

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): ~ 12/13 November 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.sballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery: \$354.00	Parish: \$1980.00
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Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Welcome: We welcome Fr Kevin Maloney to the Parish of Gordon. Fr Kevin will celebrate mass at St Brigid's Church on 13 November at 8.45 am.

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: Mass this Thursday, 17 November at 10.30 am. All welcome.

Cemetery Mass – 27 November: Cemetery grounds open after 9am. Mass commences at 11 am. Limited seating

available, so, please bring a chair. If the weather forecast is for inclement weather, mass will be held at St Patrick's Church, Gordon.

Community Meeting: Fr Justin will convene a Community Meeting at the Gordon Church, Sunday 4th December after 9.45am Mass.

Christmas Gathering: Parish Dinner to be held on Tuesday 6th December at Donegan's Farm, 6.30pm; Cost \$30 per head. Please complete the *Christmas Dinner Booking Form* after mass or call the Parish Office on 53689280. All welcome.



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,

Marty Forbes, Chris Frawley & 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

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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$1120.00	Parish: \$535.00
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Parish Leadership Team: We welcome Chris Frawley to our Leadership Team. Chris will join Damien Ryan as the Parish representatives for the Bungaree community.

Pootilla Cemetery-13 November: Mass for the *Commemoration of the Faithful Departed* will be held at 9.30 am. All Welcome. If the weather forecast is for

inclement weather, mass will be held at St Michael's Church, Bungaree.

The 'Book of the Names of the Dead': Fr Sajan will be bringing the *'Book of the Names of the Dead'* to all masses during November, including the Pootilla mass. If you wish to update the death anniversaries listed in the Combined Newsletter, please email the Parish Secretary at: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au/

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
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		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree Cemetery – 9.30 am	Damien Ryan		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 8.45 am*	Margaret Green		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
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	Di Reynolds		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan		Holy Hour – 1st Thursday of every month
26/27 November 2022	1st Sunday of Advent (Year A) Isa 2:1-5, Rom 13: 11-14		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Helen Mahar		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon Cemetery – 11 am	Readers to be confirmed		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 8.45 am*	Catherine Green		

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



Anniversaries: Daniel Jones, Danny Hanrahan, Harold Cahir, Agnes Leonard, Robert Britt, Ted Holloway, Grace Bartaska, Bob Conroy, Valerie Adams, Dorothea Toohey, Matthew George, Frank Teuma, Catherine Keating and William Barry.

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.*

World Day of the Poor – November 13: The theme for Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor message for 2022 is "For your sakes Christ became poor (cf. 2 Cor 8:9)". The Pope's message begins: With these words, the Apostle Paul addresses the first Christians of Corinth in order to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need. The World Day of the Poor is a healthy challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us. Pope's message at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20220613-messaggio-vi-giornatamondiale-poveri-2022.html>

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 damien.gardiner@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.

St Vincent de Paul Society

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 would like to contact the St Vincent de Paul Society 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.

‘Take care not to be deceived’, he said ‘because many will come using my name and saying, “I am he”, and, “The time is near at hand.” Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

13 NOVEMBER 2022

THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD

Throughout the centuries people of faith have maintained that the history of the world is in God’s hands and that there will come a time when our stewardship of the world will be judged. But when will that day come, and how are we to prepare for it?

Malachi believed that the day would come in his own time. Centuries later the early Church came to believe that it was Jesus who would return as Lord and Judge. Some members of the community in Thessalonika expected that this return would occur at any moment. The problem that arose was that these Christians expected others to support them while they waited for the Lord’s return. To counteract this Paul draws their attention to his own practice of working wherever he preaches the Gospel. Such people are advised to follow his example and quietly return to their daily routine and Christian life not burdening others.

The passing of time has borne witness to the wisdom of Paul’s advice to the Thessalonians. Jesus had not yet appeared, and this gave rise to another set of questions. Jesus had spoken of the signs that would precede his return. Luke’s community late in the first century found themselves asking whether the turmoil and persecution of their own time were to be understood as signs that the Lord’s return was imminent. The response they are given is that the difficulties of this present time are an opportunity to give faithful and courageous witness. Two thousand years later this challenge is an enduring one for us all.

FIRST READING

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**
3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

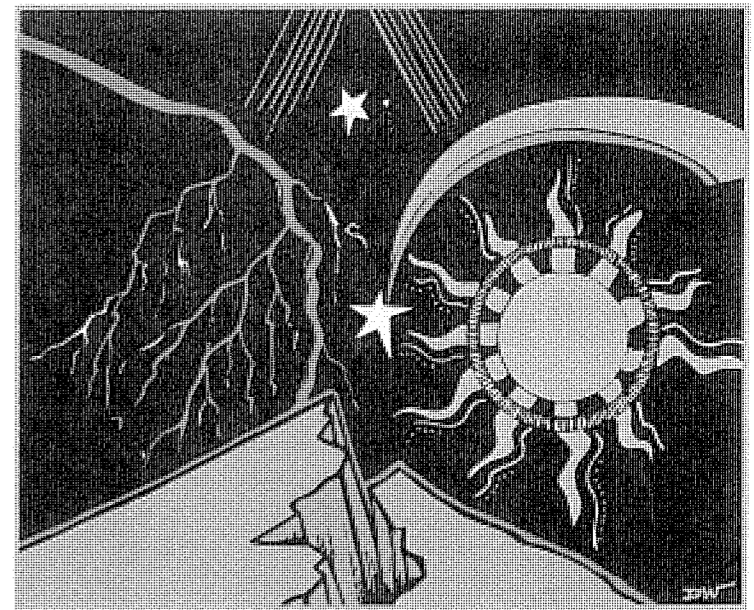
2 Thess 3:7-12

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

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone’s table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to



do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else’s. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, ‘All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.’ And they put to him this question: ‘Master’, they said ‘when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?’

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