



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: \$225.00
Planned	Envelopes: \$244.00	Year to date:
Giving	January Direct Debit: \$1305.00	\$29,300.30

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 on Monday 6 February was well attended and effective. 36 parishioners attended 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.

Change of Mass Times on 19th March

Due to the Autumn Festival, Masses times will be changed: **Ballan: 8.45am Gordon: 10.30am**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

At the 10.30 Mass this Sunday, our catechumen, Bianca Flint will take part in a Rite of enrolling of Names in preparation for her Rite of Election on Saturday, March 4, at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome.

'Chasing Asylum'

A screening of this film documentary confronting Australia's hard line policy of detaining refugees in offshore processing centres. Friday 3rd March, 7:30pm, Ballan Primary School Gym, east end of Steiglitz St. Free Admission. Drinks & snacks available. Proudly sponsored by Ballan Lions Club.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Wednesday 22nd February: St Brigid's Ballan Opening of school Year Mass 10.00am
- Thursday 9th March: Liturgy Meeting 7.30 pm, Gordon Convent.

Kathleen's Corner

In a video regarding the Royal Commission Archbishop Coleridge said: "We have to shift the culture and that's a far more difficult thing to do."

Parish Office Details

Office is open Tuesday's 9.30am-2.30pm or contact parish secretary 1558 Old Melbourne Road, Gordon.

Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0447 609 485

Church Cleaning - March

*Vacuuming: St Michael's 10th, St Brigid's 17th & St Patrick's 24th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris & Cathy Mullane		Julie Toohey Sharon Daly Sue Daly



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:	\$149.00	Parish:	\$528.00
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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).

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Thur 23 rd Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 25 th Feb	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	
Sun 26 th Feb	Gordon	8.45am	Sunday Mass
	Ballan	10.30am	
Wed 1 st Mar	Dunnstown	10.15am	Ash Wednesday
	Gordon	12 noon	
	Ballan	1.45pm	

	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

Cecelia Haintz, Ellie Walsh, Tom O'Loughlin, Kevin McGuigan, Con McTigue, Lil Wickson, Con Carey, Elizabeth Flynn, Carmen Galea, Arthur Jones, Louise Tubbs, Joan Arnel, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie, Harry Parkin

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.

Annual Clergy Retreat

The priests of the diocese will gather in Halls Gap this week for their annual retreat. Please keep them in your prayers.

Welcome

Welcome to Beatrix, Rose and Mabel Flint (children of Bianca & Luke) and Bowie Coneith Pirotta (son of Danielle & Phillip), who at Mass this weekend are beginning their preparation for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Baptism Anniversaries Feb

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Billy James Prendergast (2013), Nellie Kate Cheeseman (2015), Aiden Antonio Sarra (2016), Ruby Tatchell.

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

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program: start in March or May

This program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the March study cycle closes on 27th Feb – or you can start in May or later in the year. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link at base of front page), then contact Amanda ☎ 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Ainara Timor-Leste Bushdance Fundraiser

To support 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.

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.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2016

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass on Monday, April 10, 2017. Practice times will be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest. julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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.

Resources from the Diocese for Parishes

The Diocesan Resource Centre has a wide range of resources that can be borrowed free by groups or individuals in parishes. There are books, music and DVDs on many topics including sacraments, Lent, the Gospel of Matthew, Pope Francis, social justice and resources for children. More about the Resource Centre on the Diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎: 5337 7149.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
18 th & 19 th 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	
25 th & 26 th Feb	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 49:14-15 ~ 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 ~ Matthew 6:24-34			
Clarkes 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	
4 th & 5 th March	First Sunday of Lent (Year A): Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 ~ Romans 5:12,17-19 ~ Matthew 4:1-11			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mary & Declan Hanrahan	Dom Hanrahan Family	Jennifer McKay	Caleb & Will
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri, Eddie Davis	Peter Donegan Family	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan, Winnie Zammit	Binks Family	Angela Carr, Lloyd Lamb	