenant-pope-francis-gospel.html/> Copies of the covenant have been placed in the churches.

Sing Assembly Sing-Saturday 8th October: St Patrick's Cathedral. This day is bringing to our diocese expert presenters Rev Dr Kevin Lenahan, Dr Paul Taylor and Ms Sophy Morley for a colloquium open to all parishes across the diocese. The subject for the day is the important role played by the Assembly (Congregation), particularly in the area of music. This day aims to guide those preparing Liturgy in gaining knowledge and understanding in order to assist the engagement of the Assembly. Time: 10.00 am – 4.00 pm. For bookings go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCPYW>

2022 Knox Public Lecture—12 October: "50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?" Wed, 12th October at 7.30pm. Bookings at: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333. Venue: Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne.

Wisdom Workshop for young adults: FREE self- discovery workshops for young adults (16-25) in the Ballarat region. Over three sessions, participants will learn powerful skills to clarify and align with personal values, manage difficult thoughts and emotions, create a life of meaning and purpose. Wed 12, 19 & 26 October from 7-8.15pm held at Lucas Community Hub. More info and bookings: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wisdom-workshop-free-self-discovery-course-for-young-adults-in-ballarat-tickets-415691814407>

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever:
it is the word given to you, the Good
News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

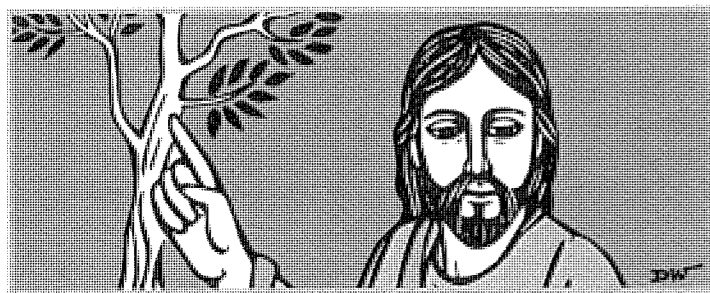
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



INCREASE OUR FAITH

On the journey of faith there are moments when we may lose heart or be discouraged. Faced with opposition or misunderstanding it is no easy matter to maintain our trust in the Lord. At times the responsibilities of our Christian lives may be experienced as a burden. Like the first disciples, we find ourselves turning to Jesus saying, 'increase our faith!'

When we look around us there is so much suffering caused by injustice and our violence to one another. It is only natural that we question how God's plans will come to fruition when they clash head-on with human weakness. Habakkuk found himself dealing with many of the same issues. His time was one of violence and his hope and faith in God's power and the realisation of God's plans was flagging. Habakkuk is reminded in a vision that while the wheels move slowly, they are moving nonetheless, and God's purposes will come to pass for the upright who remain faithful.

In the second letter to him, Timothy is also called not to lose heart and remain faithful to his responsibilities as a young pastor. Having been commissioned and called to this ministry he may have been discouraged by its demands and complexity. The sound advice that is given is to remember there is no need to rely solely on his own resources. The precious gift of the Spirit has been given. In the ministry of leadership, it is the Spirit that will guide, empower and strengthen – there is no need to fear.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not
deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at
rights,
but the upright man will live by his
faithfulness.'

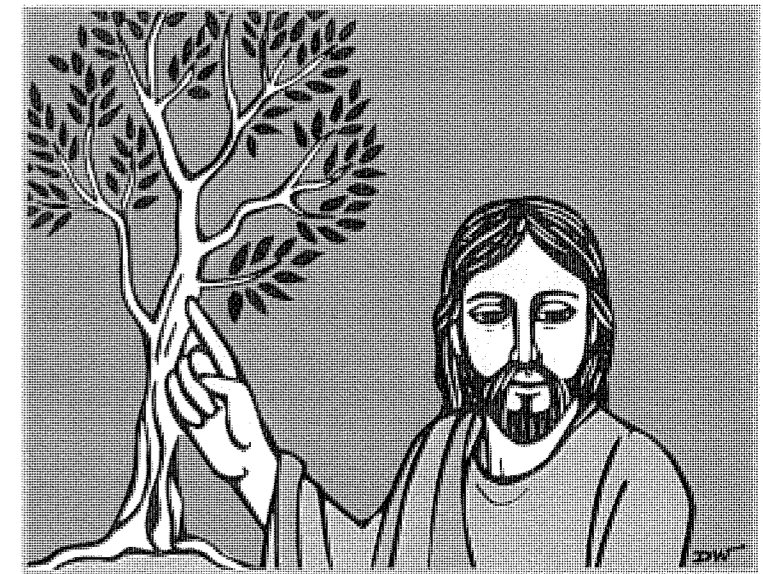
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

**R. If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail
the rock who saves us. / Let us come before
him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the
Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us
kneel before the God who made us / for he is
our God and we / the people who belong to his
pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**



3. O that today you would listen to his
voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at
Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the
desert / when your fathers put me to the test; /
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift
that God gave you when I laid my hands on
you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but
the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control.
So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing
to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his
prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for
the sake of the Good News, relying on the
power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you
have heard from me, in the faith and love that
are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to
look after something precious; guard it with the
help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

■ The word of the Lord.

Sing Assembly Sing



**A day for all to explore the role of the
Assembly in enriching the Mass**

Saturday, October 8, 2022

Venue & Time

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall
Dawson Street
BALLARAT
10.00 AM - 4.00 PM

There will be a number of workshop sessions
from which participants can choose.

Book through [trybooking](https://www.trybooking.com/CCPYW)
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Keynote Speakers

Dr Paul Taylor
Executive Secretary
Bishops' Commission for Liturgy and
National Liturgical Council

Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan
Master
Catholic Theological College

Workshop Facilitators also include: Sophy
Morley, Laura Avery, Jude Gustus, Vincent
Sully, Larissa Cairns and Fr Andrew Hayes