

The Most Holy Trinity (Year A): 3/4 June 2023

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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank
Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280; Out-of-hours: 0448 220 685
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: 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

Presbytery: \$481.80	Parish: \$ 139.20
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Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

10.30am Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 7th June Daylesford, Thursday 8th June Ballan,
Friday 9th June Creswick.

Parish Maintenance & Repairs:

The fence and front gates at St Brigid's Church were repaired and painted during March and April. Work on the Gathering Space's window frames and windows is ongoing.

The toilets at St Patrick's Church are currently being repainted.

Mass Count across the Parishes of Gordon, Creswick and Daylesford

Averaged attendance during the month of May, with special activities noted:
Ballan: 86 (Baptism and Sacrament of Confirmation)
Gordon: 66 (Baptism)
Springbank: 70
Creswick: 99 (Baptism and Sacrament of Confirmation)
Daylesford: 150 (Sacramental Preparation, Baptism and Confirmation).



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.
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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:

Presbytery: \$NA	Parish: \$NA
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Sacramental Program:

This year the Sacramental Program will transition from being school-run to being family-based, parish-coordinated and school-supported.
Our Parish Coordinator for the program is Dianne Reynolds, with the support of Fr Sajan, Inez French (Principal of St Brendan's and St Mary's Schools) and Louise Haintz.

Preparation for Reconciliation will be held on Monday, 19th June from 3.45-5pm at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown.
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, 22nd June at St Michael's Bungaree at 5pm.
Preparation for Eucharist and Confirmation will begin in Term 3 on Monday, 24th July, and will run for three consecutive weeks.
The mass for Eucharist and Confirmation will be held on Sunday, 13th August at 8.45 am at St Michael's Church, Bungaree.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
3/4 June 2023	The Most Holy Trinity Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13: 11-13		
Dunnstown - 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon - 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Sue & Mark Conlan	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
10/11 June 2023	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10: 16-17		
Springbank - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree - 8.45 am	Pearce Family		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Julie Dargan	Rosemary & Michael Canavan	
17/18 June 2023	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 19: 2-6; Rom 5: 6-11		
Dunnstown - 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon - 8.45 am	To Be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan - 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Holy Hour - 1 st Thursday of every month

LITURGIES / WEEKLY MASSES					
	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6pm* 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Ballan* Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan		Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Korobeit Sat 5 pm ~ 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					



Recent Deaths: Bill Adriaans (Ballarat, formerly Bungaree), Tom Hanrahan, Reiny Strybosch (Wendouree), Margaret Jonkergouw (Canberra, formerly Ballan). Note: Margaret Jonkergouw's funeral will be held at St Brigid's Church, Ballan next Thursday, June 8th at 10.30 am.

Condolences: We extend our sincere sympathy to Paul and Tracey McDowell and family on the death of Paul's father-in-law, Brian Patrick O'Donoghue, who passed away last week at Barwon Heads.

Anniversaries: George Pearse, Frank Brennan, Maureen Brennan, Sandra Briffa, Barry Wise, Stephan Brockman, Jean Bourke, Jim Wheelahan, Molly O'Neil, Angela Teuma, John Egan, James Terris, Nick Cassar, Heather 'Rose' Marisen.

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.

Baptism: We pray for Fletcher Jack Mahar, son of Luke and Emma, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Brigid's Church, Ballan. We welcome him into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Carrying Forward the Plenary Council

A resource and process outlined by the Implementation Plan of the Fifth Plenary Council has recently been published. It is a pastoral study guide of the commitments that conclude the introduction to each Decree, with exploratory questions for specific and local circumstances. This resource and local reflection are not contingent on the recognition by the Apostolic See and encourages an ongoing synodal pathway.

The invitation to continue the synodal journey is offered to all Catholic faith communities, which includes but is not limited to parishes, schools, dioceses, agencies, groups and movements. Community leaders are encouraged to invite members to gather and to consider one or more of the Council's decrees.

Our synodal pathway should include:

- community involvement: involving a variety of methods, including going out beyond the normal places and spaces of your community so as to seek thoughts, ideas and actions;
- process of discernment: drawing on the lived experience, wisdom, knowledge and contribution of all members of the community, in the context of prayer and reflection;
- prayer: time reflecting on Scripture and in prayer listening to the Holy Spirit.

The pastoral study guide can be accessed at the Plenary Council website [Plenary Council \(catholic.org.au\)](http://www.plenarycouncil.org.au). Copy available from Parish Office.



Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time.

Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

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. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for June - For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture & guarantee support to victims & their families. Lord, hear us.

ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice & pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms at

pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship

Closing Date 4 August 2023

GOSPEL

Jn 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL THROUGH GREECE AND TURKEY

11-23 SEPTEMBER 2023

Chaplain:

Fr Michael Goonan SSP,
Editor of *God's Word* and
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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY / A

4 JUNE 2023

GRACIOUS AND FORGIVING LOVE

The blessing ‘The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you’ is one familiar to us all. It may come as a surprise to know that it was originally the conclusion of Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians. The community was bitterly divided, and Paul wrote the letter to reconcile himself with a community that had become estranged from him and one another. He saw that they were all called to model their lives on the living God’s gracious, loving, and unifying nature.

The graciousness and life-giving character of God’s love have been seen throughout all of salvation history but seldom clearer than in the episode of the golden calf. Face to face with the living God on the holy mountain Moses feels it necessary to plead for the people of Israel and their idolatry. He knows their desperate plight but before he even pleads for the people God reveals that Israel’s God is one of compassion, tenderness, faithfulness, and mercy.

For people of faith there is always the danger that people hide from the living God because of fear in the face of failure and sin. Nicodemus is invited to understand that the power of God is most clearly seen in a love that will risk everything to bring us back, even the most precious gift of all, Jesus Christ. On this feast of the Trinity, these readings lead us to reflect on the nature of God that we celebrate - creative, saving and forgiving love.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said ‘let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dan 3:52-56. R. v. 52

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

Blest your glorious holy name.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.

R. Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

R. Glory and praise for ever!



SECOND READING

2 Cor 13:11-13

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Apoc 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: / to God who is, who was, and who is to come. / Alleluia!