

19th Sunday in ordinary Time (Year A): 12/13 August 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
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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	\$530.10	Parish:	\$2861.00
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$6051.10			

Thank You: We sincerely thank all who parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Sacramental Program – Eucharist Masses

Congratulations to all the children who celebrated their baptism, confirmation and eucharist at St Patrick's last

Sunday. The next Eucharist Mass will be held at St Brigid's Church on August 20th at 10.30am.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Tuesday, August 15th

St Patrick's Church Gordon at 9.15am
St Brigid's Church Ballan at 10.30am
St Michael's Church Springbank at 5.30pm



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,
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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$NA
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Parish Leadership Team Meeting Update:

The Parish Leadership Team meeting was held last Monday, August 7th at 7 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery. Matters discussed included the forthcoming Sacramental Mass, review of Parish finances, and an overview of repairs and maintenance of parish properties.

Sacramental Program – This Sunday, August 13th

This weekend we welcome Bishop Paul to our Parish. He will be saying the 8.45am Sacramental Mass at Bungaree on Sunday. We ask that you pray for Billy, Jai, Lucy, Eliza, Sophie, Jai, Adele, Felicity, Evie, Kamden, Charlotte,

Matilda and Abigail as they receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

We would like to thank Dianne Reynolds for preparing and delivering the program that prepared the children. Over the past 3 weeks, the children and their parents came together each Monday afternoon for three 1hour sessions at St. Brendan's. This year we have begun the transition to run a sacramental program that is family based, parish coordinated and school supported.

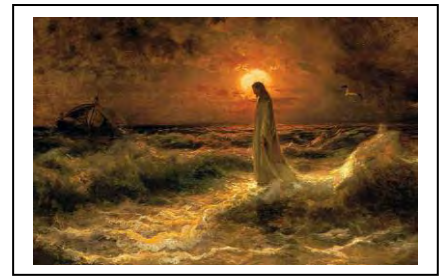
Diocesan e-News: Issue 2 2023

The diocesan e-News has been published with stories of news and events in the diocese. Go to:

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news-events/e-news/>

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
12/13 August 2023	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9: 1-5		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan	Jum Leahy & Julie Dargan	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
19/20 August 2023	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jane Bosworth	Mark & Sue Conlan	
26/27 August 2023	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19: 9, 11-13; Rom 9: 1-5		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Margaret Green	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Joan Powell	Julie Moran	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Gordon – 10.30 am	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					



'Christ Walking on Water' Julius Sergius Von Klever. Wikimedia Commons. Source <https://www.flickr.com/photos/100392349@N05/9558295431>

Recent Deaths: Dianne Molloy, Rose Thannhauser (Daylesford)

Funeral Mass Fr Frank Smith CSsR: The Funeral Mass for Fr Frank Smith CSsR will be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree at 10.30 am on Friday, August 25, 2023.

Anniversaries: Rene Hanrahan, Marie Therese Leonard, Kath Jeffrey, Bill McGuire, Leo Kelly, Sr Lawrence, Tom Parkin, Lorraine Polkinghorne, Celie Mullane, Eily Mahoney, Sam Galea, Joseph Barbara, Tom Clifford, Con Clifford, Sylvia Finlayson, Mary Lee, James Donegan, George Hamm, Anne and John Field and Frank Graham.

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

Praying with Pope Francis:

Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org.

Pope's intention for August – For World Youth Day: *We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives. Lord, hear us.*

Newman College Public Lecture:

Newman College is hosting a Public Lecture on "Holiness and Humanity - the life of St John Henry Newman" with speaker, Fr Roderick Strange. The Lecture will be held on Thursday, August 24 at 5.00pm at Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville, Victoria. Book at rsvp@newman.unimelb.edu.au or phone: 03 9347 5577.

McAuley House for Women and Children

McAuley House is celebrating 15 years since the establishment of McAuley Community Services for Women, following the merger of Mercy Care and Regina Coeli. Over the past 15 years McAuley House has supported more than 13,000 women and children. The demand for services remains high. McAuley House will continue advocating for real change that will allow more women and children to remain safely in their homes after violence and avoid homelessness and further disadvantage. A donation to McAuley House supports women and children to be safe and continue this important work. Scan or click the QR code.



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Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Online Study

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere, online. This low-cost (\$50usd) online study and formation for employed or volunteer lay workers in parishes is available through our partner, Dayton University. The next Cycle begins August 28. There are 41 subjects to choose from – find one that interests you! Registrations are open now until **21 August**. Scan or click the QR code for more information or email djurdja.klaric@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7121.



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



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

13 AUGUST 2023

THE LORD WITH US IN OUR STRUGGLES

Elijah comes to Mt Horeb because his life is at risk, and he is terrified and discouraged. Having lost hope, he fled into the wilderness to die, and yet it is here that he rediscovers his mission and vocation as prophet. In the turmoil that surrounds him he recognises the Lord's voice, and the promise of a new beginning, not in earthquakes or fire, but in a gentle breeze.

When Jesus' walks on the water towards the disciples his presence was first greeted with terror as their boat struggled with heavy seas and winds. His encouraging words calm their fears and lead Peter to take up his invitation to come to him across the water. His newly found courage is short-lived, but he has sufficient faith to call on Jesus to save him. Immediately, Jesus reaches out and brings him into the boat and calms the storm that threatened to engulf them all. In the life of faith there are moments when events and circumstances threaten to overpower us. In these moments we too need to hear the words: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

The next three weeks' readings from Paul's letter to the Romans reveal how he wrestled with a theological storm caused by Gentile acceptance of Jesus as their saviour while many people in Israel had rejected him. How could it be that a people who had received so many blessings had missed such an opportunity? Paul comes to appreciate how God's saving plan comes to fulfillment in ways we do not expect.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

I Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! / I hope in the Lord, / I trust in his word. / Alleluia!