



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: \$95.10	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$157.00	Year to date: \$19,342.95

Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

A one day retreat is being planned for Tuesday, March 1st, 2016. Sr. Veronica Lawson has accepted an invitation to lead the retreat. Being the jubilee year of Mercy, the theme will be "The Blessing of Mercy" and Veronica's book of that title will be available. It will be held at Donegan's Farm, Butterfactory Road, Gordon. Expressions of interest would be helpful at this stage. Phone Kathleen Moran on 0438812449 or email kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au. The cut off number is 30 participants.

Kathleen's Corner

Environmental justice will be part of the discussion in Paris this month. The principle of justice says each person is of equal value no matter which nation or ethnic group they belong to. Each Australian contributes 16 tonnes of carbon dioxide per year, while each Bangladeshi contributes a little more than a third of a tonne. If the principle of justice is applied, Australia will have to move from 16 tonnes per person to about a third of a tonne, roughly equivalent to what a Bangladeshi emits now.

Nicholas Low | 04 November 2015

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Candle pieces

Any donations of white/off-white candle butts can be left at the church to be melted into next Easter's Candles. These need to be gathered up and sent to the candle-maker before Christmas. You can bring light into the darkness.

Masses of Anointing:

- Wed, Dec 2nd. St Patrick's Gordon (10am)
- Thurs, Dec 10th. St Michael's Springbank (10am)
- Thurs, Dec 17th. St Brigid's Ballan (10am)

Spread the word to any who may be interested in attending. Home visits can also be arranged.

Coming Events & Meetings

- **Tues, 1st Dec.** 6pm onwards. **Parish Christmas Dinner.** Donegan's Farm. \$25/pp. **There are no EFTPOS facilities at this venue.** Please RSVP; Parish Office: 53689280, or Lin Bowers: 53681015
- **Thurs, 10th Dec.** 2pm. Gordon Parish PPC Social Afternoon; 'Christmas Theme'. Donegan's Farm. All welcome.

Columban Calendar

Available in Church foyer. \$7 each. Payment in box provided, or clearly labelled in envelope during collection.

Church Cleaning – December

*Note: Vacuuming: St Michael's 2nd, St Brigid's 9th, St Patrick's 23rd Dec. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Tiffany Forde family.	Eily Carey, Kate Carey & Leisa Carey.	Ann Rix, Pat Ronan & Faye Toohey.



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: \$270.00	Parish: \$400.00
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Bungaree Liturgy Rosters

These were previously arranged by Joan Kennedy. Please advise Leah Hanrahan or Fr Shane if you have taken this over, or if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers.

Dunnstown Toilets

The new toilets in the school foyer are open and available for use when Mass is celebrated at Dunnstown.

Christmas Cake and Port after Mass

Bungaree: Sunday 13th December
Dunnstown: Saturday 19th December
(extra contributions for food are welcome)



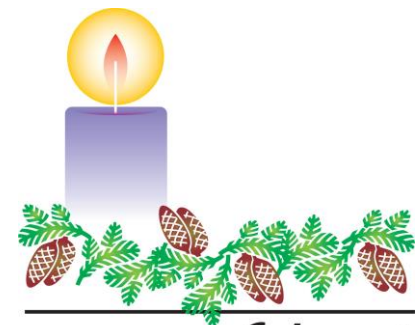
Advent Penitential Service

Wednesday 16th December, 7.30pm. Please bring unwrapped gift of food or toys to be distributed by St Vincent de Paul.



LITURGIES			
Tues 1 st Dec	Dunnstown	9.15am	Anointing Mass
Wed 2 nd Dec	Gordon	10.00am	Anointing Mass
Thu 3 rd Dec	Ballan	10:00am	Prayer Group
Sat 5 th Dec	Dunnstown	6:30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 6 th Dec	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)				



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Recent Death

Jolant Flaszka

Anniversaries

George Smith, Doreen Conroy, Dave Simpson, Joe Fitzpatrick, Nonie Price & Maisie Frawley

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, 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.

Baptism

Congratulations to Liam Michael Hermans (son of Clare and Matthew), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We welcome Liam into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

November Prayers for the Dead

In November, we traditionally place a special emphasis on praying for those who have died.

- A Book of Remembrance is available at the front of each Church. All are welcome to add names of those they wish to be prayed for and remembered.
- Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available at the church door.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird, CSsR, has announced the following appointments, effective from January 2016:

- Fr Ed Moloney: Corpus Christi College, Melbourne
- Fr John Monaghan: Parish Priest, Maryborough
- Fr Eugene McKinnon: Parish Priest of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake, Wycheproof (in addition to his current parishes of Donald and Birchip)
- Fr Peter Jose: Assistant Priest of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake, Wycheproof
- Fr Damian Styles (Military Ordinariate): Assistant Priest, Mildura (2016 only)
- Fr Gary Jones: Supervising Priest, Gordon (while remaining as Parish Priest of Daylesford and Creswick)

Available at Church door:

- Columban Calendar 2016: \$9.00
- Our Diocesan Community: Free

Gordon Cemetery Mass

The Gordon Cemetery Mass will take place this Sunday 29th at 1:30pm. Celebrated by Bishop P. Connors. St Patrick's & St Michael's School Choir will perform at the Mass. Please feel free to BYO chairs, or picnic blanket, some chairs supplied. After Mass afternoon tea and scones will be available at Donegan's.

Care for Our Common Home: Advent Reflection Group

Weekly reflection on the on the Sunday Gospel and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Wednesdays, 5.15–6.15pm, smaller Cathedral Hall. Or one Sunday reflection: 6th Dec, 6.30–8.30pm. RSVP: Cathedral Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 5331 2933.

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. This Holy Year of Mercy will commence on 8th Dec. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will open the Door of Mercy at the 10.30am Mass, Sun 13th Dec, at St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by refreshments.

Advent – free resources available online

- Columban Mission Institute: “Pathways: Hope for the Journey” www.columban.org.au/resources
- Archdiocese of Brisbane: “Families Living God's Glory” <http://bne.catholic.net.au/faithlife/>
- Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulbourn: free daily advent reflections by email www.thefaceofmercy.org.au

Praying for our young people

113 young people and their leaders are preparing to travel to Adelaide from our diocese to participate in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, 3–5 Dec. Please pray for them:

God of all,

you gently call us each by name.

We give thanks for the young people who are preparing to go to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide.

Continue to call them, O God,

in a world where complexity and busyness can cloud and distort our way.

As they gather from across this land of the Holy Spirit may their hearts yearn for you,

who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
28 th & 29 th Nov	First Sunday of Advent (Year B): Jeremiah 33:14-16 ~ 1 Thessalonians 3:2-4:2 ~ Luke 21:25-8, 34-6			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Vicki Moroney	Brendan Simpson family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Clem Reidy	B Jeffrey	D Ryan / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan family	Simone Fodor & John Fabre	
5 th & 6 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent (Year B): Baruch 5:1-9 ~ Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 ~ Luke 3:1-6			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Britt	Sheila Britt	Margaret Leonard	Callan, Isla & Darcy
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Brigid Sims Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	
12 th & 13 th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent (Year B): Zephaniah 3:14-18 ~ Philippians 4:4-7 ~ Luke 3:10-18			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey family	David Toohey family	David Toohey family	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	S Steenhuis	M Elliott / N Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Kaz & Maz Craggill family	Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	