

# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 14/15 January 2023



## 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, Nola Kersley

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 St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth: Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 5368 9495	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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### Collections last week

<b>Presbytery:</b>	<b>Parish:</b>
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**Thank You:** We sincerely thank all parishioners for their generous contributions towards the support and wellbeing

of our parish, and their recognition of the importance of the Bishop's Appeal this year.

**2023 Columban Art Calendar:** Cost: \$10. Calendars will be available in the New Year.

**Parish Office Closed:** The Parish Office will be closed during the first and second weeks of January. The Office will re-open on Tuesday, 17 January 2023.



## 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, Dianne 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 St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604		www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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### Collections last fortnight:

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$628	<b>Parish:</b> N/A
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**Christmas Dues:** \$240

**Thank You:** We are extremely appreciative of your generous donations to the Parish, and contribution to the Bishop's Appeal.

**2023 Columban Art Calendar:** Cost: \$10. Calendars will be available in the New Year.

**Thank You:** I wish to extend my sincere thanks to you for all the good wishes, gifts, assistance, and support that I have received from everyone over the Christmas season. Fr. Sajan Mathew

**Parish Office Hours:** The Parish Office will be closed during the first and second weeks of January. The Office will re-open on Thursday, 19 January 2023

	READER / INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES@ Bungaree 9.30 am
<b>21/22 January 2023</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Is 8:23 - 9:3, 1 Cor 1:10 - 13, 17</b>	
Clarkes Hill - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9.30am mass
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Ballan - 10.30 am	Julie Dargan		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
<b>28/29 January 2023</b>	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13, 1 Cor 1: 26-31</b>	
Springbank- 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9.30am mass
Bungaree - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Ballan - 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
<b>4/5 February 2023</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Is 58:7-10, 1Cor 2:1-5</b>	
Dunnstown- 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 9.30am mass
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Ballan - 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES					
	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
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 6.30pm - 1st Sunday ~ Daylesford 6.30pm -3rd Sunday Sunday Masses ~ Creswick 9am - 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sunday; Daylesford 10.30 am - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sunday					

Adoration of the Shepherds by Guido Reni Public Domain

**Recent Deaths: Cardinal George Pell, June Patricia Smith, Basil Torpy**

**Anniversaries: Joe Teuma, Shane Everard, William Greaves, Sam Borg, Kevin Mullane, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada, John Grabovic, Barry Conroy, James Crough, Lyndsay Daly, Catherine Maher, John McDermott**

**We offer our prayers for the sick:** Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson and John Healy

**Praying with Pope Francis:** The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at [www.thepopevideo.org](http://www.thepopevideo.org). **Pope's intention for January - For educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.**

**RCIA for Children:** We are inviting expressions of interest from parents who seek baptism for their children who are 7 years and older who have not yet been baptised. *Expression of Interest Forms* have been placed in the churches or ring the Parish Office (mobile: 0492903409).

**2023 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Expressions of interest are invited to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, June 11th - 24th 2023 - Jordan, Petra, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mt of Olives, Jericho, Qumran. Fully escorted, all-inclusive pilgrimage accompanied by Fr Justin Driscoll and arranged through Lifestyle Travel in Ballarat. Contact Fr Justin for further information (Daylesford 0448 220 685) or [info@lifestyletravel.com.au](mailto:info@lifestyletravel.com.au)

**Helping those affected by floods:** St Vincent de Paul Society has established a Victorian Flood Appeal. Contributions: 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.

#### Advance Notice:

**Rite of Election 2023:** Saturday, February 25 at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat. Lunch will follow in the Hall.

**Mass of the Oils 2023:** Monday, April 3 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 6.30pm. Supper will follow in the Hall.

#### Feasts this week



St Anthony, Abbot  
17<sup>th</sup> January



St Sebastian  
20<sup>th</sup> January



St Agnes  
21<sup>st</sup> January

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Jn 1: 29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 JANUARY 2023

## LIGHT TO ALL PEOPLES

Like Archimedes, there are times we can call out 'eureka' (I have found!) and know that we have come to a moment of understanding and insight about ourselves. In the first reading, the mysterious servant figure found in the book of Isaiah has arrived at such a moment. They have come to see that their ministry is not only to bring the exiled people of Israel back to their land and to their God but to stand as a light and beacon to the nations.

In a similar fashion, John the Baptist comes to understand himself most truly when he sees Jesus and can proclaim him as the Lamb of God. At that moment, he understands that his ministry's purpose is to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism of repentance is one that prepares the ground for the baptism of the Spirit which Jesus will give.

During the next seven weeks, the second reading will be taken from Paul's first letter to the community he had founded in Corinth. It was a vibrant and volatile community that was just as varied in status, nationality and wealth as the cosmopolitan city itself. The city was a hive of activity situated where trade routes north-south and east-west intersected. As Paul begins the letter, he is mindful of the international character of the city and of the early Christian movement itself and so it is with this insight that he prays with all those throughout the world who call with faith on the name of Jesus.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

**R.** Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

■ The word of the Lord.

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