



## 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 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*

<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Helen Ryan (Chair), Joan Bourke (Moderator), Linden Hall, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Gabe Driscoll (School Principal) ..** A representative is required for Springbank.**		
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher		
<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll	☎ 5368 1015 <a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495 <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Michael's Primary School</b>	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344 <a href="http://www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au">www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections Last Week

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$572.65
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$493.70	<b>Direct Debit:</b> \$915.00
<b>2016/17 Year to date:</b> \$3,743.45		<b>2015/16 Year to date:</b> \$66,126.40

### News from the coordinators (Joan, Catherine & Michael)

Every week we seem to be thanking parishioners for their contribution towards the life of our Parish. This week we would like to thank the Sacramental Ministry team, very ably led by Therese Winter along with Christine Hall and Narelle Conroy. The commitment and dedication shown by Therese and her team, shines through with the inspiring presence of the children as they so reverently receive their sacraments. We also thank Fr Shane for overseeing the Sacramental retreat and celebrating each Mass. Once again we congratulate the children on receiving their Confirmation and First Eucharist and look forward to their involvement with our Parish in the coming years. We would also like to thank Bishop Peter Connors for making himself available to celebrate the Anointing Mass Tuesday morning at Springbank.

### With much appreciation:

I thank everyone who supported me in many ways after my experience of a home invader. Please accept this as my

thanks. I do so appreciate living in such a caring community.  
Kathleen Moran

### Coming Meetings:

- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. 7:30pm. PPC. Parish House.
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Aug. 7:30pm. Fin. Com. Parish House.

### Gleeson-Mills Reunion: Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Sept

A reunion for the descendants of John Mills & Julia Gleeson @ the Gordon Hall. Info: Michael Elkins ☎ 9879 1415

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

RCIA meetings will be held in Gordon on Tuesday mornings 9-10am. Enquiries: Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812 449. If you or someone you know, would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic, contact Lin Bowers: ☎ 0414 782 044. (Leaflets in Church foyer)

### Volunteer required for Parish Pastoral Council

There is a vacancy for a Springbank representative on the PPC. Nominations can be given to any of the coordinators.

### Church Cleaning – August

\*\*Vacuuming: St Michael's 18<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 15<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug\*  
Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Marie Shanahan, Anne Eskdale & Anna Marriampallai	Eily Carey, Kate Carey & Leisa Carey.	Kath O'Neil, Jenny Everard & Rena Robson.



## 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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<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill</b>	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh	☎ 5334 5280 <a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown</b>	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh	☎ 5334 7604 <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>

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<b>Presbytery:</b> \$294.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$505.00
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### Confirmation and First Eucharist



Congratulations to the children in our parish who are being baptised, confirmed and sharing in the eucharist for the first time over these two weeks: Emma Bethune, Meg Cahir, Charlie Elliott, Myah Elliott, Layne Frawley, Cameron Jenkins, Rose Leonard,

Sam Leonard, Circe Moloney-Wise, Ned Pengelly, Evie Pengelly, Charlotte Prendergast, Kody Slater, Harrison Steenhuis, Fergus Toose, Lucy Trigg. Thanks to their families and all who have supported them in preparing for these sacraments. We assure them of our prayers and support.

### Our Diocesan Community

News from around the diocese;  
latest edition free at church door.

### Silver Jubilee of Ordination

Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on 6<sup>th</sup> September this year. Local celebrations with Fr Shane:

- Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10.30am Mass, St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate of cakes/slices to share.
- Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10.30am Mass, St Brigid's, Ballan.



LITURGIES			
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	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	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



### Recent Death

Frank White

### Anniversaries

Celie Mullane, Eily Mahoney, Joseph Barbara, Con Clifford, Sam Galea, Sylvia Finlayson, Mary Lee, James Donegan, George Hamm, Anne & John Field, Frank Graham, Rene Hanrahan, Marie Therese Leonard, Kath Jeffrey, Bill McGuire, Leo Kelly, Sr. Lawrence, Tom Parkin, Lorraine Polkinghorne and Margaret Britt

### We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Mary Elliott, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, Joe D'arcy, Mark Leonard, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just

### Ballarat East Parish

Bishop Paul Bird has announced that Fr Adrian McInerney will be retiring at the end of January due to ill health.

### Free eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

Speakers: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Mr Phil Glendenning, Sr Veronica Lawson. Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10.30am-2.45pm. Info: [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference2016](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference2016) Registration: <http://creomedia.com.au/clients/bbi/econference2016/>

### Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Opportunities for formation, support, study and certification for lay pastoral employees and volunteers in the Ballarat Diocese in partnership with the Virtual Learning Community, Dayton University. Flyers in Church, or more info at: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-and-agencies](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-and-agencies).

### Vinnies Assistance with Household Budgeting

St Vincent de Paul society is planning sessions on budgeting where clients meet by appointment with 2 volunteers who are trained to give practical advice but not financial planning. Info session for volunteers, O'Collins Hall, Dawson St, Wed 10 August, 1pm. Info: Mary McAloon ☎ 0419 897 345

### CWL Morning of Reflection with Fr James Kerr

Nazareth House Fri Aug 12, 10am. Mass at midday followed by light lunch. Bookings by Wed, Aug 10. Cost \$12.00pp. Contact Maureen ☎: 0431 273 953 or Sheila ☎: 0407 884 681.

### Pope Francis, 'On Love in the Family'

Samples from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, which follows two synods of bishops in 2014 & 2015. Full text: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." [57]

"Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'." [231]

"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union." [232]

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street'." [308]

"We have been called to form consciences, not replace them." [37]

"Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort." [130]

"I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye." [39]

"Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope." [219]

"Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else." [212]

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary." [224]

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Wisdom 18:6-9 ~ Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 ~ Luke 12:32-48			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Confirmation and First Eucharist Ceremony			
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Carmel Mahar	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & John Fabre	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Cathy Mullane & Simone Fodor	
13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 ~ Hebrews 12:1-4 ~ Luke 12:49-53			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey family	Brendan Simpson family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Amanda Elliott	P Elliott	M Frawley / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	James & Alison Eskdale family	Bert Jarvis & Lorraine Tipple	
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 66:18-21 ~ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 ~ Luke 13:22-30			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Hugh Ryan & Louis Spratling	Danny O'Loughlin Family	Trish Ryan	Campbell & Lilli
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Michael & Therese Winter	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre & Patricia Binks	