



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) **** A representative is required for Springbank ****

Finance Committee Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, 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: \$328.80
Planned	Envelopes: \$382.00	Year to date:
Giving	January Direct Debit: \$1305.00	

Coordinators Report

We welcome back the students and staff for the 2017 school year. We especially welcome Mrs Bambi Afford as Principal at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We hope you have a very happy and productive 2017 and look forward to working closely with both schools to strengthen the close relationship between the school communities and the Parish. Once again, we thank all Parishioners for their support, ensuring the continued success and viability of our Parish. Joan, Catherine and Michael.

8 week Transition Review - Parish of Gordon

At recent Masses, Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant with the Diocese, outlined an 8 week Transition Review during February and March to prepare for a new Coordinator to join the Parish Coordination team in late April. At this stage no nominations have been received. The Review will look at ways to strengthen and support the Parish and Coordinators to enable the community-led model to continue effectively. If you have any feedback or queries, please contact Amanda on 5337 7125, email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au Amanda will also regularly be in the foyers after Masses to hear your questions or comments.

Gordon Meeting Report

The Parish meeting held last Monday 6 February was well attended and effective. 36 parishioners were there and seven apologies were received. Coordinator Michael Ryan presented the current situation regarding Parish

assets, and Mark Bromley (Diocesan Business Manager) gave useful information. Many parishioners contributed to the discussion. With full consensus, the meeting endorsed the recommendation that steps be commenced to prepare the Gordon Parish House for sale (as a separate title from the Gordon Church); and that during 2017 a plan that considers stewardship and pastoral issues be developed for all the Parish assets. Many thanks to everyone involved. Updates will be provided to the Parish regularly and please feel free to talk with any of the Coordinators.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Feb 13th PPC, 7.30pm Gordon Convent
- Feb 15th Finance Meeting

Sr. Kathleen's Golden Jubilee

Sr. Kathleen is celebrating her Golden Jubilee of her Profession in February. To acknowledge this wonderful achievement, a morning tea will be held after 10.30am Mass at Ballan on Sunday, 19th February. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share. *Enjoy your celebrations Kathleen!*

Kathleen's Corner

From 1951 to 1980 extreme warm months would have occurred about two percent of the time. Now - in the past 15 years - that has increased to more than 10 percent. In 2013 alone there were 28 days of extreme heat. By way of comparison - it took from 1910 to 1941 to tally up 28 such days and this is a very serious issue indeed. Let me be plain here - climate change is a crisis and our immediate goals are to address it and address it now. Tom Kingston, *Moorabool News* 17.01.2017

Parish Office Details

Office is open Tuesday's 9.30am-2.30pm or contact parish secretary: Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 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:	\$264.50	Parish:	\$400.00
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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).

Parish Leadership Team Meeting
Parish Centre,
this Tuesday (14th February,) 7.30pm

LITURGIES			
Tues 14th Feb	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 16th Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 18th Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 19th Feb	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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)				



Anniversaries

Martin Molloy, Chris Maher, James Baynes, Laurie Wheelahan, Eily Mullane, Catherine Donegan, Kathleen Rix, Betty Martin, Don Murphy, Frank Britt, Tim Fletcher, Edna Carson, Catherine Parkin and Eileen White

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, Melanie Yates, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri.

Secondary Enrolments & Scholarships 2018

Enrolment applications close 17 February

St Patrick's College: Scholarships for Years 7, 10 & 11. Applications close 19 Feb. Tours: Friday mornings. Contact Caitlin Bennett ☎: 5331 1688 or e:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au to book.

Loreto College: Scholarship for Year 7. Applications close 10 Feb. Open day: Tues 14 Feb 9am-10.30am

Damascus College: Open day: Thurs 16 Feb 9am-10.30am

Recycle your old Palms

Each year, the ashes for Ash Wednesday (1 March) are made by burning the palms from the previous Palm Sunday. Please bring any palms you have from last year to Mass over the next two weekends.

Ainara Timor-Leste Bushdance Fundraiser

For Health Student Scholarship Fund. Donegan's Farm, Saturday 25th March, 6.30pm. \$25/person; \$60/family www.trybooking.com/ONIR

Clemente Film Night Fundraiser: 'I, Daniel Blake'

Clemente is an unfunded Centacare program in partnership with Australian Catholic University and other Ballarat agencies. It provides high-support educational opportunities for people to find pathways out of the poverty cycle through a pathway to higher education. Thurs 23rd Feb, 7pm, Regent Multiplex. Tickets: \$15 from Debbie Mannix ☎ 5337 8955.

Diocesan Pastoral Council Nominations

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. It currently meets four times a year in Ballarat. The DPC seeks a cross-section of people from different places in the diocese and from different backgrounds

and experiences. However members of the DPC do not represent a particular parish or zone. A focus for the DPC in 2017/2018 will be contributing to the plans for how the diocese will be involved in preparations for the Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020. Info & nomination forms available from www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or the parish office. Nominations close: 1 March.

Pope Francis' Letter to Young People ~ 13 Jan 2017

I am pleased to announce that in October 2018 a Synod of Bishops will take place to treat the topic: *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. I wanted you to be the centre of attention, because you are in my heart ...

I am reminded of the words which God spoke to Abraham: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (Gen 12:1). These words are now also addressed to you. They are words of a Father who invites you to "go", to set out towards a future which is unknown but one which will surely lead to fulfilment, a future towards which He Himself accompanies you. I invite you to hear God's voice resounding in your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit. When God said to Abram, "Go!", what did he want to say? He certainly did not say to distance himself from his family or withdraw from the world. Abram received a compelling invitation, a challenge, to leave everything and go to a new land. What is this "new land" for us today, if not a more just and friendly society which you, young people, deeply desire and wish to build to the very ends of the earth? ...

Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt this urge to undertake this journey? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness ...

A better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master. The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls ...

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
11th & 12th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 ~ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ~ Matthew 5:17-37			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	D Rix	C Frawley	D Ryan / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & John Fabre	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Cathy Mullane & Simone Fodor	
18th & 19th Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 ~ 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 ~ Matthew 5:38-48			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Karen Cahir Family	Jennifer McKay	Darcy, Jade & Kiely
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey, Marie Durham	Angela & Frank Kearns	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson, Lloyd Lamb	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Bert Jarvis & Lorraine Tipple	
25th & 26th Feb	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 49:1-5 ~ 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 ~ Matthew 6:24-34			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Dom Prendergast	Jill Prendergast	Helen Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy, Caron Whitefield	Debbie Goldie, Caron Whitefield	Eddie Davies	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale, Bert Jarvis	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre, Patricia Binks	