

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year A): ~ 1st & 2nd August 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 Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Aileen Toohey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll and Tim Delaney

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney 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 Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au St. Patrick's Primary School Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$108.00	Parish: \$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$153.50
Year to Date:		\$4,913.00

Parish Update

Due to the recent increase in reported cases, places of worship can only open for the celebration of mass for up to 20 people in a single undivided space and this will stand until further notice. If you would like to be one of the 20 attendees this week, (Sunday August 2nd, Gordon 8.45am or Ballan 10.30am) it is important that you register your name with the Parish Secretary on 0491 601 162 to book your place. Thank you to those parishioners who have registered their attendance at each mass. We hope you are continuing to keep connected, safe and healthy. Hopefully we can gather as a community soon.

Thank You and Goodbye: Sr Kathleen Moran has advised that she will be moving back into Ballarat shortly. We cannot let Kathleen go without acknowledging her huge contribution to our parish in the time that she has been with us. Kathleen has assisted in many programs in our parish, such as RCIA, Lenten ceremonies, Plenary Council, Meditation and Prayer groups to name just a few. We will miss you Kathleen and are extremely grateful for the support, care and readiness shown by you to assist in any way you could. Our good wishes and prayerful support go with you as you settle back into life in Ballarat. Please know that you are most welcome here any time and again, sincere thanks and gratitude from us all.

Church Cleaning - August

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Marie Shanahan and Anne Eskdale	Kate Carey, Eily Carey and Leisa Carey	Natalie Toohey and Loretta Toohey

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 Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$470.00	Parish: \$390.00
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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 (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

Sacramental Program Up-Date

The Bungaree Sacramental Program was set to start in early June, however due to the restrictions during this COVID-19 time, in consultation with Fr Sajan, the following decisions have been made:

- The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be postponed till 2021. Children in Years 3 and 4 will

be able to receive those sacraments then. Dates will be decided later in the year.

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will still go ahead this year, at this stage. Any children who have not received this Sacrament and are in Year 2 or above, are eligible for this program. The Parent Meeting is 13th October, 2020 and the Retreat Day & Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Tuesday 10th November 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct these to The Bungaree Parish Office via email:

bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or to Sue Prendergast: sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other

LITURGIES

Masses this week of 20 (refer to mass days and times underneath)

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarke's Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

Recent Death

Patrick Hodgson

Anniversaries

Tim Devereux, Kevin Leonard, Mervyn Britt, Jim Britt, James Rix, Frank Pearce, Barry Duffin, Carmel Grano, Clare Creaney, Francis White, Scott Dupoy, Jack Everard, Brendan Nihill, Michael Patmore, Joseph Gerada, Celie Mullane, Eily Mahoney, Sam Galea and Joseph Barbara

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, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Ann Micallef and Clare Adriaans

Recent Baptism

Congratulations to Harriet Grace Johnson, Charlie William Johnson and Oscar Harry Johnson who were baptised at St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown on Sunday July 26, 2020. We welcome you all into our faith community, and assure them and their family of our prayers and support.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Hazel May Sheehan (2018) and Cohen John Pearce (2018)

Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

How to get the Parish Newsletter

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Emailed copies at Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Tubs outside churches. Please deliver to those unable to obtain their own.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

We continue to distribute information regarding the coronavirus as it received. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section" www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bishop's Office

The Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times. We are available via email or phone. Contact details: bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au, ph. 03 5337 7121

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is different from what we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever. New dates for the Plenary Council Assembly 1 and 2!. Read the full media release here: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/dates-locked-in-for-plenary-council-assemblies/#more-8501>

Discernment Papers:

The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will



soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will look at one paper for a month. To read the discernment paper, visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page at:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

[/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-1.pdf](https://wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-1.pdf)

or collect a copy from the box at the church entry.

Plenary Council – Some Proposals

Women In The Church

- The formation of lay ecclesial leaders, both women and men, be prioritised.
- Gender balance in diocesan Synods and parish councils become normative.
- Dioceses, parishes, and Church organisations promote qualified lay women and men to exercise their gifts and talents in various ecclesial community settings, including preaching in the liturgical context.
- Greater formal consultation with women in their engagement in Church leadership at all levels and that the Office for the Participation of Women be reinstated.
- To continuing to examine the possibility of a female diaconate as was indicated by Pope Francis after his reception of the report from the Commission he created in 2016.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Registrations now open

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Next cycle begins August 30. Study is 5 weeks. Registrations open until August 19. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 0407 523 424.

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering – August 15

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants on Saturday, August 15. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length and is a free event. For the event program and registration information go to www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

Places of worship can only open for the celebration of mass for up to 20 people in a single undivided space. Fr Sajan will be celebrating mass this coming Saturday (August 1) at Dunnstown at 6.30pm, Sunday, (August 2) at Gordon 8.45am and at Ballan 10.30am. We still have to register to record details of all attendees at each mass, plus signage, hygiene and safe cleaning practices as well. Please contact the parish secretary on 0491 601 162 to register.

ALL NOTICES FOR WEEKLY BULLETIN TO BE SUBMITTED BY 3.00PM WEDNESDAY AT gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au or bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au

THANKS