

## Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A) ~ 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020



### THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

The Gordon Parish is a supervised, community-led parish ~ Parish Pastoral Council: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford, Marie Shanahan

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

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

**Parish Finance Council** Anita Lidgett (Chair), Stephen Conroy (Secretary), Tony Lynch, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Tony Paarhammer

**Parish Schools**  
**St. Brigid's Primary School** Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 [www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Patrick's Primary School** Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495 [www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

#### Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$n/a
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$n/a
	<b>Year to date:</b>	\$26,627.73

#### Plenary 2020 Update

Again, we would like to share more of your thoughts resulting from the recent Plenary Gathering in Gordon. We are also preparing to formulate these into a draft paper for our next step prior to submission. You will notice these themes could apply locally as well as nationally:

- Have church and school communities working closer as one
- Organise school masses 2 to 3 times per year
- Be helpful to people – our best gift to others is time

- Recognise diversity among people and their ideas.
- Respect and understand the differences
- Create opportunities for healing, listening and forgiving.
- Turn criticism into compliments, judgement into appreciation
- Set up Antioch or similar type groups for our youth

#### Prayer Group Ballan

This group will recommence their weekly gatherings at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

#### Back to School or just beginning

Best wishes to students, teachers, and families as Term One begins this week.



### 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

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**Parish Schools**  
**St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280 [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

#### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$221.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$1179.00
<b>Christmas Offering:</b>	\$895.00 (to date)		

#### Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. Our parish's Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct are available on the parish webpage of the diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A):</b> Isaiah 8:23-9:3; ~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Marty Forbes	Tim Bennett	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Bert Jarvis	James & Alison Eskdale & Family	Patricia Binks & Winnie Zammit	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>The Presentation of the Lord (Year A):</b> Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish Ryan	Ryan Family	Trish Ryan	Meg, Sienna & Emma
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Monica Eastwood & Mark Conroy	Brian & Kate Carey	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Cathy Mullane & Winnie Zammit	
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A):</b> Isaiah 58:7-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm				
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	Leah Hanrahan	S Ryan/ E Clark	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Kathleen Moran & Rosemary Canavan	Michael & Margaret Ryan	Patricia Binks & Bert Jarvis	

LITURGIES			
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bungaree	9.30 am	Mass in the chapel
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass in the chapel
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	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 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



### **Anniversaries**

Noel Quinlan, Catherine Torpy, Peter Ross, Ray Frawley, Frank Frawley, Greg Arnel, Margaret Maloney, Justin Toohey, Des Quinlan, Audrey Reddie, John Ryan, Gerard Winter, Anthony Jarvis, Ron Spedding, Olive Andrews

### **We offer our prayerful support for the sick**

Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgon, Christine Hall, John Ryan

### **Welcome to Fr Sajan Mathew**

Fr Sajan has recently commenced his ministry in Bungaree and Gordon Parishes. Please make him feel welcome.

### **Christmas Offerings**

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

### **Parish Secretary Position**

Details available via <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au> choose Bungaree or Gordon Parish

### **Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat**

Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. You can read Bishop Paul's letter at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) Nominations to [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au) by Friday, Feb 7, 2020.

### **Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment**

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports)

### **"The Year of Matthew" Retreat with Fr Frank Moloney SDB**

This retreat will be held at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield from February 3-6, 2020. Cost is \$430.00 which covers the retreat, meals and accommodation. For further information contact the Retreat Centre, ph. 9752 2432 or [dbrclysterfield@gmail.com](mailto:dbrclysterfield@gmail.com).

### **St Joseph's Technical School South Melbourne Reunion**

A reunion of students, teachers and staff will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 12.00noon to 4.00pm at the old school site, which is now home to Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School. BBQ lunch and light refreshments provided. Memorabilia will be on display. Info: Tony ph. 9580 7344.

### **Support those affected by the bushfires**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided information and resources to support those affected by the bushfires and this is available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires). The diocesan website also has media releases from Catholic Mission and Caritas regarding ways they are supporting those in bushfire affected areas. St Vincent de Paul is collecting donations for the "Vinnies Bushfire Appeal" at [www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw](http://www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw). Please be assured that all donations from Victoria will be directed to Victorians.

### **A Prayer for Bushfire Regions**

Loving Lord, we pray to you for protection during this time of crisis and danger as unprecedented bushfires are ravaging our regions.

We pray for all our communities and individuals who have been affected by the ferocious bushfires. For those who have died, that they may have eternal rest. For those who are still missing and unaccounted for: that they may be found safe and well. For those who have lost homes, livestock and domestic pets: that they may experience the care and practical assistance of their communities and support services, as they face the trauma of loss and grief and begin to rebuild their lives. For those who have evacuated their communities: that they may reach a place of safety.

We give thanks for those who are so courageously fighting the bushfires, for emergency service members and the Australian Defence Forces: may they may be protected and kept safe from harm as they carry out their important work.

### **Mercy Works - Mercy Connect Project**

Mercy Works recruits volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Obtaining a current Working with Children Check is part of the application process. More information contact Donna Stewart, ph 0417624330 or email [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com)

### **St John's Primary School Dennington - Centenary Celebrations**

Centenary celebrations for St John's Primary School Dennington will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 beginning with Mass at 10.00am and celebrations to follow. If you have any memorabilia or stories, please contact Sharon Easley by text on 0423 361 914 or email [100years@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:100years@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au).

### **St Joseph's Church Nullawil Final Mass**

All are welcome to attend the Final Mass at St Joseph's Church Nullawil on Sunday, April 4, 2020 at 12.30pm. A light luncheon will follow. For further information please contact Kaylene James, ph. 0428 935270