

# 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 7/8 October 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  
Leadership Team: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke &  
Shane Carey (Gordon), Nola Kersley & Mark Conlan (Ballan)

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey  
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Wed/Thurs 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409  
✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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

### Collections last week

Presbytery	\$308.20	Parish:	\$524.30
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$10257.90			

**Thank You:** We are extremely appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners for their donations.

### Mid-week 10.30 am Masses:

Wednesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> Daylesford  
Thursday Oct 12<sup>th</sup> Ballan  
Friday Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Creswick

### Gordon Sunday Mass time:

Following consultation with the Gordon Mass community, the time of Sunday Mass will be **9.00 am** commencing

Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> and will continue each 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

### Vigil Mass time at St Brigid's Ballan:

Following the consultation with the Ballan community the monthly Saturday evening Vigil Mass held for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month will continue at **6.00 pm** with the commencement of daylight saving.

### Gordon Parish Leadership Team Meeting

The next Leadership Team meeting will be held this Wednesday evening October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the gathering area of St Brigid's Church Ballan.

**Forthcoming Events:** Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 11 am on **November 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Gordon Cemetery.



## 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  
Leadership Team: Damien Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown) Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill). Ex-Officio Member: Inez French.  
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409  
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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

### Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$NA	Parish:	\$ NA
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### Interested in Becoming a Liturgy Reader?

The Parish is updating the liturgy rosters for the next three months. If you attend St Michael's Bungaree and/or St Brendan's Dunnstown, and are interested in becoming more actively involved in weekend masses, please register your interest by completing the Ministry Roster Form placed at the back of the churches.

Alternatively, speak to Fr Sajan or contact the Parish Office. Contact details: tel: 5334 0450, 0492 903 409 or email [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)/ Thank you.

**Cemetery Mass** – Sunday, 9.30 am on **November 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Pootilla Cemetery.

**Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November** at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown from 2 pm onwards. More details to follow. Save the date!

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>7/8 October 2023</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan	Mark & Sue Conlan	Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
<b>14/15 October 2023</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 25: 6-10, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am* (new time)	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Rosemary and Michael Canavan	
<b>21/22 October 2023</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1: 1-5</b>		
Ballan – 6 pm	Tania Hoffman	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Helen Mahar	Joan Powell	Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Gordon – 9 am* (new time)	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, 9am *	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					



**Anniversaries:** Marguerite Eddy, Eileen Frawley, Frank Quinlan, Allan Smith, Ethan Seccull, Maureen O'Donohue, Joseph Patrick Rice, Thomas (Tom) Davis, Des Shanahan, Anne Snell, Mary Wheelahan, Cornelius Mahar, Maureen Ann Mullane, Josie Tudor, Sr. Patsy Ford S.R.M.

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

**Pope's intention for October – For the Synod:** *We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit toward the peripheries of the world. Lord, hear us.*



### Diocesan Social Justice Statement launch:

The Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission have released presentations for the diocesan launch of the Social Justice Statement 2023. In the lead up to the referendum, the BDSJC ask parishes to show their communities Bishop Paul's Message.

To listen to Bishop Paul message, go to the link:

<https://vimeo.com/866995548/f4cba17cf0?share=copy>

### October is World Mission Month

In his World Mission Day message for 2023, Pope Francis reminds us through Luke 24:13-35, “hearts on fire, feet on the move”, that the missionary journey of all disciples is that upon encountering Jesus, our hearts burn within, our eyes are opened and ultimately, our feet are set out on the way. Catholic Mission has launched the World Mission Month 2023 Appeal, highlighting the Work of Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste. Sr Carolina, who is the face of the awareness and fundraising campaign, is a great example of the devotion of missionaries, dedicating herself to providing critical healthcare services to the rural community of Venilale in Timor-Leste. After decades of journeying with the Venilale community, Sr Carolina can summarise her understanding of

Mission in a sentence: “Mission is where many people need you.” Through Catholic Mission, you are invited you to journey with Sr Carolina, and walk alongside the Salesian Sisters and the resilient community of Venilale. Parishes, schools, and supporters across Australia will be encouraged to provide resources for the Clinic to continue to provide life-giving services to the local community. You can contribute today by scanning the QR code or clicking the link.



### Faithful invited to pray for Synod of Bishops

The Vatican is asking all baptised people, regardless of whether they will be in Rome, to participate in October's assembly of the Synod of Bishops with their prayers. More information available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

### XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops



View the opening of the Assembly at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWmyLDrAExE>

Follow the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on these social channels:

Facebook: [@16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops](#)

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Visit the Vatican webpage at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html/>

Synod daily blog by Christopher Lamb at <https://www.thetablet.co.uk/>

### Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion

A reunion of SHC Ballarat East class of 1965 plus anyone who attended SHC, will be held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at GC's Ballarat from 11.00am – 3.00pm. To attend email [loisknights345@hotmail.com](mailto:loisknights345@hotmail.com) or 0419 902538.

### St Brigid's College Horsham Reunion

St Brigid's College Horsham invite past pupils of the classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013 for a reunion. The reunion will be held at St Brigid's College on Saturday, October 21 at 2.00pm. For more information scan or click the QR



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia! / I call you friends, says the Lord, / because I have made known to you / everything I have learnt from my Father. / Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mt 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

8 OCTOBER 2023

## BEARING FRUIT THAT WILL LAST

In the ancient Near East, the struggles involved in agricultural life were numerous and well-known, lack of water, poor soil, and rocky ground. In such a setting, Isaiah's image of the people of Israel as a lovingly tended vine was an extremely powerful one. How could God's own people, so dearly loved, produce only sour grapes?

This image formed the backdrop for Jesus' own parable of the wicked tenants and Matthew's reflection on it. The religious authorities gathered and were marshalling their forces against Jesus. Now the moment had come for him to call them to account for their tenancy. During Jesus' ministry, this parable was unsettling and provocative, but for the early Christians, this parable provided them with a filter through which to see and understand Jesus' violent death at the hands of his own people. It also gave them a means by which they could understand that the vineyard had passed into the hands of others.

At first sight, it seems a far cry from the disappointment and violence that underlie the parables of Isaiah and Jesus to the tranquil encouragement of Paul to the Christians of Philippi. A deeper look reveals that today's parables rightly challenge us to bear fruit. Paul, on the other hand, is concerned as a pastor to give some practical guidance as to how to go about it. The fruit of peace will be ours if we turn to the Lord in prayer and seek what is truly of value.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Isa 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend  
the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard  
on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,  
and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower,  
he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes,  
but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge  
between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard  
that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes.  
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you  
what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on,  
and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;  
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds  
to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,  
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## RESP PSALM

Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20. R. Isa 5:7

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; / to plant it you drove out the nations. / It stretched out its branches to the sea, / to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**



2. Then why have you broken down its walls? / It is plucked by all who pass by. / It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, / devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, / look down from heaven and see. / Visit this vine and protect it, / the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

4. And we shall never forsake you again: / give us life that we may call upon your name. / God of hosts, bring us back; / let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Phil 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

■ **The word of the Lord.**