

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Yr A): 25/26 November 2023

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Parishes, committed  
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children, young  
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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  
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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	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:	☎ 5368 1015	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections last week

<b>Presbytery</b>	\$689.05	<b>Parish:</b>	\$162.00
<b>Financial Year to Date: Parish: \$16521.90</b>			

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

### Ballan Mid-Week Mass:

Next Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am. Followed by Advent Scripture reflection with Rosemary Canavan. All parishioners are welcome to this advent series.

**Gordon Cemetery Mass:** We thank everyone involved in organising the cemetery mass last Sunday, especially Pat Barry, Monica Eastwood, Maria Donegan, Therese Winter

and Donna Simpson. Also, thanks to those who provided logistical support including Neil Eastwood & Chris Tudor, Shane Carey, Micky Winter, Tony Lynch and Maurice Maher. Special thanks to Fr Wally who made it such a special day.

### Parish Survey Form:

The Parish Leadership Team would like your feedback. A one-page survey form can be picked up at all churches or will be forwarded to you by email. The completed form can be emailed to the Parish Office, placed in the box at the church foyer/gathering space for collection, handed directly to Fr Justin or mailed to the Parish Office c/- Parish of Gordon, Gordon Post Office 3345.



## 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	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280		<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604		<a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections last fortnight:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$1049.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$599.00
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**Thank You:** We are very grateful to all our parishioners and visitors for their contributions to these collections.

### Pootilla Cemetery Mass:

We thank everyone responsible for ensuring that last Sunday's memorial mass on 12<sup>th</sup> November was such a

successful celebration, particularly Damian Ryan, Maurice Maher and Marty Forbes. Special thanks to Fr Sajan.  
**Anointing Mass** – St Peter's, Clarkes Hill on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm.

**Celebrating the End of an Era – Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November** at St Brendan's School, Dunnstown from 2 pm onwards. Fun activities and games, afternoon tea followed by official proceedings. All are welcome to attend.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
<b>25/26 November 2023</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28</b>		
Ballan – 6 pm	Michael Ryan	Tony & Edith Paarhammer	Tuesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Julie Moran	Jill Prendergast	Wednesday – 9.30 am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am*	To be Advised		Thursday – 9.30 am Bungaree
<b>2/3 December 2023</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Isa 63:16-17; 64: 1, 3-8</b>		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dorothy Sheehan		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Bert Jarvis	Mark & Sue Conlan	
<b>9/10 December 2023</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Isa 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3: 8-14</b>		
Springbank – 6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Julie Dargan	Michael & Rosemary Canavan	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					



<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/our-lord-jesus-christ--king-of-the-universe.html>

**Recent death:** Agnes Hughes

**Anniversaries:** Mary Molloy, Doreen Conroy, Troy Toohey, Mary O’Leary, Fredrick Giles, Frank O’Loughlin, Kevin Glenane, Basil Maher, Kath Murphy, Andrew Lund, Jack Glenane, Francis Maher, Ed McDonald, Tommy McGuane, Peter McDermott, Winnie Leonard, Kevin Hanrahan.

**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, Lorraine Tipple.

**Thank You:** We thank the Pootilla Cemetery Trust and the Gordon Cemetery Trust for their management of our local cemeteries. The parishioners of Bungaree and Gordon are extremely grateful to the men and women who volunteer to maintain the cemetery grounds and very appreciative of the work required to ensure the cemetery grounds looked so well during November. The glorious weather helped as well!

**Christmas Gathering - Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** This year’s Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 3rd at Donegan’s Farm at 6.30pm; Cost \$30 per head. Please complete the *Christmas Dinner Booking Form* after mass or email the Gordon Parish Office at [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or leave a message on the Gordon Office landline at 53689280. All are welcome to attend especially parishioners from our neighbouring parishes.

**Ordination to the Diaconate:** Seminarian Cay Trinh will be ordained Deacon for the Diocese of Ballarat on Saturday, December 16 at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. All welcome. Mass will be livestreamed. Link to be advised.

**Choir for the Ordination to the Diaconate Mass for Cay Peter Trinh – Saturday, December 16, 2023**

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for Cay Trinh’s Ordination to the Diaconate Mass on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at St Patrick’s Cathedral Ballarat at 10.00am. Practice times are Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 10 at the Cathedral (times to be confirmed). There will also be a run through prior to Mass on December 16. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

## Parish of Gordon

### Sacramental Program 2024

The sacramental program for the Parish of Gordon will be available for children in Year 4 and above who are baptised Catholic. The program will include Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist. All enrolments for involvement in the 2024 sacramental program are due prior to Friday 15th December, 2023. Enrolment forms can be collected from St Brigid’s Primary School, St Brigid’s Church, St Patrick’s Primary School and St Patrick’s Church. Payment of \$70 is required at the first parent information session.

**Reconciliation**

- Parent Information Session: 21/02/24 @ 7:00pm
- Location: St Brigid’s Primary School, Ballan
- Celebration of Sacrament: 19/03/24 @ 5:30pm
- Location: St Brigid’s Church, Ballan

**Confirmation**

- Parent Information Session: 23/4/24 @ 7:00pm
- Location: St Brigid’s Primary School, Ballan
- Celebration of Sacrament: 19/05/24 @ 10:30am
- Location: St Brigid’s Church, Ballan

**Eucharist**

- Parent Information Session: 24/07/24 @ 7:00pm
- Location: St Patrick’s Primary School, Gordon
- Celebration of Sacrament: 18/08/24 @ 10:30am
- Location: St Brigid’s Church, Ballan

As part of the sacramental program, children and families will be required to attend Dismissal Masses for each sacrament.

### RCIA for Children 2024

We are inviting expressions of interest from parents seeking baptism for their children who are 7 years and older and have not yet been baptised. Children baptised in another Christian tradition are welcome to join the Christian initiation process. Where a request for baptism of children is made, and neither parent is Catholic, parent(s) will be invited to participate in the RCIA process.

To facilitate this process, all enrolments are required to be submitted prior to Friday 15th December, 2023. This will ensure that we can adequately prepare and create a memorable and spiritually enriching ceremony for your child.

Enrolment forms can be collected from St Brigid’s Primary School, St Brigid’s Church, St Patrick’s Primary School and St Patrick’s Church. Payment of \$100 is required upon submitting enrolment form.

**Parish of Gordon Contact Details**

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He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of the duties of a king in the ancient world was that of being the judge of the highest court in the land and the last court of appeal for anyone seeking justice. In the readings for today, we are invited onto a large stage to witness a drama in which the lives of individuals, nations, and all forms of authority and power, must stand before God's judgement.

In Ezekiel, the cries and suffering of the people have not gone unnoticed by God. The religious leaders had proved themselves to be unworthy and God will now provide the care and leadership that had been entrusted to them. Using the beautiful image of the shepherd who shelters, comforts, and heals, Ezekiel shows how God's judgement and rule are accompanied by loving care for those who suffer.

For his part, Paul reflects on the role of Jesus in the larger scheme of salvation history. The resurrection of the Lord had convinced him that a new age, a new creation was dawning. Jesus had been exalted as Lord and King and his rule would last until death had been conquered. Then he will offer a renewed creation back to God the source of all.

The fascinating development in the Gospel passage is that we are called to share in the development and growth of the kingdom by means of our loving concern for others. The responsibility of caring for the flock is one in which we are all called to share, and it is on this basis that we will be judged.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. **R.**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. / He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

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

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way



the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.