

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. The Parish is led by a team of Coordinators, one of whom is the Moderator.

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay

Coordinators: Catherine Green (Moderator), Michael Ryan, Angela Carr

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0447 609 485

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For Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals please contact Parish Secretary ~ messages will be forwarded

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 Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$256.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$5,729.00	Year to date:
Direct Credit (May):	\$1,230.00	\$63,165.45

Coordinators Report

The 8.45am Mass at Gordon this Sunday will be a Children's Mass, with participation from the children of St Patrick's school.

Thankyou

Special thank you to the St. Patrick's School Community who prepared for and took part in today's Mass in Gordon.

Planned Giving-End Of Financial Year

As we near the end of the financial year, it would be appreciated if planned giving pledges can be brought up to date. Planned giving plays a vital role in allowing the Parish to meet its ongoing financial commitments. Thank you to those parishioners who have already assisted in the financial upkeep of the parish.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

(RCIA) is a process where you can experience the Catholic faith community. It is an opportunity for questions to be answered and for learning about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Inquiries can be made by phoning Lin on 53681015

Family Matters - Forum!

Ballarat with guest speaker, Fr Frank Brennan (CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia). **24 June 2017** Hosted by the Diocese of Ballarat through the Social Justice

Commission, all are welcome to attend this free event. Further details to come.

Refugee Week 18 - 24th June:

Theme: With courage let us all combine

The Refugee Council of Australia has chosen the theme to celebrate the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. It serves as a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation's welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home.

Parish Directory

The Parish Directory is currently being updated. If you have any suggested changes, please contact the parish office.

Coming Events

- Sunday June 18, Ballan Refugee Realities 12.30-3.30pm Ballan Mechanics Hall
- Wednesday June 21 PFC Meeting 7.30pm
- Thursday August 10 eConference - Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis

Anointing Mass - Thursday June 29th 11 am.

St Patrick's Church, Gordon. All welcome to join Fr Tom Brophy for lunch at Gordon Bleu Cafe following Mass.

Church Cleaning - June

St Michael's 9th, St Brigid's 16th & St Patrick's 23rd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Sims Caz Craggill	Margaret McTigue	Anita Maher Cathy Hanrahan



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

Parish Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ~ ☎ 5334 0450 ~ C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352

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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$221.70	Parish: \$490.00
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Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. They came into effect for schools in 2016 and for parishes at the beginning of 2017. 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).

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Six Children from our parish are enrolling for the preparation program at Mass last week and this week: Lyna Begbie, Matilda Britt, Abbey Carlson, Indiah Lenaghan, Paddy McKay,

Tyra Slater. We assure them and their families of our prayerful support during this time of preparation.

Retreat Day

~ Friday 4th August: Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

~ Saturday 5th August, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

Week 1 ~ Belonging: Initiated in Baptism

- Through our baptism we are initiated into the life of the Catholic Church
- Families celebrate significant occasions in their lives in particular ways
- When we belong we experience welcome, acceptance and a sense of responsibility to others

LITURGIES			
Tues 20 th June	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 22 nd June	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 24 th June	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 25 th June	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Anniversaries

Fay Thomas, Jack Crough, Noreen Wheelahan, Margaret Ronan, Ann Weidner, Sophie Papworth, Kathleen Davies, Peter Cochrane, Brian Murphy, Sebastian Steenhuis, Christina Howard, Bernadette White, Eileen Crough, Jack Crough, Gerard Nunn and Laurie Maher

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Phillip Camilleri, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri, Paula Scott, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Joe D'Arcy, Xavier Zahra

Annual Mass Count

Week 1:	Dunnstown 50,	Gordon 45,	Ballan 77
Week 2:	Springbank 66,	Bungaree 42,	Ballan 77
Week 3:	Dunnstown 60,	Gordon 32,	Ballan 82
Week 4:	Clarkes Hill 25,	Gordon 44,	Ballan 72

Available at Church door

- Our Diocesan Community (April edition)
- Pastoral letter from Victorian bishops on proposed euthanasia laws in Victoria
- Australian Catholics (Winter edition)

Liturgy Formation

St Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday 9th July, 12–4.30pm. Workshops on Funeral Ministry, the Diocesan Sacraments of Initiation Program, "Let the Children Come," and Formation for Lectors. Preceded by Mass celebrated by Bishop Bird, 10.30am. RSVP: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or via either parish office.

Bishops listening to young Catholics

The Australian bishops are asking young people (16–29) to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey. This is part of a process leading up to a Synod called by Pope Francis, which will be held in Rome next year. The questions cover a range of topics including: the experience of being listened to, using social media and technology, friendships and influences in today's world, opportunities for engagement with Church activities such as, outreach programs, youth masses, community leadership or parish events. Pope Francis has called young people to join this inclusive journey saying that the Church 'wishes to listen to your



voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities ... Every young person has something to say to others ... all of us need to listen to you! ... even young people who consider themselves agnostics, even young people whose faith is lukewarm; even young people who no longer go to Church; even young people who consider themselves atheists'. Visit www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey before Sunday 2 July.

Pope Francis' Letter to Young People ~ 13 Jan 2017

I am pleased to announce that in October 2018 a Synod of Bishops will take place to treat the topic: *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. I wanted you to be the centre of attention, because you are in my heart ...

I am reminded of the words which God spoke to Abraham: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (Gen 12:1). These words are now also addressed to you. They are words of a Father who invites you to "go", to set out towards a future which is unknown but one which will surely lead to fulfilment, a future towards which He Himself accompanies you. I invite you to hear God's voice resounding in your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit. When God said to Abram, "Go!", what did he want to say? He certainly did not say to distance himself from his family or withdraw from the world. Abram received a compelling invitation, a challenge, to leave everything and go to a new land. What is this "new land" for us today, if not a more just and friendly society which you, young people, deeply desire and wish to build to the very ends of the earth? ...

Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt this urge to undertake this journey? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness ...

A better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master. The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls ...

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
17 th & 18 th June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Year A): Deuteronomy 8:2-3 ~ 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 ~ John 6:51-58			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Rach Peterken & Children	Peterken Family	Trish Ryan	Amy O'L, Madalyn & Emma B
Gordon ~ 8.45am	** Children's Mass **			
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Marie Shanahan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Lorraine Tipple & John Fabre	
24 th & 25 th June	12 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Jeremiah 20:10-13 ~ Romans 5:12-15 ~ Matthew 10:26-33			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Marty Forbes	Kate Bennett	Mowing: Mark Forbes & Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Kim Newman Family	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	John Fabre & Julie Dargan	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Cathy Mullane & Patricia Binks	
1 st & 2 nd July	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 ~ Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 ~ Matthew 10:37-42			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Ash Simpson	Simpson Family	Margaret Leonard	Daniel Britt & Cody Bower
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Brian & Kate Carey	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Sandra Miller	Mary & Des Conroy	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgson	