

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) 22nd & 23rd September, 2018



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	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$250.00	Parish: \$88.80
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$234.80	Year to date:
Retired Priests (to date):	\$302.00	\$11,851.75

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

We have taken a staged approach to gather your views on specific themes relating to our parish structure. Many thanks to everyone who has provided their input to this process. Forms remain available for *Looking to our future what are you worried about?* (September 1st - September 30th). Future work will focus on options for our future governance structure. A consultation process with the parish community to discern a preferred structure will be convened at a **Parish Meeting on Sunday 21st October at Donegan's Farm from 5pm with wood-fired pizza to follow.**

Save the date Donations for drought relief

The St Patricks Parish will be holding morning tea after masses at Springbank 13th October, Ballan 14th October and Gordon to be advised.

Retreat at Donegan's Farm

Fr. John McKinnon will be director of a two-day retreat at Donegan's Farm, 24-25 October. Info: church foyer or ☎ 0438 812 449

Mass at Gordon Cemetery

Sunday 18th November, 11am. Please bring a chair. Mass at Ballan will be held at 8.45am (no mass at St Patrick's church). *Weather permitting.*

Church Cleaning – September

St Michael's 7th, St Brigid's 14th & St Patrick's 21st

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Winnie Zammit	Margaret McTigue Maree Toohey	Julie Toohey Molly Ronan



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	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604	www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery:	\$216.00	Parish: \$360.00
Retired Priests (to date): \$710.00		

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.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 11th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to other people who may be interested.

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 30th October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. The Assembly will focus on gathering input for the Plenary Council 2020.

Parish Leadership Team Vacancies

Thanks to Leah Hanrahan and Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, who will be completing their 3-year term as members of the Parish Leadership Team in October. New representatives will be needed for Bungaree and Clarkes Hill (representatives will need to apply for Police check and Working with children check). If interested, please speak with one of the PLT: Fr Shane, Tim Bennett, Karen Cahir, Lisa Elliott, Leah Hanrahan, Chris Kavanagh, Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, Di Reynolds, Damian Ryan.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
22 nd & 23 rd Sept	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Wisdom 2:12,17-20 ~ James 3:16-4:3 ~ Mark 9:30-37			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Joan Powell	Helen Mahar	Helen Moran	Mowing: Tim Bennett
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Angela Carr & Bert Jarvis	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Winnie Zammit & Judith Hodgson	
29 th & 30 th Sept	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Numbers 11:25-29 ~ James 5:1-6 ~ Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Darren Rix	Barry Jeffrey	M Frawley / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Denise Marshall & Helen Conlan	
6 th & 7 th Oct	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Genesis 2:18-24 ~ Hebrews 2:9-11 ~ Mark 10:2-16			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Liz Hanrahan	Fran Peterkin	Kiely, Rose & Tierney
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Kim Newman Family	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit	Leon and Pat Burvill	Angela Carr & Lloyd Lamb	

LITURGIES			
Tues 25 th Sept	Bungaree	10.00am	
Thur 27 th Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Anointing Mass -Bishop Connors
Sat 29 th Sept	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 30 th Sept	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)				

Anniversaries

Des Lee, Emmanuel Barbara, Ag Wheelahan, Lorraine Keillar, Joseph Smallman, James Doyle, Kevin Jeffrey, Andrew Forbes, Brian Frawley, Eric Jones, Gerald Mullane, Francis Forbes

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

Visiting Priest next weekend

Fr Tom Brophy will be celebrating Masses next weekend, while Fr Shane attends a conference in Sydney.

Sabbatical for Fr Shane

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has approved study leave for Fr Shane from March to June next year. For most of this time, Fr Brian Glasheen (former parish priest of Bacchus Marsh) will be celebrating weekend masses. Other arrangements are still being finalised.

Baptism

Welcome to Jim Timothy Ryan (son of Kylie & Luke), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brendan's, Dunnstown, and to Lincoln Bradley Tippett (son of Kristy & Brock), who is preparing for baptism at St. Peter's, Clarkes Hill. We welcome Jim and Lincoln into our faith community, and assure them and families of our prayers and support.

Enrolment for Year 7, 2020

St Patrick's College:

Wed October 17, 7.30pm. Information followed by College Tour, supper, Q&A with teachers. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/XKXV
Info: Kathryn Mundy kmundy@stpats.vic.edu.au

Loreto College:

- Open Days: 9.00am-12.00pm Wed Oct 17, Tues Feb 5
- Info Evening: Monday, October 22, 7.00pm
- Applications close: 7th February, 2019
- Monthly Tours: ☎: 5329 6184 or 5329 6100 or email: registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au. Info: www.loreto.vic.edu.au

"A Mission for Life" presented by Fr Richard Leonard

Hosted by Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 29-31 Oct. Topics: "Going out into the world we need all the help we can get", "Nine steps to making better choices for my life" and "Where the hell is God - Holding on to Faith through the tough times." More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Centacare Housing Service

Long-term affordable community housing options for people on low incomes aged 18+. An affordable alternative to public housing and private rental accommodation. For more info: <https://www.centacareballarat.org.au/services/housing/>

Joy+ Youth Festival!

Joy+ Youth Festival for 15-30yo. Sunday 25 November, Ballarat 2.00pm - 8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, special guests and Bishop Paul. Free event, lunch included. Registrations and info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au



Plenary Council 2020

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."

Gatherings with Plenary Council Facilitator

Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Plenary Council Preparation Team, will discuss the process of Listening and Dialogue that is now open to hear the voices of all who wish to respond. Lana will also talk about the overall 3-year process of preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer any questions. Glowrey-MacKillop Hall, Cathedral precinct: Wed 10 Oct, 7pm OR Thur 11 Oct, 10am. Info ☎ 5337 7125.

Plenary Council 2020. Phase 1: Listen and Dialogue

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

Catholic Response to Royal Commission

The Catholic Church has accepted 98% of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and has vowed that the Church's shameful history will never be repeated. Bishops and leaders of religious orders expressed their deep sorrow that vulnerable children were abused, weren't believed and weren't supported when seeking justice. They said the Royal Commission "was an important and necessary period for the Australian community" and expressed gratitude to the survivors "whose courage in coming forward and telling their stories will mean that the Church and society will be safer in the future". "Too many priests, brothers, sisters and lay people in Australia failed in their duty to protect and honour the dignity of all, including, and especially, the most vulnerable – our children and our young people ... Many bishops failed to listen, failed to believe, and failed to act. Those failures allowed some abusers to offend again and again, with tragic and sometimes fatal consequences. The bishops and leaders of religious orders pledge today: Never again. There will be no cover-up. There will be no transferring of people accused of abuse. There will be no placing the reputation of the Church above the safety of children ... Today is about telling parents and telling the community that the Church has learned, it is changing and it will continue to change. Changing the culture of our Church to be answerable and open is part of the action that needs to occur." (Details: www.catholic.org.au)

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 – 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle begins October 21, contact us by October 12. ☎: 5337 7125 or email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au