

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 19/20 August 2023

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Parishes, committed to
safeguarding children,
young people &
vulnerable adults.

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
Parish Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Brendan Maher, Nola Kersley, Mark Conlan
Ex-Officio members: Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth. Safeguarding Officer: Aileen Toohey
Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Wednesday/Thursday 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 St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth: Principal: Mr Paul McDowell	☎ 5368 1015 ☎ 5368 9495	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last week

Presbytery	\$443.70	Parish:	\$1018.00
Financial Year to Date: Parish:		\$7069.10	

Thank You: We are extremely appreciative of the generosity of all parishioners for their donations that contribute towards the care and maintenance of our churches.

Mass at Ballan: This Thursday August 24th at 10.30 am.

Thank You: Lyla Geary would like to sincerely thank all who attended her 100th birthday, sent flowers and cards.

Eucharist Mass at St Brigid's – August 20th

We congratulate these children this weekend competing their sacramental program for 2023 and thank families, the sacramental team L, Fr Justin and all those supporting these children.

Children this weekend are Lilly Moshoudis, Milly Conroy, Grace Monterosso and Sophie Barton.



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, Dianne Reynolds, Dom Prendergast,
Marty Forbes, Chris Frawley & Inez French.
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Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last fortnight:

Presbytery:	\$968.00	Parish:	\$530.00
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Thank You:

We sincerely thank all parishioners who give so generously to these collections.

Thank You:

The Parish of Bungaree thanks Fr Sajan, Inez French, Principal of St Mary's Clarkes Hill and St Brendan's Dunnstown, Louise Haintz, religious education leader, and Dianne Reynolds, member of the Parish Leadership Team who prepared and delivered the Sacramental Program for the parish.

We thank the children enrolled in the program, their parents, families and friends for making last Sunday such a special day.

We also thank all the volunteers who worked so diligently to prepared St Michael's Church for the Bishop's visit last Sunday. We particularly thank the volunteers who cleaned the presbytery grounds and pavements around the church.

Parish Leadership Team Meeting Update:

The Parish Leadership Team meeting was held last Monday, August 7th at 7 pm at the Bungaree Presbytery. Matters discussed included the forthcoming Sacramental Mass, review of Parish finances, and an overview of repairs and maintenance of parish properties.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEKDAY MASSES
19/20 August 2023	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Liz Hanrahan		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be advised		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan – 10.30 am	Jane Bosworth	Mark & Sue Conlan	Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
26/27 August 2023	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19: 9, 11-13; Rom 9: 1-5		
Ballan – 6.00 pm	Margaret Green	Ciaran, Janine & Connor Donohue	Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Clarkes Hill – 6.30 pm	Joan Powell	Julie Moran	Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon – 10.30 am	To be Advised		
2/3 September 2023	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20: 7-9; Rom 12: 1-2		
Dunnstown – 6.30 pm	Dianne Reynolds		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Gordon – 8.45 am	To be Advised		Sat -Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan – 10.30 am	Marie Shanahan	Lorraine DeSpirt and Vikki Boka	Holy Hour – 1 st Thursday of every month

LITURGIES /WEEKLY MASSES					
	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6pm* 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Ballan* Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	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					

'Jesus exorcising the Canaanite Woman's daughter' *Très Riches Heures du Duc de Berry* [Book of Hours 15th Century].
File: Folio 164r - The Canaanite Woman.jpg. MS 65 in the Musée Condé, Chantilly, France. Public Domain.



Funeral Mass Fr Frank Smith CSsR: Our Lady Help of Christians Church, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree on Friday, August 25th at 10.30 am.

Anniversaries: John McCormack, Nina Cassar, George Dusa, Merle Blizzard, Michael Ronan, Brian Blood, Peter Davies, Jim, Conroy, Joseph Camilleri, William Gleeson, Margaret Britt, Thomas Torpy, Ken Ludbrook, Margaret Spence, Nicholas McGuigan and David Griffiths.

We offer our prayers for the sick: Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, Moira Myers, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner, Chaiel Balcombe Jackson, John Healy, Elaine Conlan, Belinda Riley, Paul Ronan.

Social Justice Statement 2023-2024:

The Australian bishops' have launched the 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement, "Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples". Copies of the statement and resources are available from the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/welfare/social-justice/social-justice-statement/>. Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on August 27.

Congratulations Michael Ryan OAM:

Michael Ryan from Ballan has been named a recipient of one of the country's highest honours, with winners announced over the King's Birthday Weekend. Michael, a parishioner in Ballan, was named Order of Australia Medal (OAM) recipient on Sunday June 11 by the Governor-General, His Excellency the Honourable David Hurley. Michael, the current President of the Ballan & District Chamber of Commerce and Regional President of St Vincent de Paul Ballarat, said it was an honour to be named a recipient of the OAM.

Please join us for a Kitchen Table Conversation!

A Kitchen Table Conversation is a wonderful opportunity to join with others and listen, learn and reflect on the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum that will be held in the coming months. Sessions will be held on 17 August 17, 29 August 29, 11 September 11 and September 28 from 3.30-4.45pm online via zoom. For Information and registration go to the diocesan website <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-agencies-2/pastoral/aboriginal-catholic-ministry/>

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal:

The CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal is held in August each year in partnership with parishes and is their major annual fundraiser. CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate online, ph. (03) 9287 5513 or scan or click the QR code for more information.



Applications for enrolment in Year 7, 2025 are now open.
Visit www.stpats.vic.edu.au/prospective-families/apply-now

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Neil Para's 1000 km Walk for Freedom

Neil is walking 1000 km from Ballarat to Sydney, to ask Prime Minister Albanese for fairness for refugees who've lived here in Australia for more than a decade.

Neil is a refugee who fled war and persecution in Sri Lanka and has lived in Ballarat since 2013. The government's recent announcement has given permanence to 19,000 – but what about the rest?

For more details and to sign the petition, scan or click the QR code.



Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply. 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

20 AUGUST 2023

GOD OPEN TO NEW WAYS

For the people of Israel, Isaiah's words about all nations coming to worship in Jerusalem would have been a source of great disquiet, consternation, and surprise. Surely, they were the chosen people and as such stood apart from the nations that surrounded them. It is perhaps difficult for us to imagine their horror at the idea that Gentiles would have the effrontery to worship in the Lord's own temple in Jerusalem. Isaiah goes further and points out that all this will happen with God's blessing.

Paul speaks at a time when Gentiles had come to accept Jesus, but many Jews had not. His problem was to work out how this possibly fits into the tapestry of God's saving plan. He came to see that by means of Israel's non-acceptance, a way was opened for the Gentiles. This would serve as a prompt for other Jews to accept Jesus and so pave the way for the general resurrection of the dead.

The Canaanite woman shouting out to Jesus clearly unhinged the disciples. In the first place, they were in Gentile territory, in the second place she was advertising to all and sundry that Jesus and his companions were Jewish, in the third place Jesus seemed to be turning a deaf ear to the woman's request. Ultimately both the disciples, and Matthew's readers must come to terms with the fact that faith, and God's response to it, recognises no boundaries. The loving mother's persistence and faith will have its just reward.

FIRST READING

Isa 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let your face shed its light upon us. / So will your ways be known upon earth / and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you rule the world with justice. / With fairness you rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all the peoples praise you. / May God still give us his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

■ **The word of the Lord.**