



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Justin Driscoll - ☎ 5368 9280

Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher

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

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0492 903 409

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

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

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth:

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Presbytery: \$386.60 | Parish: \$1,1022 |
|----------------------|------------------|

Mass at St Brigid's Church, Ballan: No mass this Thursday.

Gordon Parish Leadership Team Update: An overview of parish matters managed during the past financial year, as well as current issues and future developments are outlined in the statement attached with this newsletter. The next Parish Leadership Team meeting will be held this Wednesday, 14th September, 7.00 pm at the Gathering Space, St Brigid's Church, Ballan.

Biblical Presentations – Dr Rosemary Canavan: The Parish Leadership Team is inviting interested parishioners for their feedback on suggested biblical presentations. The survey form has been placed in the church foyers or forwarded via the Parish Bulletin. Closing date for survey feedback is Monday, 12th September.

Australian Catholics: Spring 2022 edition is now available. Copies have been placed in all churches. Theme for this edition: *Media for Good: Harnessing the power of communication.*



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

Parish Leadership Team: Damien Ryan, Barry Sheehan, Di Reynolds, Dom Prendergast, Maurice Maher, & Inez French.

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5334 0450 or 0492 903 409

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

Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

We are a child-safe Parish. We follow Child Safe Standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

Collections last fortnight:

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Presbytery: \$930.50 | Parish: \$510.00 |
|----------------------|------------------|

Bungaree Parish Leadership Team Meeting: The next Leadership Team meeting will be held this Tuesday, 13th September, 7.30 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery.

Volunteers Update: Are you interested in joining the Parish as a volunteer? Contact any member of the Parish Leadership Team for further information. Pick up a Volunteer Welcome Pack from Parish House. Stay up to

date via the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) newsletter at: [info@acs ltd.org.au/](mailto:info@acs ltd.org.au)

Our Diocesan Community – Issue 2 2022: Copies can be picked up at all churches. Read about the work of John Orval. His beautiful stained-glass work can be seen in some of our local churches.

Free exhibition **Luminous: John Orval, Stained Glass Artist** in Hamilton from August 20 – October 30. Bus tour to see Orval's work in Hamilton, Coleraine, Nareen and Tahara on September 30. More info at:

<https://www.hamiltongallery.org/events/john-orval/>

| | READER/INTERCESSION | OFFERTORY | WEEKDAY MASSES |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|
| 10/11 September 2022 | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1: 12-17 | |
| Springbank – 6.30 pm | To be Advised | | Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Bungaree – 8.45 am | D Rix | | Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Catherine Green | | Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| 17/18 September 2022 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Tim 2: 1-8 | |
| Dunnstown – 6.30 pm | To be Advised | | Friday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Gordon – 8.45 am | To be Advised | | Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree |
| Ballan – 10.30 am | Bert Jarvis | | Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month |
| 24/25 September 2022 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Amos 6: 1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6: 11-16 | |
| Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm | Joan Powell | | Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass |
| Gordon – 8.45 am | To be Advised | | Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass |
| o | Julie Dargan | | |

LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Sajan celebrates mass each weekday morning (except Mondays) - Bungaree 9.30am

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat 6.30pm | Dunnstown | Springbank | Dunnstown | Clarkes Hill | Springbank |
| Sun 8.45am | Gordon | Bungaree | Gordon | Gordon | Bungaree |
| Sun 10.30am | Ballan | Ballan | Ballan | Ballan | Ballan |
| Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick Sunday 9am ~ Daylesford Sunday 10.30am | | | | | |



Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Anniversaries: Kath Mulcahy, Alma Eastwood, Evelyn Nash, Kevin Reddie, Peg Shanahan, Peter Duffy, Eileen Pendergast, John Meiklejohn, Elspeth Eastwood, Emily Green, James Cummins, Mary O'Loughlin, Noel Kelly, Katherine Maher, Paul Mahar, George Richardson, Jeanette Pearse and Danny Frawley.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Anna Bartaska, Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner & Chaiel Balcombe Jackson.

Praying with Pope Francis: The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. **Pope's intention for September: For the abolition of the death penalty:** We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

A reflection for the Season of Creation - by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

The Season of Creation is a month that brings together people from different Churches to attend to the Environment. It invites us to listen to the cry of the environment and to reflect on what we must do as individuals, as citizens, workplaces, nations and as the world to address the urgent threat of global warming.

To listen to the cry of creation is not like shutting out all other sounds in order to hear a single bird's cry in a forest. The environment is around us, within us, above us, beneath us and beyond us. Its voice is the voice of the universe. When we listen to the cry of one part of the environment to which we have responsibility, we are led also to attend to all the relationships that compose our environment and to the way in which they interact with one another to form the world in which we live.

Care for the environment will embrace all our relationships, ranging from those with the air we breathe, the food we eat, the things we buy, the way we travel, dress, speak, listen and work, to our relationships with ourselves, with family, friends, hospitals, people who are homeless and excluded, schools, workplaces, banks, politics and with our world. Care for the environment is not one single aspect of our lives. It embraces all aspects of our lives.



Ballarat Clergy Support Fund Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund." A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.



National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, which incorporate the National Child Safe Principles, have been endorsed for all Catholic organisations who are engaged with children and young people. They underpin the Church's commitment to working towards a common goal of every child, in every community being safe, cared for, having their needs met and being afforded the chance to realise their potential.

Chair of Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited, Michael Lavarch, has invited Catholic organisations to sign up to show their commitment to the NCSS through the ACSL website and download the NCSS commitment badge for use on their websites and social media.

"ACSL acknowledges the lifelong harm and trauma that is experienced by children who are subjected to neglect, violence and abuse. We are committed through the social mission of the Church, to help create communities that support families and children," Professor Lavarch said.

The chief executive Dr Ursula Stephens encouraged "all Catholic organisations to demonstrate their commitment to National Child Protection Week and support our collective efforts to ensure every community across Australia has strong foundations for families and children".

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends, and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 15:1-32

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Reproduction of this bulletin in any form prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and © 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc. are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2022. No 1948. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

11 SEPTEMBER 2022

GOD'S MERCY AND FORBEARANCE

If anything could be said to lie at the heart of the Judeo-Christian tradition, it is the message of the love, mercy and forbearance of God. Many people would falsely characterise the God of the Old Testament as a God who condemns and judges. However, the incident of the golden calf is one of several occasions in the Old Testament where God's mercy is shown to be far more powerful than any desire to condemn.

The beginning of the first letter to Timothy reflects on Paul's experience of this loving-kindness of God. It was well known that he who had persecuted the Church (Galatians 1:13; Philippians 3:6) had still been called to serve the Lord as an apostle. The core of the gospel is succinctly stated in one powerful phrase: 'that Christ came into the world to save sinners'.

This is nowhere more beautifully treated in the Gospels than in Luke 15. Faced with the opposition of the scribes and Pharisees when Jesus chooses tax collectors and sinners as companions, Jesus seeks their understanding and a softening of their critical stance by using parables that speak powerfully of God's mercy. It is not simply a matter of God being merciful since it is accompanied by a call for us to share in it by rejoicing that what was lost has now been found. In the kingdom of God sinners that repent will have a special place at the banquet table. The question remains as to whether our hearts are big enough to accept it.

FIRST READING

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on the people the disaster he had threatened.

■ The word of the Lord.

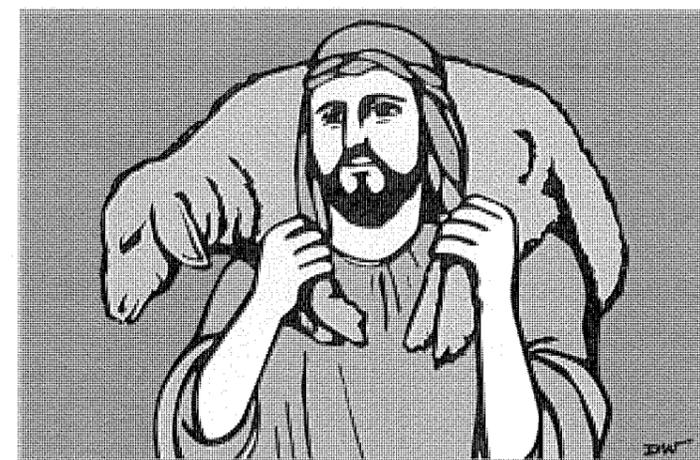
RESP PSALM Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk. 15:18

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

3. O Lord, open my lips / and my mouth shall declare your praise. / My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; / a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!