

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 Pastoral Council: Dan Toohey (Chair), Christine Hall (Secretary),

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Bridget Sims, Mick Winter, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford

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

Parish Secretary/Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0423 217 556

✉ 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 Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015
Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

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

Loose (2 weeks)	Presbytery: \$500	Parish: \$331.80
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$537.50	
	Year to date: \$26,829.75	
Christmas offerings (to date):	\$910.90	
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:	\$1,010.50	
Christmas Masses:	\$1,011.00	

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

We recently met with Andrew Jirik (Business Manager for the Diocese of Ballarat) to explore costing data for each of the following four options: reinstating the Coordinator model, establishing a single Parish Leadership team (including designated roles), appointing a pastoral associate and

establishing a shared priest model. The first three options retain a Supervising Priest role. Andrew will be providing us more detail in the coming weeks. We will be taking a break over the Christmas period and look forward to working with the parish community to progress the work of the Commission in the new year.

Columban Calendars 2019

Available for purchase in church foyers \$9.00 each

Church Cleaning – January

St Michael's 11th, St Brigid's 18th & St Patrick's 25th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anne Mullane	Kate Carey	Molloy Ronan
Helen Conlan	Eily Carey	Julie Toohey
Sue Conlan	Leisa Carey	



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

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

Parish Schools

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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280
Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery:	\$152.50	Parish:	\$360.00
Christmas Masses:	\$1,434.30		
Christmas offerings (to date):	\$1,275.00		
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:	\$974.00		

Parish Leadership Team Appointments

Thanks to Maurice Mahar (Clarkes Hill) and to Mick & Laura St. Denis (Bungaree), who will represent their communities on the Parish Leadership Team over the coming three years.

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.

Christmas Offerings

Thanks for your generous contributions to Christmas Offerings. Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Many subjects available: sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership – 5 weeks/subject. Next study cycle begins 20th Jan. RSVP 9th Jan: ☎ 5337 7125. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

READER/INTERCESSIONS

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

COMMUNION MINISTER

ALTAR SERVERS

5th & 6th Jan

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C): Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12

Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm

Volunteers are required over this holiday period

Gordon ~ 8.45am

Beth Calleja & Michael Winter

Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright

Monica Eastwood

Ballan ~ 10.30am

Lin Bowers & Angela Carr

Leon and Pat Burvill

Patricia Banks & Judith Hodgson

12th & 13th Jan

The Baptism of the Lord (Year C): Is 40:1-5, 9-11 ~ Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 ~ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Springbank ~ 6.30pm

Sue Daly

Molly Ronan

Sharon Daly

Bungaree ~ 8.45am

Julie & Sophie Boyd

S Steenhuis

Lorraine Jeffrey & Damian Ryan

Ballan ~ 10.30am

Winnie Zammit & Bert Jarvis

James & Alison Eskdale and Family

Lloyd Lamb & Angela Carr

19th & 20th Jan

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 62:1-5 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ~ John 2:1-11

Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm

Liz Britt

Nat Macdonald family

Trish White

Isla & Paddy McKay

Gordon ~ 8.45am

Joan Bourke & Eily Carey

Maria & Bernadette Donegan

Pat Barry

Ballan ~ 10.30am

Rosemary Canavan & Marie Shanahan

Binks Family

Winnie Zammit & Bert Jarvis

LITURGIES

Sat 12 th Jan	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 13 th Jan	Bungaree	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	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

Paul Toohey

Anniversaries

Patricia Coulson, Peter Moran, Shane Everard, William Greaves, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada, Catherine Maher, James Crough, Susan McDermott, Maurine Kiely, Henry Spratling, Patrick Moran.

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, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupo, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson.

Sabbatical for Fr Shane

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has approved study leave for Fr Shane from March to June next year. Fr Brian Glasheen (retired parish

priest of Bacchus Marsh) will be celebrating most weekend masses, with occasional assistance from St Patrick's Cathedral. Fr Gary Jones will be available during the week if needed.

Plenary Council 2020 – Hearing your Voice

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Questions for individuals or groups (until Ash Wednesday 2019):

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Submit responses, get more information, and register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace (1 January): 'Good Politics is at the Service of Peace' (full text: www.vatican.va)

Bringing peace is central to the mission of Christ's disciples. That peace is offered to all those who long for peace amid the tragedies and violence that mark human history ...

We know that the thirst for power at any price leads to abuses and injustice. Politics is an essential means of building human community and institutions, but when political life is not seen as a form of service to society as a whole, it can become a means of oppression, marginalization and even destruction ...

Political office and political responsibility thus constantly challenge those called to the service of their country to make every effort to protect those who live there and to create the conditions for a worthy and just future. If exercised with basic respect for the life, freedom and dignity of persons, political life can indeed become an outstanding form of charity ...

It may be helpful to recall the *Beatitudes of the Politician*, proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002:

- Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.
- Blessed be the politician who exemplifies credibility.
- Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.
- Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.
- Blessed be the politician who works for unity.
- Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.
- Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.
- Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations ...

Sadly, together with its virtues, politics also has its share of vices, whether due to personal incompetence or to flaws in the system and its institutions. Clearly, these vices detract from the credibility of political life overall, as well as the authority,

decisions and actions of those engaged in it. These vices, which undermine the ideal of an authentic democracy, bring disgrace to public life and threaten social harmony ...

When the exercise of political power aims only at protecting the interests of a few privileged individuals, the future is compromised and young people can be tempted to lose confidence, since they are relegated to the margins of society without the possibility of helping to build the future ... Politics is at the service of peace if it finds expression in the recognition of the gifts and abilities of each individual ...

A hundred years after the end of the First World War, as we remember the young people killed in those battles and the civilian populations torn apart, we are more conscious than ever of the terrible lesson taught by fratricidal wars: peace can never be reduced solely to a balance between power and fear. To threaten others is to lower them to the status of objects and to deny their dignity. This is why we state once more that an escalation of intimidation, and the uncontrolled proliferation of arms, is contrary to morality and the search for true peace. Terror exerted over those who are most vulnerable contributes to the exile of entire populations who seek a place of peace. Political addresses that tend to blame every evil on migrants and to deprive the poor of hope are unacceptable. Rather, there is a need to reaffirm that peace is based on respect for each person, whatever his or her background, on respect for the law and the common good, on respect for the environment entrusted to our care and for the richness of the moral tradition inherited from past generations ...

In these days, we celebrate the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in the wake of the Second World War ... Peace ... is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings. But it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew. It entails a conversion of heart and soul; it is both interior and communal; and it has three inseparable aspects: peace with oneself ... peace with others ... peace with all creation, rediscovering the grandeur of God's gift and our individual and shared responsibility as inhabitants of this world, citizens and builders of the future ...