



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: \$431.05

Parish: \$2375.00

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

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: No mass this Thursday.

Ballan Autumn Festival – November 13th 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.

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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

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 Meeting: Next meeting on November 8th 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)

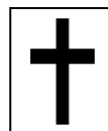
	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
5/6 November 2022	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14	2 Thess 2:16-3:5
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
12/13 November 2022	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mal 3:19-20, 2 Thess 3:7-12	
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 9.30 am - Cemetery	Damien Ryan		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 8.45 am	Margaret Green		Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
19/20 November 2022	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	2 Thess 3:7-12, Col 1:12-20	
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	Marie Shanahan		

NOVEMBER CEMETERY MASSES

Eganstown – Wednesday November 2nd at 10.30am (All Souls Day)

Pootilla – Sunday November 13th at 9.30am

Gordon – Sunday November 27th at 11 am



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

Recent Deaths: Kathleen (Kate) Kenna**Anniversaries:** Ronnie Spratling, Hughie O'Halloran, Mollie Maher, William Kennedy, Lucy O'Donohue, Basil Britt, Richard Keating, Catherine Hayward-Brown, Mons. Henry Nolan, Mary Donegan, Jack Molloy, John Ronan, Bart Fuller, Paul Wheelahan and Joseph Toohey.**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 November:** *For children who suffer: Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education, and may they have the opportunity to experience family affection.***Lamps Alight Women's Retreat – November 12:** The Dominican Sisters and Anima Women's Network invite you to a day of retreat at St Mary of the Assumption Parish, 152 Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs on Saturday 9.00am – 4.00pm. Fr Paul Rowse OP, Anna Krohn and Sr Mary Helop OP will present Pope St John Paul II's thought on the dignity of women and the order of love. Enquiries, contact Sr Mary Sarah OP melbourne@op-tn.org Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=968100&>**Liturgy Formation at South West Coast Parish – Sunday, November 13, 2022:** The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is hosting a Liturgy Formation Session at St Joseph's Gathering Space, Warrnambool on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon on the topics of Sunday Assembly of Word & Communion and Fr John McKinnon will present a workshop on scripture reflection. All welcome to attend. Registrations are now open at trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=974367&>**Challenges in establishing and maintaining a parish RCIA process Webinar-November 14:** Registrations are open for Catholic Initiation Australia Network's (CIAN) next webinar on Monday, 7.00pm – 8.15pm via zoom. This free webinar will involve presentations from CIAN's executive members experienced in RCIA: Lisa McKerr (Brisbane); Kathy Horan (Adelaide); Christine Wood (Hobart), and breakout groups for participants to discuss parish RCIA processes. REGISTER NOW!: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvcequrzMsHtFcmVq2noWDI6PP3Rq1dxJ3>**Red Wednesday – November 23:** *Aid to the Church in Need* (ACN) invites you to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to Mass for someone who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.**Online Disability Focus Group – November 24:** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Disability Project Office invites people with disabilities and carers of people with disabilities to be the core participants of a focus group to consider the Synod of Bishops Continental Report. This focus group meeting will be held on Thursday, from 3.00pm – 5.00pm via Microsoft Teams hosted by the Disability Projects Officer. For further information, email damiengardiner@catholic.org.au**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>. Make a monetary donation thro' 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.**Australian Catholic Bishops
Conference Prayer for
Prison Sunday***God of all life,
Your son called us to be
compassionate,
just as You are compassionate.
And so we pray:**For our generous Earth,
Who, even when mistreated,
continues to nourish and sustain us.**May we grow in mutual care.**For our suffering peoples,
Who, even when facing injustices,
teach us resilience and hope.**May we grow in mutual care.**For each one of us,
Who, in times of vulnerability,
draws on divine love and strength.**May we grow in mutual care.**For our prison ministries,
Which, in times of change,
find new ways of reaching out and
in.**May we grow in mutual care.
And may we be blessed and inspired**As we hear these words anew:**"For you had compassion
for those who were in prison."¹**In the name of Jesus,
gentle and humble of heart,
Amen.**1 Heb 10:34*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all the seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all are in fact alive.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 NOVEMBER 2022

ENDURANCE AND STEADFASTNESS OF CHRIST

While we may take belief in the resurrection for granted, it was not always so for the people of Israel. For most of their history the people of Israel did not believe in an afterlife, and if they did, it was the shadowy afterlife of Sheol where even God was not praised (Psalms 6:5; Isaiah 38:18). Both the first reading and today’s Gospel give us a glimpse into the development of Jewish belief in the resurrection. In the second century BC, the martyrs of the Maccabean revolt found the strength to endure torture and death because they trusted that the living God would give their lives back to them at the resurrection. In Jesus’ time, this belief was still not widespread. The Sadducees were one group who found the idea of the resurrection to be ludicrous. The Pharisees, however, believed in the resurrection, angels and spirits (Acts 23:8).

As a preacher of the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul knew better than most how difficult it could be to convince people of the truth of the Christian message. We hear the voice of experience when he observes that faith is not given to everyone. Misunderstanding and opposition were ever-present realities in his ministry of proclaiming the Good News. The Christians of Thessalonika are encouraged to remain steadfast in their faith, certain that the Lord is with them to guide, console and strengthen. Furthermore, they are called to support Paul’s ministry using their prayers.

FIRST READING

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig’s flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, ‘What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.’

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, ‘Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.’

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, ‘It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.’ The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man’s courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, ‘Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.’

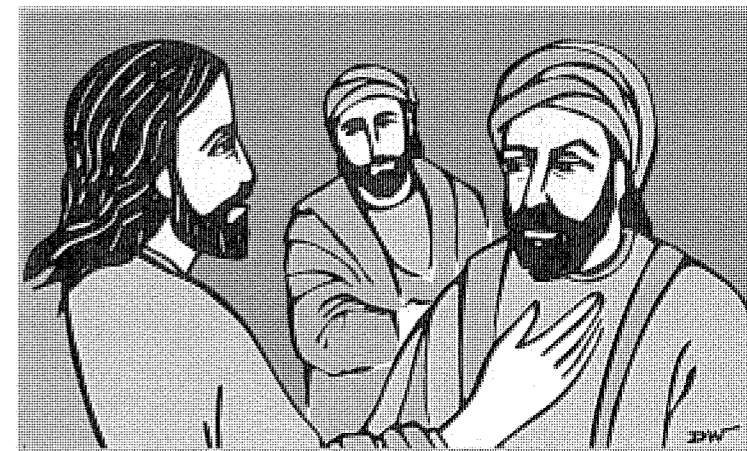
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v. 15

**R. Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.**

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, / pay heed to my cry. / Turn your ear to my prayer: / no deceit is on my lips. R.



2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths; / there was no faltering in my steps. / I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. / Turn your ear to me; hear my words. R.

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. / Hide me in the shadow of your wings. / As for me, in my justice I shall see your face / and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. R.

SECOND READING

2 Thess 2:16–3:5

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

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Christopher Monaghan CP