

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 1/2 July 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; 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: \$288.25	Parish: \$4702.00
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Thank You: We are extremely grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to the Parish.

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

10.30am Weekday Masses: There will be no weekday masses held at Ballan while Fr Justin is away. Instead, the

prayer service will continue on Thursdays, 10.30 am at the Gathering Space.

Donations Welcome:

We thank all parishioners who continue to support the mission of the Church. If you are not a member of our Planned Giving Program but wish to make a contribution towards the Parish's pastoral programs and upkeep of our churches, our bank details are as follows: BSB: 633-000 Account No: 160 275 764 Account Name: St Patrick's Parish Gordon.



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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Closure of St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown

Dear Everyone
The staff and community received the news 2 weeks ago that St. Brendan's would be closing at the end of the 2023 school year. The children, parents, staff and wider community are all very sad. St. Brendan's have served the community of Dunnstown with Catholic education for over 160 years. Many families have had up to 4 generations go through the school.
Our numbers would be 8 next year with no children in prep, years 1, 2 and 6. The VRQA standards require no less

than 11 children for a nongovernment school so the low numbers of students are the reason the decision by DOBCEL was made.

When we all process the news over the holidays, we will move forward to focusing on the celebrations towards the end of the year that will be about reflecting on the past 160 years and all that has been achieved.

We will recognise the valued contributions of past and present families and staff.

Further details will follow.

Mrs Inez French

Principal, St Brendan's Dunnstown & St Mary's Clarkes Hill

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
1/2 July 2023	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16; Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
8/9 July 2023	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zech 9: 9-10; Rom 8: 9, 11-13		
Springbank	To Be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree	To Be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan	Julie Dargan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	
15/16 July 2023	15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 55: 10-11; Rom 8: 18-23		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		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	Eddie & Mary Cassar	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					



Artwork: *Jesus, the Living Water* by Troy Mardigan (Daly River), <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

Anniversaries: Jane Auchettl, Alma Mary Jones, Kevin O'Donohue, Isabella Senserrick, Ellie Mooring, Phil Collins, Ken Ludbrook, Mary Walsh, Peter Cochrane, Brian Murphy, Vera McGuigan, Joseph Paarhammer, Stan Mullane, Ken Tipple, Patricia Conroy, Daniel Joseph Toohey and James Hopkins.

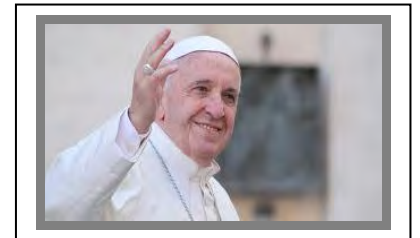
We offer our prayers for the sick: Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson, John Healy and Elaine Conlan.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 2 July 2023

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council has created resources that aim to inspire and support Parishes in their celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. For information go to: <https://www.natsicc.org.au/2023-atsi-sunday.html>

Annual Collection for the Pope – 24th/25th June 2023 or 1st/2nd July 2023.

Bishop Bird has invited all parishes to remember this year's Pope's Collection. This collection is traditionally held close to the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul (29th June 2023). Donations to the annual collection supports the work of the Roman Curia and funds the charitable activity of the pope around the world, especially in those places where the Church experiences greater difficulties.



Bishop Paul Bird Letter to the Parishes

Hello Everyone,

As I mentioned in a message on March 23, **Fr Anthony Nagothu** has asked to spend twelve months with the Oratorian Community in New York as a time for reflection on his ministry. Since April 20, Fr Anthony has been assisting in the Warrnambool region, in South West Coast Parish, while waiting for a visa for the United States. Fr Anthony has now received the visa and has arranged for travel to New York. He will conclude his time in South West Coast Parish on July 16. I pray for blessings on his time with the Oratorian Community. In view of Fr Anthony's move, I have appointed **Fr Abraham Thomas MST** to South West Coast Parish. I thank him for his ministry in the Cathedral Parish for the past eighteen months and pray for blessings on his ministry in Star of the Sea Parish. His new appointment will commence on July 20.



May Christ continue to guide us in our service of our parish communities.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society is lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinion.

If you know someone who would like to contact the St Vincent de Paul Society for assistance, contact details are:

The Ballarat Assistance Centre located at 6 Dawson Street South, Ballarat Central is open on
Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:00am to 12noon.

The Wendouree Assistance Centre located at 15 Violet Grove, Wendouree is open on
Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am.

For those who seek assistance but are unable to visit either Centre,
call the **St Vincent de Paul Vinnies Call Centre tel: 5334 2844** and

leave a message, stating name, address & telephone number, for a return call from a volunteer of St Vincent de Paul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

2 JULY 2023

GOSPEL MESSAGE BEFORE ALL ELSE

Anyone who has ever been on the receiving end of gracious hospitality in a time of need knows how marvellous it is to be trusted by a stranger. To be treated with respect by someone who does not know us is not something to be overlooked. In the case of Elisha, a woman's generous and attentive hospitality reaped a most unexpected reward, the promise of a child. In its early years, the Christian movement was going through a period of rapid growth and expansion. This meant that preachers were required to move from one community to another passing on the traditions of Jesus' sayings and teachings. To sustain such endeavours a network of hospitality was required. Today's Gospel reflects that situation. Both the missionaries, and the communities that would welcome them, were instructed about their responsibility for the Gospel message, and for each other. Jesus' call may sound harsh and uncompromising but what is being communicated is the need to put the Gospel message before all else, to follow in Jesus' footsteps and to share in his life.

After some twenty years of missionary work, of preaching, catechesis and founding communities, Paul reflects with the community in Rome on the meaning of our baptism as Christians. It is not simply a sign of entering a new community of faith but, at its deepest level, being brought into the saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The events of that first Easter are not simply foundational events to be gratefully remembered but must transform every aspect of our lives.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ **The word of the Lord.**