



## 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: \$484.60

Parish: \$732.00

**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, 3 November at 10.30 am at St Brigid's Ballan. The Biblical Formation discussion will be held after the mass. All welcome.

**Ballan Autumn Festival – 13 November 2022:** An annual celebration of local culture, creativity and community, the festival is one of the oldest regional country fairs in the Moorabool Shire. This year's theme is Bloom'n Marvellous! **Mass at St Brigid's Church will be held at 8.45 am Sunday morning.** Please note: Inglis and Steglitz St will be closed from 9am to 5pm. For more information on the schedule of activities, go to: <https://ballanautumnfestival.com.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.

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: \$1,556.60

Parish: \$NA

**Thank You:** We thank all parishioners who generously donate to these collections.

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

**Bungaree Parish Leadership Team Meeting:** Next meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery.

**The 'Book of the Names of the Dead':** If you wish to include the names of parishioners who have recently died, Fr Sajan will be bringing the 'Book of the Names of the Dead' to all Saturday/Sunday masses held during November, including the cemetery mass at Pootilla. If you wish to update the death anniversaries listed in the Combined Newsletter, please email the Parish Secretary at: [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au/](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au/)

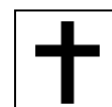
	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>29/30 October 2022</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 11:22-12:2 2 Thess 1:11-2:2</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	N Jeffrey		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Anne Eskdale		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>5/6 November 2022</b>	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14 2 Thess 2:16-3:5</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	To be Advised		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month
<b>12/13 November 2022</b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 9.30 am - Cemetery	Damien Ryan		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 8.45 am	To be Advised		

### NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES

Eganstown – Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am (All Souls Day)

Pootilla – Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am

Gordon – Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am



## LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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



**Recent Deaths:** Leo Crough

**Anniversaries:** Brian Britt, Leo Leonard, Eileen Ryan, Patrick Elliott, Alma Holloway, Allan Dixon, Anne Rutledge, Reg Mullane, Desmond Kane, Philip Calilleri, Kathleen Kennedy, Bronislaw Blazek, Martin Seiger and Bill Hall.

**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.

**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. The last seminar of the series, 'Mercy in the Gospel of Mark' will be held on Thursday **3 November** after 10.30 am mass/prayer. All Welcome.

**Helping those affected by floods:** St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions can be made by: Call 13 18 12 or visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>. You can also make a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods

**October is National Mental Health Month:** An initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA), it is a time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness and promote better mental health for all. Join the "Look after your mental health, Australia" campaign at: <https://lookafteryourmentalhealthaustralia.org.au/> Prayer for Mental Health month: *Lord God, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those challenged by serious and chronic mental and emotional illnesses. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Competition for Jubilee 2025 Hymn:** The Dicastery for Evangelization invites entries for the Hymn for the Holy Year 2025. Interested participants are invited to set to music a text proposed by the Dicastery's Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World, which expresses the essence of the jubilee event. The hymn is intended to have a liturgical purpose and should be capable of being sung by a Church congregation and by a schola cantorum. Entries close on March 25, 2023. Go to: <http://www.evangelizatio.va/content/pcpne/en/news/giubileo-2022-09-19.html>

**Save the date for the 2023 NLC and APMN Conference "The Art of Liturgical Celebration":** The National Liturgical Council and the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network are pleased to announce a combined liturgy and music conference to be held in Brisbane from September 28 – 30, 2023. The conference theme is: *Mystery and Mission: The Art of Liturgical Celebration*. We are delighted to welcome US liturgical theologian Timothy O'Malley (Notre Dame) and British composer Bernadette Farrell as keynote speakers, along with many expert local workshop presenters and facilitators.

### St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinion.

If you know someone who needs to contact St Vinnies for assistance, contact details are:  
The Ballarat Assistance Centre located at 6 Dawson Street South, Ballarat Central is open on  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 12noon.

The Wendouree Assistance Centre located at 15 Violet Grove, Wendouree is open on  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am.

For those who seek assistance but are unable to visit either Centre, call the **St Vincent de Paul Vinnies Call Centre tel: 5334 2844** and leave a message, stating name, address & telephone number, for a return call from a volunteer of St Vincent de Paul.

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave  
his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have  
eternal life.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 19:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke.

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which  
was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

30 OCTOBER 2022

## SALVATION HAS COME

'Could God really love me?' All too often Christians labour under the burden and misapprehension that God's love and forgiveness must be earned or merited. Aware of their frailty and need for God's mercy there is the fear that God could not love them given the mistakes they've made. Sometimes there is a sense that while God might be gracious and forgiving for others, this would be too much to hope for themselves. The book of Wisdom reminds us that while God patiently longs for our repentance we are always loved because our very existence is proof of God's love for us.

As Paul writes to the Thessalonians, he sets out to calm their fears about the return of the Lord at the end of time. He encourages them with the knowledge that he always prays that they will become worthy of the call that they have received as Christians. Paul knew that none of us can ever earn our salvation, it is always God's free and loving gift. His concern was more that we would learn to respond generously and appropriately to the marvellous gift we have received.

Zacchaeus is a fine example of a generous response to the Lord's loving initiative. Experiencing Jesus' openness and love leads him to offer to give half his considerable wealth to the poor. This meeting with a known sinner provides Jesus with the opportunity to state the purpose of his life and mission - to seek out and save what was lost.

## FIRST READING

Wis 11:22-12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,

how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,

you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. R.

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. R.



3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. R.

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. R.

## SECOND READING

2 Thess 1:11-2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

■ **The word of the Lord.**