

Palm Sunday (Year A): 1/2 April 2023

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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 (Wednesday/Thursday 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:

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$290.45	Parish: \$244.50
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Gordon Parish Office- Change of Office Hours:

The Gordon Parish Office is now open every Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

Sacramental Program: Reconciliation

Children's Reconciliation will be held at St Patrick's Church on Tuesday, April 4th at 7pm, and at St Brigid's Church on April 5th at 5 pm.

Gordon Leadership Team Meeting - Insurance: The Catholic Church Insurance notified the Parish of Gordon of significant increases in premiums due to storm-damage,

material costs and supply issues. Insurance payments place a burden on parish finances. The scope of the insurance ranges from replacement (R), modified (M) or liability (L). The Leadership Team has requested that 2023/2024 insurance premiums on church properties be published for the information of all parishioners. Total premiums for 2023/24 are \$20,849.50 (incl. coverage for consequential loss, accidental damaged etc.). St Patrick's Church – (R) \$9,719; St Michael's Church (M) - \$3,032; Springbank Former Convent & School (M) - \$2,287; St Brigid's Church (R) - \$3,506; Parish Office/Gordon Former Convent (M) - \$1,648.



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 (Tuesday 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

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$ NA	Parish: \$ NA
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Bungaree Parish Office - Change of Office Hours:

The Bungaree Parish Office has changed the day it is opened. It is now open every Tuesday, 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

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!

Anointing Mass:

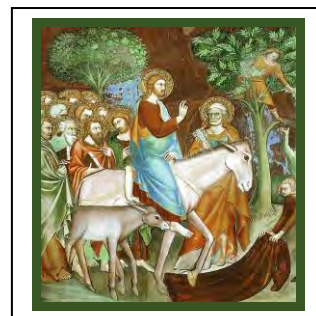
Fr Sajan will celebrate an anointing mass on **Tuesday, April 4th** at 9.30 am at St Michael's Church, Bungaree. All are welcome.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
1/2 April 2023	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Isa 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Eskdale Family	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
8/9 April 2023	Easter Sunday Rom 6: 3-11, Mt 28: 1-10		
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Dunnstown – 9 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan	Mark and Sue Conlan	Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month
15/16 April 2023	Second Sunday of Easter Acts 2: 42-27, 1 Pet 1: 3-9		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Rosemary & Michael Canavan	

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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 (5 pm from April 15th onwards) 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					

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Anniversaries: Eileen Sedunary, Mathew Cahir, Jim Flood, Ellen Murphy, Tom Everard, Sarah Molloy, Fran Coen, Nellie Conroy, Kathleen McGiffin, Monica Romsay, Monica Hryncyszyn, Reg Haintz.

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, John Healy and Elaine Conlan.

Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance, First Rite): In the Parish of Bungaree, Fr Sajan holds reconciliation every Saturday morning after 9.30 am mass at St Michael's Church, Bungaree. In the Parish of Gordon, reconciliation may be held on Thursday morning, before or after the 10.30 am mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan; however you must confirm your intention to hold reconciliation with Fr Justin by email at justin.driscoll@ballarat.catholic.org.au before the Thursday of that week. Reconciliation is available at St Patrick's Cathedral before Mass on Fridays at 11.00am and after Mass on Saturdays at 10.30am.

Mass of the Oils 2023 - Monday April 3: The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral at 6.30pm. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2023, the ordained, the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. Bishop Paul invites all members of the Diocese to this celebration, which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. 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 or ph. 5337 7159.

Bishop Bird Recently Announced the Following Appointments in the Diocese of Ballarat:

Fr Anthony Nagothu has asked to spend twelve months with the Oratorian Community in New York as a time for reflection on his ministry. I thank Fr Anthony for his generous service to the parishioners of Robinvale and Ouyen.

In view of Fr Anthony's move, I have appointed **Fr Shaiju Mathew MST** as Administrator of **Robinvale** and **Ouyen**. Fr Shaiju is currently Assistant Priest in the Parishes of Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs. His appointment to Robinvale and Ouyen will take effect on **April 20**.

In view of Fr Shaiju's move, I have appointed **Fr John Corrigan** as Assistant Priest in the Parishes of **Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs**. Fr Corrigan is currently serving in the Southwest Coast Parish. His appointment to Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs will take effect on **April 20**.

In the coming months, I will make further provision for the care of the South West Coast Parish.

Holy Land Collection – Good Friday, April 7, 2023

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection will continue to support the works of the Holy Land through the generosity of the Australian Church. Your donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds and in recent years, made all the more difficult by the pandemic.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

DAY	CEREMONY	BUNGAREE	GORDON
Holy Thursday April 6th	Mass	6.30 pm St Michael's	5.30 pm St Patrick's
Good Friday April 7th	Stations of the Cross		10.30 am St Brigid's
Good Friday April 7th	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3 pm St Michael's Springbank	
Holy Saturday April 8 th	Celebration of Easter Vigil	6.30 pm St Peter's	6.30 pm St Michael's
		8 pm St Michael's	
Easter Sunday April 9 th	Mass	9 am St Brendan's	10.30 am St Brigid's



MATTHEW

THE SAVING WORD

PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) / A

2 APRIL 2023

C. Barabbas.
N. Pilate said to them:
O. What am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?
N. They all said:
C. Let him be crucified!
N. Pilate asked:
O. Why? What harm has he done?
N. But they shouted all the louder,
C. Let him be crucified!
N. Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said:
O. I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.
N. And the people, to a man, shouted back:
C. His blood be on us and on our children!
N. Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.
 The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort round him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying:
C. Hail, king of the Jews!
N. And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.
 On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had

reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him. Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews'. At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said:

C. So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way, saying:

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, 'I am the son of God'.

N. Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice:

J. Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?
N. That is: 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?'
 When some of those who stood there heard this, they said:

C. The man is calling on Elijah,
N. and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. The rest of them said:

C. Wait! See if Elijah will come to save him.

N. But Jesus, again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

All kneel and pause a moment.

N. At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people.

Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said:

C. In truth this was a son of God.

Longer form, Mt 26:14-27:66

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FIRST READING Isa 50:4-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied, he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v. 2

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. / They curl their lips, they toss their heads. / 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him: / let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, / a band of the wicked beset me. / They tear holes in my hands and my feet, / I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

3. They divide my clothing among them. / They cast lots for my robe. / O Lord, do not leave me alone, / my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren / and praise you where they are assembled. /

'You who fear the Lord give him praise; / all sons of Jacob, give him glory. / Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Phil 2:8-9
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! / Christ became obedient for us even to death, / dying on the cross. / Therefore God raised him on high / and gave him a name above all other names. / Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Mt 27:11-54

N. The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (**N. Narrator J. Jesus O. Other single speaker C. Crowd, or more than one other speaker**)

N. Jesus, then, was brought before the governor, and the governor put to him this

question:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. Jesus replied:

J. It is you who say it.

N. But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him:

O. Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?

N. But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them,

O. Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas or Jesus who is called Christ?

N. For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message,

O. Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.

N. The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them:

O. Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

N. They said: