



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
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Collections last weekend

Presbytery: \$314.85	Parish: \$667.00
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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, 13th October at 9.30 am at St Brigid's Ballan. All welcome.

He will then celebrate the liturgy and the Anointing of the Sick at the Ballan Hostel at 10.30 am. Please note that at

this time, the Ballan Hostel is currently operating under COVID-19 Aged Care Visitation Guidelines.

Gordon Parish Leadership Team Meeting:

The next Leadership Team meeting will be held on 11 October at 7.30 pm at the Gathering Space, St Brigid's Church, Ballan.

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.*



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: \$1,765.00
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Thank You:

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

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.

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

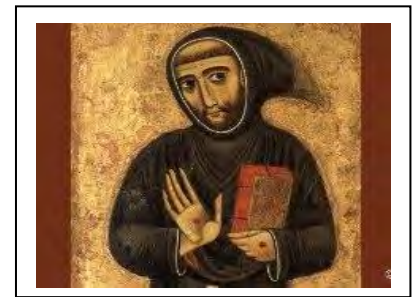
All Soul's Day Mass – 13 November 2022

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.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree– 8.45 am	Shelley Ryan		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
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 – 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
22/23 October 2022	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35: 12-14, 16-19, 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18		
Clarkes Hill– 6.30 pm	Margie Moran		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					

September 4th - Feast Day of San Francesco d'Assisi



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Recent Deaths: Jerolim (Jerry) Budija

Anniversaries: Thomas (Tom) Davis, Des Shanahan, Anne Margaret Snell, Mary Wheelahan, Cornelius Mahar, Maureen Anne Mullane, Josie Tudor, Sr. Patsy Ford S.R.M., Christine Dent, Marguerite Eddy, Eileen Frawley, Frank Quinlan, Allan Smith, Ethan Seccull, Maureen O'Donohue and Joseph Rice.

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.

Baptisms: We welcome George Anthony Toohey, son of Andrew and Elizabeth, and Max Bryer Plover, son of Clinton and Kate, who will be baptized during the vigil mass at St Michael's Church, Springbank into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Praying with Pope Francis: Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. **Pope's intention for October:** For a Church open to everyone: *We pray for the Church. Ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.*

Biblical Presentations-Gathering Space, Ballan: We are pleased to announce that Dr Rosemary Canavan will be holding free seminars to all interested persons on selected biblical themes: '*Lydia Open-hearted to Mission*', Thursday, **20 October** after 10.30 am mass/prayer, '*Prayer in the Gospel of Luke*' Thursday, **27 October** Zoom 7 pm and '*Mercy in the Gospel of Mark*' Thursday **3 November** after 10.30 am mass/prayer. All Welcome.

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 *Economy of Francesco* event in Assisi, a Covenant to improve the global economic system 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 becoming an economy of the Gospel. Copies of the covenant have been placed in the churches. Read more about the covenant at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-09/economy-francesco-final-covenant-pope-francis-gospel.html/>

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

CRA National Justice Seminar-19 October: Catholic Religious Australia's National Justice Seminar '*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 provided. Register at <https://bit.ly/3T8WWkQ>

World Mission Day Church Appeal – 23 October: 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.

Catholic Social Services Victoria Annual Dinner: 11 November: CSSV will be holding it's Annual Dinner on Friday, November 11, 2022 in Melbourne. Members, social services staff, volunteers and friends of CSSV are invited to join us for this special evening. Guest speaker to be announced. It promises to be a fantastic event! More details to come at <https://css.org.au/>

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to
God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along
the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he
entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to
meet him. They stood some way off and called
to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When
he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves
to the priests.' Now as they were going away
they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one
of them turned back praising God at the top of
his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus
and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.
This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made
clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems
that no one has come back to give praise to
God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the
man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith
has saved you.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

9 OCTOBER 2022

WORD OF GOD CANNOT BE CHAINED

While the people of Israel rejoiced in the
unique call they had received, their experience
of the world taught them that people of
goodwill and faith could be found in other
places and cultures. Called to be a light to
the nations they knew that sometimes it was
others who were light to them. Naaman the
Syrian general was prepared to risk trusting
the word of his wife's Israelite servant in order
to be healed of leprosy. He had come to Elisha
with gifts to ensure he would be healed but he
leaves not only healed but richer in faith.

In a similar vein, it is a heretical Jew, a
Samaritan, who has the eyes to see what the
living God is offering in Jesus. He alone has
the openness of heart to give thanks for the
precious gift he has received through regaining
his health. All the lepers were healed but only
one has been saved. The outsider is the one
who has been saved by means of his faith.

The letter to Timothy reflects on the fact that
the Good News cannot be chained or confined.
Even though Paul and other early Christian
missionaries experienced opposition, hardship
and imprisonment for the sake of the Gospel,
they knew that their efforts were not in vain.
The message of Jesus was not to be confined to
Israel and Timothy is encouraged not to lose
heart because being immersed in the death of
Jesus and in his sufferings means sharing in
his resurrected life as well.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed
himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had
told him to do. And his flesh became clean once
more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he
went in and stood before him. 'Now I know'
he said 'that there is no God in all the earth
except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present
from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the
Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.'
Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.
Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No,"
allow your servant to be given as much earth as
two mules may carry, because your servant will
no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god
except the Lord.'

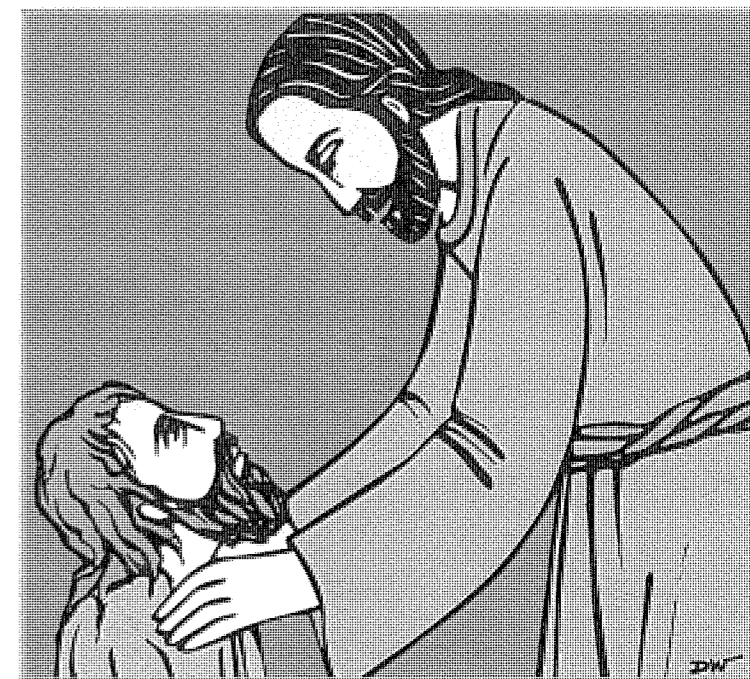
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has
worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy
arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; /
has shown his justice to the nations. / He has
remembered his truth and love / for the house
of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the
salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all
the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus
Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the
race of David'; it is on account of this that I
have my own hardships to bear, even to being
chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain
up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of
those who are chosen, so that in the end they
may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus
and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live
with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with
him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always
faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

■ **The word of the Lord.**