

# The Presentation of the Lord (Year A) ~ 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020



## 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: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford, Marie Shanahan

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162

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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 Finance Council** Anita Lidgett (Chair), Stephen Conroy (Secretary), Tony Lynch, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Tony Paarhammer

**Parish Schools**  
**St. Brigid's Primary School** Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 [www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Patrick's Primary School** Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495 [www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$n/a
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$n/a
	<b>Year to date:</b>	\$26,627.73

### Plenary 2020 Update

Again, we would like to share more of your thoughts resulting from the recent Plenary Gathering in Gordon. We are also preparing to formulate these into a draft paper for our next step prior to submission. You will notice these themes could apply locally as well as nationally:

- Have church and school communities working closer as one
- Organise school masses 2 to 3 times per year
- Be helpful to people – our best gift to others is time
- Recognise diversity among people and their ideas.
- Respect and understand the differences

- Create opportunities for healing, listening and forgiving.
- Turn criticism into compliments, judgement into appreciation
- Set up Antioch or similar type groups for our youth

### Prayer Group Ballan

This group will recommence their weekly gatherings at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Invitation to join 2020 Roundtable Conversations** on Ecological Theology with Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr Barry Ryan at Mercy Gathering Room, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East (side entrance).  
**Wednesday Evening Series:** 7-9pm, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15; **Thursday Afternoon Series:** 1-3pm, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 21, June 18, July 16.

**Registration:** email [veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au](mailto:veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) (kindly include contact details). **Donation** (to cover expenses and to make a contribution to ecological justice): \$5 per session.



## 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

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**Parish Schools**  
**St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill** Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 5280 [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$254.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$845.00
<b>Christmas Offering:</b>	\$895.00 (to date)		

### 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord (Year A): Malachi 3:1-4 ~ Hebrews 2:14-18 ~ Luke 2:22-40</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Trish Ryan	Ryan Family	Trish Ryan	Meg, Sienna & Emma
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Monica Eastwood & Mark Conroy	Brian & Kate Carey	Eddie Davis	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Cathy Mullane & Winnie Zammit	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 58:7-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ~ Matthew 5:13-16</b>			
<b>Springbank ~ 6.30pm</b>				
<b>Bungaree ~ 8.45am</b>	Terry Elliott	Leah Hanrahan	S Ryan/ E Clark	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Kathleen Moran & Rosemary Canavan	Michael & Margaret Ryan	Patricia Binks & Bert Jarvis	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ~ Matthew 5:17-37</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Meegan Jenkins	Jenkins Family	Margaret Leonard	
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Kerryn Taylor	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Joan Bourke	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Margaret Green & Mark Conlan	Gyan Schweighofa & Anne Eskdale	Lorraine Tipple & Lloyd Lamb	

LITURGIES			
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bungaree	9.30 am	Mass in the chapel
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bungaree	9.30 am	Mass in the chapel
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ballan	9.30 am	Prayer Group
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass in the chapel
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
	Bungaree	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	



	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
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 Deaths**

Lyndsay Daly (Sue & Sharon Daly's Father), Phillip Crowe

### **Anniversaries**

Fr James Ryan, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Bretherton, Frank Leonard, Patrick Mahar, Kathleen Rix, Betty Martin, Don Murphy, Nina Cassar, Kathleen Ryan, Trish Ford, Kevin Johnson, James Robert

### **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, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Christine Hall, John Ryan

### **Welcome to Fr Sajan Mathew**

Fr Sajan has recently commenced his ministry in Bungaree and Gordon Parishes. Please make him feel welcome.

### **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. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

### **Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat**

Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. You can read Bishop Paul's letter at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) Nominations to [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au) by Friday, Feb 7, 2020.

### **Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment**

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic**? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports)

### **St Joseph's Technical School South Melbourne Reunion**

A reunion of students, teachers and staff will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 12.00noon to 4.00pm at the old school site, which is now home to Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School. BBQ lunch and light refreshments provided. Memorabilia will be on display. Info: Tony ph. 9580 7344.

### **Support those affected by the bushfires**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided information and resources to support those affected by the bushfires and this is available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires). The diocesan website also has media releases from Catholic Mission and Caritas regarding ways they are supporting those in bushfire affected areas. St Vincent de Paul is collecting donations for the "Vinnies Bushfire Appeal" at

[www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw](http://www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw). Please be assured that all donations from Victoria will be directed to Victorians.

### **Catholic Women's League meeting - change of date for February**

The CWL Cathedral Branch will meet at the Nazareth House Parlour on Tuesday, February 4, 2019 at 1.30pm. This will be a social afternoon and all ladies from surrounding parishes are invited to attend. Anna Krohn will give an update of Branch events for the year, along with the diocesan events and the installation of the Catholic Women's League of Australia at the inaugural Mass at St Patricks Cathedral, Melbourne on February 9. You are asked to bring a friend and new members and inquiries are welcome. Members please bring afternoon tea to share. Inquiries ph. 0401175045

### **Damascus College Ballarat 2020 class reunion dates**

Damascus College Alumni (including past students or staff from Sacred Heart College, St Paul's College and St Martin's in the Pines) - it's time to celebrate your 2020 Class reunion: 50 Year - Class of 1970 on Sunday, April 19; 40 Year - Class of 1980 on Saturday, April 18; 30 Year - Class of 1990 on Saturday, March 21; 20 Year - Class of 2000 on Sunday, May 3; 10 Year - Class of 2010 on Friday, March 20. It is our aim is to have as many of your exit year group as possible attend and participate, including those who may have left at other times but identify best with the above year group. For details regarding your Class Reunion please contact the Damascus Alumni Officer at [k.hegert@damascus.vic.edu.au](mailto:k.hegert@damascus.vic.edu.au) (03) 5337 2352 or visit the Damascus College Website. Plenary Council

**Bungaree Parish Plenary Discernment Session** on "Prayerful and Eucharist" to be held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 18th of February, at 7pm. Come and have your say.

### **Mercy Works - Mercy Connect Project**

Mercy Works recruits volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Obtaining a current Working with Children Check is part of the application process. More information contact Donna Stewart, ph 0417624330 or email [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com)

### **menAlive**

Men Alive Ballarat commences for 2020 at 7:30pm Friday Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> of March – Nazareth House Reading Room "Nazy Nook". **menALIVE** is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church. The purpose of **menAlive** is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them become an active force of renewal in the Church. No membership – just your presence etc. Ballarat chapter enquires and leadership please txt or call Chris 0437318251