

Pentecost Sunday (B): 18/19 May 2024

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF BUNGAREE AND GORDON

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree
St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Our Parish acknowledges this land's traditional owners & custodians and pay our respects to Elders past, present, & emerging.



We are child safe Parishes, committed to safeguarding children, young people & vulnerable adults.

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll, Assistant Priest: **Fr Matt Restall**
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Parish Leadership Teams

Bungaree: Damian Ryan & Chris Frawley (Bungaree) Barry Sheehan & Dianne Reynolds (Dunnstown)
Dom Prendergast & Marty Forbes (Clarkes Hill).

Gordon Parish: Sue Daly & Brendan Maher (Springbank), Joan Bourke & Shane Carey (Gordon), Mark Conlan & Jim Leahy (Ballan).

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

Collections Bungaree:

Presbytery: \$NA		Parish: \$NA
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Collections Gordon:

Presbytery: \$558.05		Parish: \$455.00
Financial Yr to Date: \$34715.15		

We are very grateful to all our parishioners for their contributions to these collections.

Mid-week Masses

St Brigid's Ballan Thursday May 23rd 10.30am
St. Michael's Bungaree on Friday, May 24th at 9.30am
St Alipius' Ballarat East, 9.30am Tuesday – Saturday.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the Gordon parish is celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation at the 10.30 am Mass at St Brigid's Ballan, with our children who have been part of the Parish coordinated, family based and Catholic school supported sacrament program.
We welcome all families and friends who have come to celebrate with us. Thank you to Therese Winter who

coordinates the sacramental preparation for the Gordon parish. We also thank Jayne Bosworth and Paul McDowell, the Principals of our two parish schools as well as Libby Jerram, the Religious Education Leader at St Pat's Primary in Gordon. We pray for all of our children as they celebrate these sacraments of initiation.

Mass Count: The Annual Diocesan Mass Count May. This week the Mass count will be for attendance at Dunnstown, Gordon and Ballan. Counting forms have been placed in the Churches. Please nominate parishioners who will record the count for every Mass held in the parish on each of the four weekends. The completed form/s must be returned to the Parish Office by the end of the month.

Pope's intention for May – for the formation of men and women religious and seminarians: Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel. Lord, hear us.

MASS DATES & TIMES	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY
18/19 May 2024	Pentecost Sunday Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Rosemary Canavan	Lorraine DeSpirt & Vikki Boka
25/26 May 2024	The Most Holy Trinity Deut 4: 32-34, 39-40, Rom 8: 14-17	
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Marty Forbes	Joan Powell
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb	Kelly Hunter and Family
1/2 June 2024	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Trish Ryan	
Gordon – 9 am	To be Advised	
Ballan – 10.30 am	Tania Hoffman	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES					
	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Saturday 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sunday 8.45am, 9am*	Gordon*	Bungaree	Gordon*	Gordon*	Bungaree
Sunday 10.30am	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday Masses ~ Ballarat East 9am ; Buninyong 10.30 am (1st & 3rd & 5th Sunday) Vigil Mass ~ Ballarat East 6pm; Sunday Masses ~ Buninyong 9am ; Ballarat East 10.30 am (2nd & 4th Sunday)					

Recent deaths: Mary Conroy (Funeral Mass at Ballan at 11am on Monday 20th May)

Anniversaries: Lillian Cullinan, Bill Deveraux, Tom Owens, James McDermott, Bryan Frawley, Fr. Bill Moroney, Jack Mahar, Mary Smith, Stan Maher, William Borchert, Iala Wise, Albert Henry Jarvis, Keith Holmes, Nell Wise and Peter Davies.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, John Healy, Elaine Conlan, Karem Chiparra, Evelyn Farrugia, Pat Burvill, Patricia (Patty) Gannon, Ray Broach, Owen Widdison and (baby) Mia Hanrahan.

Baptisms: We pray for Frankie Mae and Tommy George Haintz, children of Brant and Taylor; Odie Jack Anderson, son of Lucas and Alarna; and Archer Thomas Davie, son of Alexander and Bianca who will be baptised this Sunday in St Patrick's Church Gordon. We welcome them into our faith communities. *Lord God, strengthen your spirit in them, so that they may walk in the newness of life.*

Golden Jubilee: On May 24th Fr Michael O'Toole who was our Parish Priest for so many years of his ministry, marks his 50th year of dedicated service to the Church and our Diocese. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and sincere thanks to Fr Michael O'Toole. We have arranged for a card and a small token of our appreciation to be sent on behalf of the Parish of Gordon.

Parishes of Bungaree and Gordon - Safetrac compliance online training

The Safetrac online training has commenced. Volunteers notified by email are requested to complete the training module, "Creating a Child Safe Organisation" before the closing date. Some parishioners have reported problems logging into the Safetrac portal. Please read the instructions carefully. If you cannot log-in to Safetrac Enrolments, ring Aileen on 0492 903 409 so she can inform the Professional Standards Office.

Who needs to complete the Safetrac compliance online training?

All parishioners who undertake volunteer roles including Ministers of the Eucharist, liturgy preparation and music, readers, sacristans as well as Ministers of Communion to the Sick are required to complete this training. Volunteers who do not have an email address or would prefer to join a small group to complete the training course are asked to attend a training session in person. One training session will be held in the Gathering Space, Ballan on Thursday, May 30th at 11.30am (after the 10.30 am mass), and another training session will be held in the Parish Office, Bungaree Presbytery on Friday, June 1st at 10.30 am (after the 9.30am mass). No need to bring anything, except yourself. All materials and resources available on the day. If you have any questions, please ring Aileen on 0492 903.

Commissioning Rite for Pentecost Sunday 2024

Presentation of members of the community who have particular ministries in our community who engage in particular ministries in our parishes will be invited to stand to be commissioned for their service.

Presider:

Dear friends, we acknowledge these members of our parish who have responded to the call to particular ministries within our community and wish to recommit themselves to service.

Will you undertake your role with humility and love? **R: I will.**

Will you strive to give an example of Christian living? **R: I will.**

Will you seek to grow in holiness through serving those in need? **R: I will.**

In your ministry, will you observe Christ's command that we should love one another as he has loved us? **R: I will.**

Presider:

Dear friends, let us ask God to bless these members of our parish, commissioned for particular services in our community and let us pray for blessings on us all.

We pray for a few moments in silence.

Presider: Gracious God, we ask you to bless these members of our community in their varied roles of service in our parish. May Christ be with them in their ministries day by day. We ask you to bless us all. May your Spirit enlighten our minds and guide our actions that we may be renewed in faith, united in love, and play our part in the mission of your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful / and kindle in them the fire of your love. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth,

since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt;

and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,

since all he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine;

that is why I said:

All he tells you

will be taken from what is mine.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

PENTECOST SUNDAY / B

19 MAY 2024

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Today's first reading begins with the words: 'When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place.' (Acts 2:1). Earlier in 1:13-14 we learn that with them 'were certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers'. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer (v. 14). It is in this context of a community in prayer that there arose the sound of a powerful wind and something like tongues of fire came to rest on them as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately they were changed, boldly proclaiming the good news in language understandable to all. Our reading finishes with the list of places people had come from. A very pertinent question is asked in the verse following today's reading: (v. 12) 'What does this mean?' It is a question as much for us as for them.

Paul's Letter to the Galatians entreats us to live lives 'directed by the Spirit' – lives in which the fruits of the Spirit unfold and blossom, the fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and goodness.

John's Gospel names the Spirit 'the Advocate' and 'Spirit of Truth' who issues from God. Believers in the risen Christ are not alone. The Advocate who witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ, will lead believers to the complete truth: 'And you too will be witnesses'. From then till now believers are filled with the Holy Spirit and are to be witnesses to the truth of Jesus and the Good News. Our lives will be recognisable by the fruits of the Spirit.

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (or Alleluia!)

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! / Lord God, how great you are! / How many are your works, O Lord! / The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

2. You take back your spirit, they die, / returning to the dust from which they came. / You send forth your spirit, they are created; / and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**



3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! / May the Lord rejoice in his works! / May my thoughts be pleasing to him. / I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

Gal 5: 16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The fruit of the Spirit.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course.

Dr Rosemary Canavan