

# Second Sunday of Lent (Year A): 4/5 March 2023

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Parishes, committed to  
safeguarding children,  
young people &  
vulnerable adults.

## 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, Brendan Maher, Nola Kersley, Mark Conlan  
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

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.sbballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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### Collections last week

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$310.25	<b>Parish:</b> \$676.50
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**Ballan Mass:** Mass at St Brigid's this Thursday, March 9th at 10.30 am. All are welcome.

**Preparing for Reconciliation:** The information evening for parents of children who are to be enrolled in the sacramental program for 2023 was held at St Brigid's Ballan on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm. In 2023 these children will prepare for Reconciliation during Lent, Confirmation during the Easter season and first Eucharist

during the 3<sup>rd</sup> term culminating in first communion on August 6<sup>th</sup> (Gordon) and August 20<sup>th</sup> (Ballan).

**Diocesan e-News:** The latest edition of the diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> The Pastoral Office invites parishioners to forward ideas for articles, photographs or stories related to Gordon parish events (historical and current) to the Parish Office.

Our Parishes  
acknowledge this land's  
traditional owners and  
custodians and pay our  
respects to Elders past,  
present, and emerging.

## 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> \$NA	<b>Parish:</b> \$NA
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**'School Enrolments:** Enrolments are now open at St. Brendan's, Dunnstown and St. Mary's, Clarkes Hill. Please contact the schools for a personalised tour. All welcome!

**Bungaree Sacramental Program:** If you wish your child to be part of the Bungaree Parish Sacramental program this year, please ring or email St. Mary's, Clarkes Hill by Friday, 17th of March and leave your phone number, child's name, age and let us know which sacrament/s they will be preparing for and receiving this year. Alternatively, ring the Parish Office on 0492 903 409 or email: bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au and leave your

details with Aileen. Reconciliation is offered for Year 2 children and older and children from Year 3 upwards are invited to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Once we have the numbers and set dates, we will be in contact. Ph 53345280 or email- [principal@smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

**Diocesan e-News:** The latest edition of the diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese. <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/> Interested in writing a story? Contact the Pastoral Office or Bungaree Parish Office for assistance.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>4/5 March 2023</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Gen 12: 1-4; 2 Tim 1: 8-10</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>11/12 March 2023</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12, 17-19</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	N. Jeffrey		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Catherine Green		
<b>18/19 March 2023</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 1 Sam 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5: 8-14</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Brigit Sims Family	Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month

## 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 / Ballan	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	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					



**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Leonard, Jack O'Donohue, Maureen O'Halloran, Maureen O'Donohue, Anne Quinlan, Fr Henry Nikel, Lil Wickson, Con Carey, William Rosenow, Bill Wheelahan, Tommy Simpson, Gert Cummins, Antal Boka, Matt Jamieson, Maurice Conlan, Gabrielle Johnson.

**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.

**Baptisms:** We pray for Oliver Paul Britt, son of Karl and Laiken, and Harriet Maeve Sarra, daughter of Anthony and Tiffany who will be baptised this weekend at St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown and welcome them into our faith communities.  
*Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

**Project Compassion Second Sunday of Lent – March 4 & 5, 2023:** Every week during Lent, Project Compassion shares with us the experiences of those they have assisted. This week, we learn about Thu from Vietnam. *'Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke.'* Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. Donation boxes and envelopes available from all churches, call 1800 024 413 or visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion>



**Lenten Biblical formation with Rosemary Canavan:** Thursdays after 10.30am Mass in Ballan on 16th, 23rd and 30<sup>th</sup> March. Participants will have the opportunity to explore with Rosemary for the Gospel used at Masses on the following Sunday. All are welcome.

**Enrolments open for Semester 1 at Catholic Theological College:** We have many areas of study that may be of interest such as John Henry Newman and the Church in the Nineteenth Century, Pastoral Leadership for a Safe Church and many online options. For more information contact: [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au) or visit [www.ctc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.edu.au)



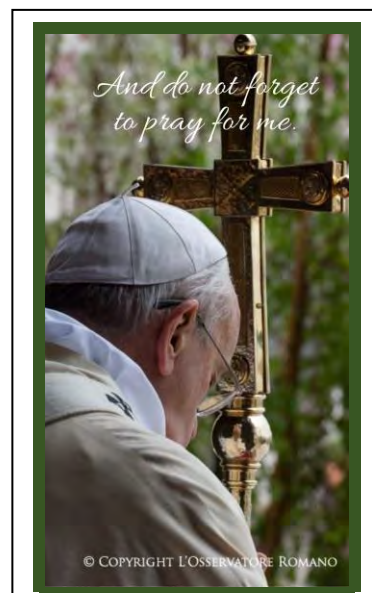
**Vinnies (Victoria) Back to School Appeal:** More than 1 million Victorian students headed back to – or started – school this year. For a rising number of their families, it's getting harder to find the funds to ensure that their children have everything they need in order to learn and grow. Vinnies Education (Back-to-School) Appeal is needed now more than ever. Go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/back-to-school-appeal-vic-2023>

**Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Patchewollock Final Mass:** The diocese invites all to attend the Final Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Patchewollock on Saturday, March 18, 2023. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR and Fr Anthony Nagothu, Parish Priest, will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm. Following Mass there will be a gathering at the Patchewollock Community Centre. Please bring food to share and drinks of your choice. Info at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/parish/ouyen/>

**A special prayer initiative for the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate:** Pope Francis will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> year of his pontificate on March 13, 2023. To highlight this milestone anniversary in a "viral" manner, the Digital Synod has launched a special online map featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him. Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Mary's <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>. The map with the 'little candles' which represent the Hail Mary's that are prayed for him will be sent to Pope Francis.

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

**Choir for Mass of the Oils 2023:** Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 3, 2023. Practice times are Sunday, March 19, Sunday, March 26 and Sunday, April 2 at 6.15pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.



light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / A

5 MARCH 2023

## TRUSTING THE PROMISE

At the beginning of Lent, it is not uncommon for people to feel discouraged or dissatisfied. Another year has come and gone and there is still much to be done as we get our spiritual house in order. Today’s readings converge as they give reasons not to lose heart in God or, perhaps more importantly, in ourselves because we are loved by God. Abraham and Sarah were prepared to set out on the greatest adventure of their lives in their old age. Such willingness to trust in God’s promises, despite the difficulties that lie before us, is at the very heart of the life of faith.

Prior to setting out for his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus instructed the disciples that a brutal death awaited him. They were discouraged and bewildered, fearful both for Jesus and themselves. In the midst of this Jesus takes some of them aside and goes up the mountain and is transfigured before them. Their fear is now replaced by terror, but Jesus comes and touches them, encouraging and empowering them for the road that lies ahead.

In a similar fashion, the second letter to Timothy invites him not to be disheartened by the challenges and difficulties that beset him. God’s grace and power have already been poured freely into our hearts. Since this is the case there is no need to be disheartened or fearful. Jesus’ death has already won the victory, all that is needed is for us to take heart and trust in the new life that has been promised to us.

## FIRST READING

Gen 12:1-4

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*The call of Abraham, the father of God’s people.*

The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your family and your father’s house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

‘I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.’

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful / and  
all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves  
justice and right / and fills the earth with his  
love. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, /  
on those who hope in his love, / to rescue  
their souls from death, / to keep them alive in  
famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord  
is our help and our shield. / May your love be  
upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in  
you. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:8-10

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul  
to Timothy**

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of



our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice  
is heard:**

**this is my beloved Son, hear him.**

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Mt 17:1-9

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.**

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the

### PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

**11-23 SEPTEMBER 2023**

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