



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney ~ Parish Coordinators: Lin Bowers (Moderator), Joan Bourke & Catherine Green

Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ~ For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: Contact Narelle Conroy (Parish Secretary)

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PARISH VISION: *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

Parish Pastoral Council	Donna Simpson (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal)		
Finance Committee	Michael Ryan (Chair), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Michael Ryan, Stephen Conroy, Lin Bowers (Coordinator Representative)		
Parish Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll	☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
	St. Michael's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344 www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Parish: \$150.00	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$870.00	Year to date: \$11,248.15
Sick & Retired Priests:		\$392.90 (to date)

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

At our Finance meeting last week, Dana Ronan tendered her resignation. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation for Dana's leadership, expertise and guidance for her time as Chair on the Finance committee. As a result of Dana's resignation, there is a vacancy for someone from the Springbank community to become a member. If you are interested, please see any member of the Finance committee to express your interest. A very productive meeting was held last week to discuss the Parish Vision statement. Thank you to John Fabre for chairing the meeting and to Sr Kathleen and Helen Ryan for attending. We actually re-visited aspects of our forward planning which was initiated in October 2013 at the Parish Assembly gathering in Gordon, where different suggestions were proposed by parishioners. We were encouraged to ascertain that we have addressed and achieved many of these recommendations, while some are still a work in progress and others remain somewhat of a challenge. The coordinators and other members of the parish will engage with you soon to gather your feelings/thoughts/desires following on from these recommendations. This will be in conjunction with conversations that we need to commence with regard to discernment for a new coordinator to be appointed early in 2016. Thank you again for your commitment and encouragement of the coordinators - we are indeed a blessed faith community.

Social Afternoon

St Brigid's gathering space, **Thurs, 8th Oct. 2pm.** Ladies & gentlemen, come for an afternoon of cards, have a chat and please bring along some memorabilia, ie; wedding, Deb photos, etc.

Gordon Cemetery Mass

A Mass will be celebrated at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday 29th November, 2015, 1.30pm. Please let any interested family members/neighbours know.

Kathleen's Corner

Farmers protest against coal seam gas in CBD fracking rally.

The Age September 20, 2015

Hundreds of Victorian farmers and their metropolitan supporters rallied against the coal seam gas industry on the steps of parliament on Sunday. The protesters vowed to stop unconventional gas drilling, or fracking, from gaining a foothold across the state. "If [Victorians] want to eat clean, healthy food and drink clean water, we have got to stop the industry," he said. At the beginning of this year, the Victorian government extended its moratorium on coal seam gas exploration and fracking pending a Parliamentary inquiry. The inquiry, tasked with examining the science and impact of the coal seam gas industry's methods, is due to hand down its final report at the end of the year.

Church Cleaning - October

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Ken Hillier & Lloyd Lamb	Carmel Mahar & Sue Clifford.	Julie Toohey, Sue Daly & Sharon Daly.



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 Fax: 5334 0514

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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 Week

Presbytery:	\$346.50	Parish:	\$500.00
Sick & Retired Priests:		\$535.00 (to date)	

Mass at Pootilla

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery again this year: Sunday 8th November, 9.30am. Please advise friends and relations who may be interested.

Parish Assembly: Tuesday 20th October

Bungaree Parish Centre, 7.30pm (preceded by Parish Leadership Team meeting, 7pm). Frank Hanrahan, Trish Ryan and Julie Moran will be concluding their 3-year membership. Leah Hanrahan, Katrina Griffiths & Andrew Miller-Schmetzer have generously volunteered to replace them.

LITURGIES			
Thu 1 st Oct	Ballan	10:00am	Prayer Group
Sat 3 rd Oct	Dunnstown	6:30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 4 th Oct	Gordon	8:45am	Sunday Mass
	Ballan	10:30am	

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



Recent Death

Marg Card & Mollie Sullivan

Anniversaries

Ag Wheelahan, Kevin Conway, Lorraine Keilar, Joseph Smallman, James Doyle, Jim Feild, Tom Davis, Des Shanahan, Eric Jones, Gerald Mullane and Marguerite Eddy.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Carole Brimson, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Fred May, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Fr Justin Woodford, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith.

Liturgy of Lament and Hope

In the context of the Royal Commission hearings on child abuse, this is an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, Sunday 1st Nov, 2pm, followed by cuppa in St Patrick's Hall.

Seminar for St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

Prof. Singarayer Florentine (Fed Uni): 'Ecological restoration of landscapes'; Sr Veronica Lawson: 'Biblical Perspective'. Wed 7th Oct, 7-9pm, St Patricks Hall, Ballarat. Info ☎ 0438 448 942.

Corpus Christi College Building Appeal

This weekend, the dioceses of Victoria are conducting an appeal to fund 8 additional rooms urgently needed for the regional seminary, to accommodate the growing number of students. Envelopes available at Church door.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Accommodation and all meals provided. 23-25 Oct 2015, 8-10 April, 17-19 June, 19-21 Aug, 11-13 Nov 2016. Info: Marianne & Marcel ☎ 9733 0997 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

St Martin's in the Pines 1970-75 40-year Reunion

Sat 24th Oct. Info: Robyn Barnett ☎ 5337 2352 or connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

Sacred Heart College Reunion – Class of 1965

All welcome from year 7, 1960, to matriculation in 1965. The Barkly, Main Rd, 7th Nov, 12 noon. Info: Jan Mullaly (Favaloro): janmull65@gmail.com or ☎ 0418 522 180 or Carmel Frost (Frith): carmel@frost.net.au

For Those Who've Come Across the Seas:

Justice for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2015 challenges Australians to think again about our national response to asylum seekers, especially those who come to Australia by sea. It invites us to recognise the desperation that has driven these people to seek refuge far from their homes. The title, taken from the words of our National Anthem, is intended to remind all Australians of how this nation has aspired to be a place of welcome and inclusion.

The Bishops address the divisive national debate over asylum seekers, especially those who arrive by boat. They confront Australia's current deterrence-based response and remind us of the needs of the nearly 60 million people who are displaced around the world. The Statement takes its inspiration from the actions and words of Pope Francis on his 2013 visit to the Italian island of Lampedusa, where he met the survivors of a refugee tragedy and mourned for those who had died. It begins and ends with the Pope's own words and is strongly based on the Scriptures and Catholic teaching.

The Bishops' document traces the experiences of asylum seekers from their flight from persecution and danger, through their perilous journeys, to their experience in Australia of indefinite detention, deprivation and insecurity. It asks why both sides of Australian politics have felt the need to introduce such cruel and self-defeating policies as offshore processing and indefinite detention.

This Social Justice Sunday we are invited to reflect on the call of Jesus to welcome those in most need and to give comfort to those who come to us in flight from fear and suffering.

Full statement: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Visit the new diocesan website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

World Youth Day and Australian Catholic Youth Festival

World Youth Day Registrations now open and Australian Catholic Youth Festival Group Bookings open until Friday, October 23, 2015. All details on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult webpage www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact us on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
26 th & 27 th Sep	Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Numbers 11:25-29 ~ James 5:1-6 ~ Mark 9:38-43			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Joan Powell	Julie Moran	Julie Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Patricia Binks	
3 rd & 4 th Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Genesis 2:18-24 ~ Hebrews 2:9-11 ~ Mark 10:2-16			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan & Bonnie Rinaldi	Paul Britt Family	Trish Ryan	Max & Jade Peterken
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Brian & Kate Carey	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
10 th & 11 th Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Wisdom 7:7-11 ~ Hebrews 4:2-13 ~ Mark 10:17-30			
Springbank ~ 8.45am	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	D Rix	D Rix	N Jeffrey/ M Frawley	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan Family	Dianne Johnson & Simone Fodor	