

# The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Year A): 10/11 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	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections last week

Presbytery: \$436.85	Parish: \$1890.00
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**Thank You:** We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

### 10.30am Weekday Masses:

There will be no weekday masses held at Ballan for the next four weeks as Fr Justin will be away. Instead, the prayer service will continue at the regular time, Thursdays, 10.30 am at the Gathering Space, St Brigid's Ballan.

**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.

### Fr Justin Away

As Fr Justin will be accompanying the 2023 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land during June, he will be away for the next four weeks. We wish him and his fellow travellers an enjoyable, spiritually enriching, and safe journey through Jordan, Petra, Dead Sea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Mt of Olives, Jericho and Qumran.



## 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	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>
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### Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery: \$1069.80	Parish: \$885.00
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**Thank You:** We are extremely appreciative of your generous donations to the Parish collections.

### 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.

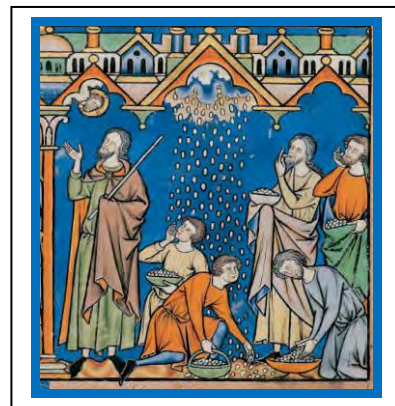
Preparation for Reconciliation will be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June from 3.45-5pm at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June at St Michael's Bungaree at 5pm. Preparation for Eucharist and Confirmation will begin in Term 3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

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
<b>10/11 June 2023</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10: 16-17</b>		
Springbank - 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree - 8.45 am	Pearce Family		Wednesday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Julie Dargan	Rosemary & Michael Canavan	Thursday - 9.30am Bungaree
<b>17/18 June 2023</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 19: 2-6; Rom 5: 6-11</b>		
Dunnstown - 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday - 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon - 8.45 am	To Be Advised		Saturday - 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan - 10.30 am	Winnie Zammit	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	
<b>24/25 June 2023</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20: 10-13; Rom 5: 12-15</b>		
Ballan - 6.00 pm	Rosemary Canavan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Clarkes Hill - 6.30 pm	Pat Prendergast	Kate Bennett	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Gordon - 8.45 am	To Be Advised		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 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					

*Manna reigning from heaven on the Israelites* Source: [Wikimedia](#) Artist: Unknown, from the Maciejowski Bible circa 1250  
Downloaded: <https://www.liturgytools.net/2017/06/pictures-body-and-blood-of-christ-corpus-christi-manna-from-heaven-living-bread.html>



**Anniversaries:** Kevin Dowsley, Joseph Cremona, Joan Clifford, Edna Quinlan, Georg Dimech, Paula Scott, James Jarvis, Leo Tuddenham, Brian Foley, Michael Davies, Kristen Canty, Elizabeth Nunn, Judith Dickinson, Daniel Greene, Myrtle Fuller, Margaret Hanrahan, Frank Cullinan and Ernie Auchettl.

**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.

**Baptisms:** We pray for Mia and Lily Pearce, daughters of Blair and Kelly, who will be baptised this Sunday at St Michael's Church, Bungaree. We welcome them and their family into our faith community. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

### **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](http://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.*

### **Refugee Week 2023 - Finding Freedom Luncheon:**

The House of Welcome Ballarat who assist Refugees, Asylum Seekers, students and those in need are holding a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June from 1.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, 107 Lydiard St Sth., Ballarat. There will be stalls, competitions and great company. Cost: \$25pp. To book, text your name to 0400 175 045 or email [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com). Donations can be made to House of Welcome Ballarat BSB: 633-000 Account No: 1440 44963.

### **ACU Centre for Liturgy launches Australian-first liturgy podcast:**

The ACU Centre for Liturgy proudly presents an exciting array of local and international experts who explore a wide range of liturgy-related topics. The podcasts feature thought-provoking discussions on Catholic liturgy, liturgical music, art and architecture, liturgy in Catholic schools & preaching. Listen at <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/institutes-academies-and-centres/acu-centre-for-liturgy/the-liturgy-channel>

### **CTC Teaching Meditation and Prayer:**

Catholic Theological College is running the online unit Teaching Meditation and Prayer over two Saturdays in June and two Saturdays in October. This unit offers an opportunity to develop skills to teach meditation and prayer in a variety of contexts. The emphasis will be on silent meditation and establishing places of silence in a contemporary context. It can be undertaken as part of an undergraduate or postgraduate award (incl the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation), as a single unit, or for personal enrichment (no assessment/credit) <https://ctc.edu.au/study/timetable/gctm-timetable/>

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



**GOSPEL**

Jn 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said. Jesus replied:

‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood

has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food

and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / A

11 JUNE 2023

## A PROMISE OF LIFE

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are invited to consider the sustaining love of God in the past, present, and future. Deuteronomy calls us to remember how God nourished the people of Israel in the desert. Amid great hardship on that long journey to the land of promise, it was the living God who provided the people with the means to overcome thirst and hunger.

In trying to help the Corinthians address the division among them Paul stresses the role the Eucharist has in the present. United with Christ's great act of self-giving, Christians are called to celebrate the source of their unity. Moreover, their participation is a solemn pledge to overcome division by working to reflect who they are, the body of Christ Jesus.

The future aspects of the Eucharist become apparent in today's reading from John's Gospel. It reflects how the early church had come to understand that the Eucharist they celebrated was the most precious of gifts. Unlike the manna in the desert, it is a source of life that will carry us through all of life's journeys and is a reminder, promise, and preparation of the eternal life that awaits us.

The Eucharist prompts us to remember God's sustaining acts in the past as a source of encouragement for the present. We are called to continue Jesus' mission and message by working for unity in the present to be ready and worthy to share in eternal life which has been prepared for us in the future.

## FIRST READING

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and to know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

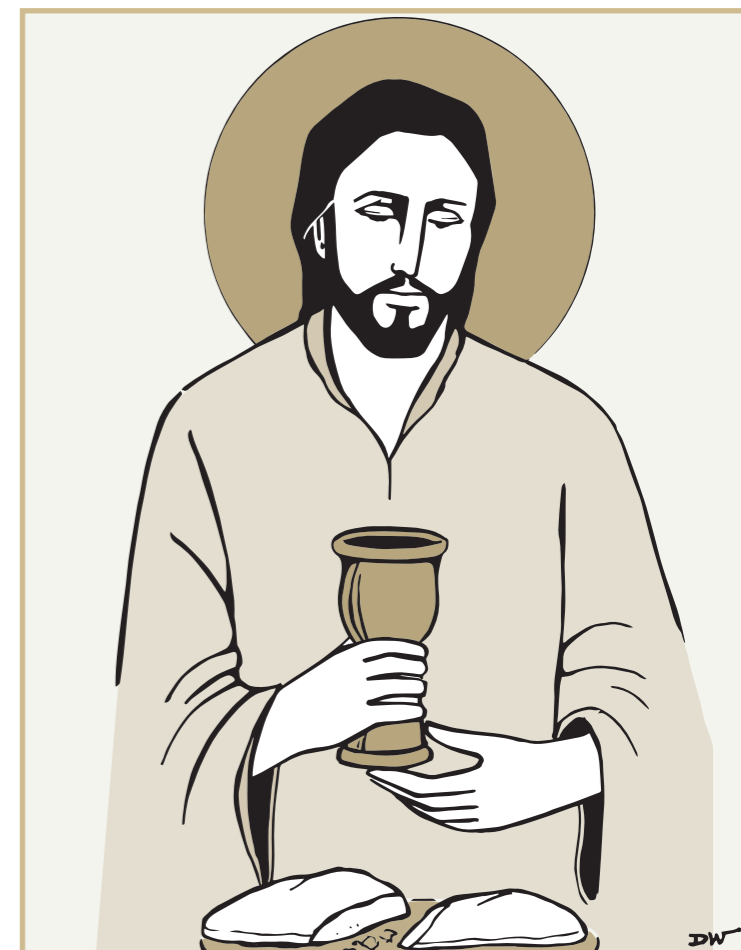
Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v. 12

**R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem. (or Alleluia!)**

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! / Zion, praise your God! / He has strengthened the bars of your gates, / he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

2. He established peace on your borders, / he feeds you with finest wheat. / He sends out his word to the earth / and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob, / to Israel his laws and decrees. / He has not dealt thus with other nations; / he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 10:16-17

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

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:51-52

**Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; / whoever eats this bread will live for ever. / Alleluia!**

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

# Refugee Week 2023

## Finding Freedom



### *Soup and Sandwich Luncheon*

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
1.30pm - Entry \$25**

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