

Palm Sunday of Lent (Year A) ~ 8th & 9th April, 2017



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

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

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones ~ Parish Coordinators: Joan Bourke (Moderator), Catherine Green & Michael Ryan
Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ~ For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: Contact Natasha Buttigieg (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	Helen Ryan (Chair), Joan Bourke (Moderator), Linden Hall, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Gabe Driscoll (School Principal)		
Finance Committee	Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher		
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 week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$150.00	Parish: \$353.05
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$207.30	Year to date: \$36,347.00
	Direct Debit (March): \$1,505.00	
Project Compassion (to date):	\$489.60	

New Coordinator – Parish of Gordon

Thanks to all those parishioners who gave input into the recent process of discerning Angela Carr as the new Coordinator. Considerable positive feedback was received about her. This process of discernment also included discussions with Angela. Bishop Paul has endorsed her appointment commencing 1 May 2017.

Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant, Ballarat Diocese

Invitation to Commissioning of Coordinators

All parishioners are invited to St Brigid's Ballan at 10.30 on Sunday 30 April when Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass and commission the Coordinators. Angela Carr is the new Coordinator. Catherine Green and Michael Ryan will be re-commissioned, with Catherine as the new Moderator. This is also an opportunity to thank Joan Bourke for her service to the Parish as a Coordinator for the last three years and as Moderator for the last twelve months. We will share a light lunch after Mass. All welcome!

Coming Events

Springbank Community Meetings

As part of the ongoing process to assess the future use of Parish capital assets we are holding two community meetings:

- Saturday, May 13th after 6.30pm Mass at Springbank
- Tuesday, May 16th, 7.00pm, Springbank Church

Both meetings will have the same presentation and discussion points. Please attend either.

Handyman/Gardener

The parish is looking for a Handyman/Gardener on an 'on call' basis to work at all Parish properties. Must have Working With Children Check, ABN, Insurances and references. For more information, please contact Luke Mullane: luke.mullane@bigpond.com

Liturgy Roster

If you are interested in becoming part of the liturgy roster or wanting to be removed from the reading list please contact Margaret Green or Natasha Buttigieg at the parish office.

Kathleen's Corner

As we think of and support the people of Queensland and New South Wales affected by Cyclone Debbie, let us also remember the people of Peru. In the March, 2017 Peru floods disaster in Peru, more than 100,000 homes were demolished, over 100 bridges washed out, and multiple roadways rendered inoperable. Over 78 people have lost their lives and 70,000 people are homeless as a result of the flooding. More than 640,000 people have been affected.

Church Cleaning - April

St Michael's 14th, St Brigid's 21st & St Patrick's 28th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Marie Conroy Beth Calleja	Kath O'Neil Louise O'Neil

Parish Office Details

For any queries please contact parish office ☎: 5368-9280 Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm alternatively leave a message, or Natasha can be contacted on ☎: 0447 609 485.



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

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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:	\$249.50	Parish:	\$540.00
Project Compassion (to date):		\$160.00	

Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. They came into effect for schools in 2016 and for parishes at the beginning of 2017. 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).

Mother's Day Luncheon

Wallace and District Kindergarten,
Friday 12th May, Bungaree Community Centre.
Bookings: Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544.

celebrating
Mother's Day

LITURGIES			
Mon 10 th Apr	Cathedral	6.30pm	Mass of the Oils
Tues 11 th Apr	Bungaree	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Wed 12 th Apr	Bungaree	4.00pm	Individual Confessions
Thur 13 th Apr	Bungaree	7.30pm	Holy Thursday Mass
Fri 14 th Apr	Ballan	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
	Springbank	3.00pm	Good Friday Service
Sat 15 th Apr	Gordon	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sun 16 th Apr	Dunnstown	8.45am	Easter Sunday Mass
	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 (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Anniversaries

Jack Toohey, Bill Molloy, Carmel Fitzgerald, Margaret Trounce, Barbara Frawley Andrew Sherry, Peter Molloy, Carmel Fitzgerald

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Phillip Camilleri, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri, Paula Scott, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar.

Baptism

Congratulations to Lucie Caitlyn Vaughan (daughter of Jacquetta and Joshua), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We welcome Lucie into our faith community, and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Sophie Claire Dash (2015), Joe Timothy Trigg (2015), Emme Jean Tait (2015), Lola Mae Miles (2016), Tara Audrey Lloyd (2016)

**Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them,
so they may walk in newness of life.**

Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees

"Close Manus, Close Nauru ~ Welcome Refugees ~ Permanent Protection" Sunday 9th April, 2pm: State Library, Melbourne.

Choir for Mass of the Oils (Monday 10th April)

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group for this Mass. Practice: St Patrick's Cathedral, Sunday 9th April, 6.30pm; Monday 10th April, 5.00pm (prior to Mass).

Retreat in Everyday Life

Fr Robbie Sian, a Filipino Jesuit priest who is currently in Melbourne as part of the Jesuit Tertian program, will come to Ballarat for a month from 23rd April to lead the Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat in Everyday Life. Doreen Roache, a St Patrick's Cathedral parishioner will lead this with Fr Robbie. RSVP 17th April: St Patrick's Cathedral Office.



Project Compassion



Like many of her neighbours in her coastal village in the Philippines, Aloma feared for her family's safety as extreme weather battered their home and environment. But her participation in the Caritas-Australia supported Integrated Community Development Program has offered her a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment. Your donation helps vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure environment and a more secure future for their children: use Project Compassion boxes, envelopes, www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or ☎ 1800 024 413.

Good Friday Collection for the Church in the Holy Land

The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parish, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land once again this Good Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and justice will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'. Last year, Australian Catholics donated nearly \$1.4 million to this cause, including nearly \$20,000 from our diocese.

Volunteers for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

If you are able to assist with the various ministries involved in these liturgies, please contact the liturgy coordinator in your community.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
8 th & 9 th April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Matthew 27:11-54			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Mark Hanrahan Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	S Steenhuis	L Jeffrey/ L Hanrahan	Music: Shelly Ryan
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Angela Carr & Bert Jarvis	
15 th & 16 th April	Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord (Year A): Acts 10:34,37-43 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 ~ 1 Corinthians 5:7-8			
Gordon ~ 7.00pm	Volunteers for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies are required - please contact the liturgy coordinator in your community.			
Dunnstown ~ 8.45am	Volunteers for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies are required - please contact the liturgy coordinator in your community.			
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre & Lloyd Lamb	
22 nd & 23 rd April	Second Sunday of Easter (Year A): Acts 2:42-47 ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9 ~ John 20:19-31			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Tim Bennett	Kate Bennett	Julie Moran	Mowing: Leigh Robinson & Dom Prendergast
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Angela Kearns & Kerryn Taylor	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Kathleen Moran	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	