

# First Sunday of Advent (Year C): ~ 27/28 November 2021

## 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, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Paul McDowell & Jayne Bosworth



Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

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)

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  
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Jayne Bosworth  
Principal: Mr Paul McDowell

☎ 5368 1015  
☎ 5368 9495

[www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.spagordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spagordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections in Church last weekend

Loose	Presbytery: \$371.10-	Parish: \$131.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2020/21:	\$4517.40

Holy Souls donations as of 26 November - \$150.00

**COVID** Copies of Bishop Bird's letter of 18 November 2021 have been placed next to the sign-in sheet.

### Liturgy Readings:

With Advent approaching, the Parish is inviting all parishioners – young and old – to consider volunteering for liturgy readings this coming year. The Parish is especially supportive of family groups who wish to participate.

Coordinators of the liturgy roster are Monica Eastwood (Gordon), Anne Eskdale (Ballan) and Donna Simpson (Springbank), or contact the Parish Secretary at: [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Cemetery Visits during November

Fr Sajan will visit the **Ballan Cemetery** on Sunday afternoon 28 November at 3 pm. Please bring your **COVID-19 Digital Certificate or your medical exemption** with you on the day, as COVID Safe Marshalls will check your **COVID-19 Digital Certificate** at the gate. (In order to have a crowd of more than 50, attendees must be double vaccinated).

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

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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](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$452.00	Parish: \$175.00
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**COVID:** Please read Bishop Bird's letter to parishioners dated 18 November 2021 (attachment).

### Newsletter Mailing List:

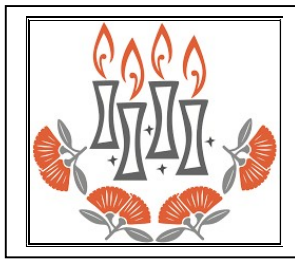
A recent computer software upgrade inadvertently removed the mailing list for the Combined Newsletter. It has now been restored and updated. If you did not receive your e-copy of the newsletter last week or would like to receive an

e-copy in the future, please forward your email address to: [bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Thank you:

A very special thank you to Fiona Loader, Kayleen Faull, Majella Muller, Mary Slater and Pat Prendergast who sang so beautifully during mass on the 14th November at St Michael's Church.

	READER/INTERCESSION	OFFERTORY	WEEDKDAY MASSES
<b>27/28 November</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16 1 Thess 3:12-4:2</b>		
Clarkes Hill-6.30 pm	Con Powell		Tuesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon-8.45 am	Beth Calleja		Wednesday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30 am	Lloyd Lamb		Thursday – 9.30am Bungaree
<b>4/5 December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11</b>		
Dunnstown-6.30pm	Chris Leonard		Friday – 9.30am Bungaree
Gordon- 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor		Saturday – 9.30am Bungaree
Ballan-10.30am	Lin Bowers		Holy Hour – 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month
<b>11/12 December</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4: 4-7</b>		
Springbank-6.30 pm	To be Advised		Friday- Benediction after 9.30 am mass
Bungaree-8.45 am	A Elliot, O Elliot		Saturday-Reconciliation after 9.30am mass
Ballan-10.30 am	Catherine Green		



## LITURGIES /WEEKDAY MASSES

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

	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
<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
<b>Sun 8.45am</b>	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan	Ballan
	Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am				

### Diocesan Masses:

There are many opportunities for all who wish to attend mass regardless of their vaccination status. Where vaccination status is not being checked, attendance has been increased to 50 people. Please note that for these Masses, attendees are required to pre-book; wear a mask whilst indoors, check in via QR Code, and use hand sanitiser.

Mon-10 am	St Patrick's Cathedral	5331 2933
Tues 9.30 am	St Michael's Bungaree	5334 0450
Wed 9.30 am	St Aloysius' Redan	0455 212 123
Thurs 10 am	OLHC Wendouree	5339 2302
Sat 9.30 am	St Alipius' Ballarat East	5332 6611
Sun 5.00 pm	St Alipius' Ballarat East	53326611

**Recent Deaths:** Leelamma Mathew, Kevin Hanrahan

**Our Sincere Condolences:** Fr Sajan received the sad news that his mother, Leelamma Mathew, passed away on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November. We offer our sincere condolences and prayers for Fr Sajan and his family. *May Christ welcome Leelamma into eternal life and May the Lord comfort all the family.*

**Anniversaries:** John (Jack) Glenane, Frances, Maher, Ed McDonald, Tommy McGuane, Kevin Glenane, Peter McDermott, Winnie Leonard, Bob Frawley, Michael Frawley, Maurice Kelly, Bishop James O'Collins, James Conlan, Sarah Franklin, Mary Molloy, Tray Toohey, Joe Fitzpatrick, Mary O'Leary, Fredrick Giles, Frank O'Loughlin, Mick O'Loughlin, Harry Hooker & James (Jimmy) Simpson.

**We offer our prayerful support for the sick:** Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Lyla Geary, Christine Hall, Mary Cassar, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Thelma Keating, John Ryan, Moira Myers, Stan Mahar, Noel Craven, Alice Gardiner & Eileen Haintz.

**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 & asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope & 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](http://www.thepopevideo.org). The Pope's intention for November: **Universal intention – people who suffer from depression:** We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support & a light that opens them up to life.

**Ordination to the Diaconate:** Seminarians Matthew Restall and William Lowry will be ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Ballarat on Friday, December 10, 2021 at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend. Attendance requirements for the Cathedral is QR code or registration upon entry and full vaccination status needs to be provided to the COVID check-in Marshalls.

**Vinnies Christmas Kindness Appeal:** This Christmas donate to Vinnies. Your gift can change a life. There are families who are experiencing poverty and homelessness this Christmas and your help can provide them with much needed essentials like food, clothing and a place to call home. To donate go to <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-kindness>

**Year of St Joseph Monthly Reflection:** Each month during the year of St Joseph, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will publish a reflection on the various aspects of St Joseph's life & character. Fr Paul Nulley is a priest of the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn and has been parish priest of St Joseph's, O'Connor since 2017. He also serves as archdiocesan vocations director and chaplain of Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus. Fr Paul reflects on "St Joseph – A Powerful Intercessor" <https://catholic.org.au/yearofstjoseph>

**A Day of Prayer for Myanmar:** Pax Christi and friends invite you to remember Myanmar in a Day of Prayer on Sunday, November 28, 2021. Suffering and trauma have accompanied the people of Myanmar for decades. On February 1 the military government was reimposed. This day is an opportunity to pray with Myanmar in its yearning to be free. An online prayer service is being organised for Advent Sunday, November 29 at 7.30pm. To register for this service and receive the link, email Harry Kerr, [ahmkerr@hotmail.com](mailto:ahmkerr@hotmail.com). If you want to know more, pick up a promotional flyer (placed near the sign-in sheet).

**CatholicCare Victoria Giving Tree Appeal:** Your generous donation to this year's Giving Tree Appeal will provide practical and financial support for struggling Victorian families - from three square meals a day to help with utility bills... every gift you choose helps. To donate go to <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/14/giving-tree-appeal>

**Christmas Dinner – 7<sup>th</sup> December:** This year's Christmas Dinner will be held Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at Donegan's Farm. The meal will be \$30/pp. Drinks at bar prices. If you wish to attend, please sign the booking form placed next to the sign-in registry or contact the Parish Secretary on 0492 903 409 or [gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au)