

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 21/28 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
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Shane Carey (Gordon), Nola Kersley & Mark Conlan (Ballan)

Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
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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
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Collections last week

Presbytery	\$370.00	Parish:	\$502.00
Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$11159.90			

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

Ballan Mid-Week Mass: 10.30am, Thursday October 26th.

Gordon Parish Sacramental Team meeting

Thursday October 26th 1.30pm at St Patrick's School in Gordon. A review of the sacramental preparation and

celebrations will be undertaken and then planning for the 2024 year.

Forthcoming Events:

Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 11 am on **November 19th** at the Gordon Cemetery.

All Souls Day Masses Thursday November 2nd

10.30am Mass in Ballan followed by morning tea then to the Ballan Cemetery for a blessing of graves.

5.30pm Mass in St Francis Xavier Chapel at the Eganstown 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.
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Parish Schools

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St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280
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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/ Thank you.

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

Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday, 25th November

at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown from 2 pm onwards. Fun activities and games, afternoon tea followed by official proceedings. The carvery dinner (\$10 adults, \$5 children) commences at 6 pm, RSVP by Nov 11th. More information is available from the diocesan website

<https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/pnews/celebrating-the-end-of-an-era-at-st-brendans-primary-school-dunnstown/> Flyers - **Celebrating the End of an Era** - have been placed in all churches.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
21/22 October 2023	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isa 45: 1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1: 1-5		
Ballan – 6 pm	Tania Hoffman	Jim Leahy & Julie Dargan	Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Helen Mahar	Joan Powell	Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am* (new time)	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
28/29 October 2023	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 22: 20-26, 1 Thess 1: 5-10		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Mark Conlan	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue	
4/5 November 2023	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 9 am* (new time)			Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jayne Bosworth	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka	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, 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					



Recent Deaths: Chris Haintz (Ballarat North), Clare Madden (Windermere)

Anniversaries: Phil Sherry, Gwen Bennet, Des Torpy, Joan Auchettl, Mary Hamm, Constance (Connie) Edwards, William Mahar, Ellen Muriel Doyle, William Gleeson, Una Shanahan, Constance Gleeson, Brendan McTigue, Dorothy Conlan, Carmen Duca.

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.

Laudate Deum – Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis

Pope Francis released ‘Laudate Deum’, his apostolic exhortation on the climate crisis. Officially titled, ‘Laudate Deum: To all the People of Good Will on the Climate Crisis’, the exhortation is a sequel to his exhortation, ‘Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home [2015]. Laudate Deum and further resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/laudate-deum-apostolic-exhoration-of-pope-francis/>

World Mission Sunday THIS SUNDAY – October 22

Inspired by the Pope's message for World Mission Sunday, this year Catholic Mission is raising awareness of the life-giving work of lay and religious missionaries around the world with the theme "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move". In his message, Pope Francis reflects on the resilience that everyday missionaries demonstrate in their life-giving work and the burning passion for God and people that inspires their hearts. Dedicating their lives to others, in partnership with communities, missionaries aim to create a positive change through spiritual care and the implementation of grassroots projects, such as healthcare and education, reaching far beyond Catholic communities. To support missionaries in their work or for more information, scan or click the QR code for more information. Appeal envelopes can be picked up from the churches.



National Children’s Week: October 21-29, 2023



Children’s Week is an annual event. Children’s Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood. The Children’s Week National Theme for 2023 is based on UNCRC Article 31: *Children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy.* The Children's Week Council of Australia have developed a range of activities and tip sheets to celebrate the week and promote children's rights awareness. Scan or click the QR code for more information.

Liturgy Formation at Ballan – Sunday, November 5, 2023

Bishop Paul and the Diocesan Liturgical Commission invite parishioners of the communities of Ballan, Bungaree, Clarkes Hill, Dunnstown, Gordon and Springbank to a workshop after 10.30am Mass at Ballan on Sunday November 5th. Lay led Assemblies of the Word and Holy Communion are celebrated when a priest is not available to celebrate the Eucharist with the community. They may be celebrated occasionally or scheduled regularly to enable the local faith community to continue to gather on Sundays.

Leadership of the Sunday Assembly of Word and Holy Communion is shared amongst several designated and commissioned leaders, together with the Readers, minister of the Eucharist and music ministries who are rostered as usual. Resources for the liturgy are provided by the Diocese.

The workshop is open to all to come and learn about Sunday Assemblies so that each community can be ready to celebrate them should the need arise. The day will commence with 10.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul and continue through the afternoon with a series of different workshops, concluding at 4.30pm. Lunch will be provided. All welcome to attend.

The program for the day and registration information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au. Register by clicking on scanning the QR code or register on the (green) sign-up sheets in the church foyers/gathering space or contact Aileen in the Office, email or phone.



Alleluia, alleluia! / Shine on the world like bright stars; / you are offering it the word of life. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

22 OCTOBER 2023

FAITH IN ACTION

Jesus was certainly caught on the horns of a dilemma as he faced the hostile demands of his opponents in Jerusalem. The Pharisees as religious authorities had combined with the Herodians (those who supported the Roman-backed Herod) to trap him on the question of payment of taxes. Jesus' response not only unmasks their hypocrisy but demonstrates his adroitness in dealing with a particularly pointed question: 'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.' Stated like this it all seems clear; the problem arises when we must determine what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. What is the proper response for a Christian?

Today's readings warn us that false dichotomies are to be avoided between faith and the world. Isaiah reflects on the way Cyrus, the great ruler of Persia, is an unwitting instrument of God's will. In other words, God is at work in the world in ways that are unseen and often unnoticed. Consequently, if God is at work in the world the person of faith is called not to withdraw from the work but to transform it.

As far as Paul is concerned, the community of Thessalonica is a living example of what it means to be Christian in the world. Their faith has been expressed in actions seen in their working together in love, and persevering through hope. Living in the Roman empire they are praised for their ability to give both to Caesar and to God.

FIRST READING

Isa 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / Tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, / to be feared above all gods; / the gods of the heathens are naught. / It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, / give the Lord glory and power, / give the Lord the glory of his name. / Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. / O earth, tremble before him. / Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' / He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:1-5

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

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

■ The word of the Lord.

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