

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 17/18 June 2023

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THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank
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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.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last week

Presbytery: \$526.40	Parish: \$4,137.00
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Thank You: We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Welcome:

We welcome Fr Denis Ryan who will celebrate mass this Sunday at 8.45 am at St Patrick's Church, Gordon and 10.30 am at St Brigid's Church Ballan.

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.

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
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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.

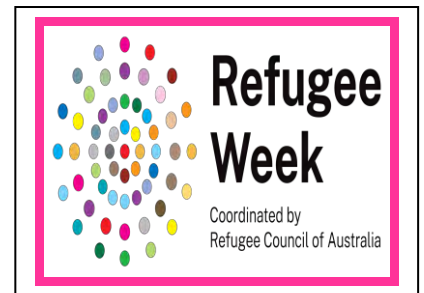
Preparation for Reconciliation will be held on Monday, 19th June from 3.45-5pm at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday, 22nd June at St Michael's Bungaree at 5pm.

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
17/18 June 2023	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ex 19: 2-6; Rom 5: 6-11	
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	Winnie Zammit	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
24/25 June 2023	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 20: 10-13; Rom 5: 12-15	
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Rosemary Canavan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohoe	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Pat Prendergast	Kate Bennett	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To Be Advised		
1/2 July 2023	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16; Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11	
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	To be Advised	To be Advised	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: Catherine Anne Wheelahan nee Carey (Bacchus Marsh)

Anniversaries: Andrew Prendergast, Doreen Britt, Barry Frawley, Clare Clancy, Barbara Rix, Alan Blake, Greg Plageman, Maurice Ryan, Timothy Canty, Jack Carey, Pat Carey, Kevin Everard, Norman Graham, Michael Wise.

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 William and Adelaide Gage, children of Benjamin and Bryden, and Harrison Roy Gunnell, son of Mark and Caitlyn, who will be baptised this weekend at St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown. We welcome them and their families 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. **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.*

World Refugee Day - June 20th:

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who

Every minute, twenty people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution or terror.

have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. Whoever they are, people forced to flee should be treated with dignity. Wherever they come from, people forced to flee should be welcomed. Refugees come from all over the globe - by plane, boat or travel on foot.

What remains universal is the right to seek safety. Whenever people are forced to flee, they have a right to be protected. Whatever the threat, everyone deserves protection. Everyone has a right to be safe.

Refugee Week in Ballarat: June 18-24, 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, June 21 from 1.30pm at the Uniting Church Hall, 107 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat. There will be stalls, competitions and great company. Cost is \$25.00 pp. To book, text your name to 0400 175 045 or email annekav1234@gmail.com. Donate to House of Welcome Ballarat BSB: 633-000 Account No: 1440 44963.

View the [Refugee Week Program for Ballarat](https://www.brmc.org.au/refugee-week-2023-ballarat-program/) at <https://www.brmc.org.au/refugee-week-2023-ballarat-program/>

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Celebrating Clergy Jubilees of Ordination

Mass to acknowledge priests celebrating a Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood will be held on **Tuesday, June 27th** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 5.00pm. Bishop Paul will be the main celebrant and con-celebrants will be priests of the diocese. All are welcome. You are invited to join the Choir for this Mass (downstairs). Practice prior to Mass at 4.30pm.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal focuses on older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance. Donations can be made on 13 18 12 at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> and all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

Prayer for Refugee Week

Lord, no one is a stranger to you,
& no one is ever far from
your loving care.
In your kindness watch over refugees
& asylum seekers,
those separated from loved ones,
those who are lost & those who have
been exiled from their homes.
Bring them safely to the place
where they long to be,
& help us always to show your
kindness to strangers &
those in need.

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

■ 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,
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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

18 JUNE 2023

SIGNS OF GOD IN THE TIMES

Reading accurately the signs of the times and then responding appropriately is seldom an easy matter. In coming to Mount Sinai, the people of Israel have arrived at a decisive moment, as today's first reading notes. They are called to remember how God rescued them and to pledge themselves to be faithful to their covenant relationship. By doing this each member will share in the priestly duties of bringing others to encounter the living God. Faced with the needs of so many people Jesus had also arrived at a moment of decision. The people were in desperate need of shepherds to care for them. His response was to appoint the Twelve to share in his ministry of healing and proclaiming the reign of God.

For Paul, the most important sign of the times was not the fact that all humanity deserved to be condemned as falling short of the mark. Rather, it was God's unexpected response to our need and powerlessness. Paul stresses our desperate plight in order to emphasise the marvellous gift we have been given in the saving death of Jesus. No greater proof could be found to show us God's love for all people than Jesus dying for us while we were yet sinners. From Paul's perspective, there was never a question of us meriting such an act of self-sacrifice. The death of Jesus is an invitation to wonder, hope and joyfully trust that whatever has ruptured our relationship with God has been healed.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ex 19: 2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus.

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99: 2-3, 5. R. v. 3

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. / Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might



be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near; / repent and believe the Good News! / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 9:36—10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'