

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON



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

The Gordon Parish is a supervised, community-led parish. The Parish is led by a team of Coordinators, one of whom is the Moderator.

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay

Coordinators: Catherine Green (Moderator), Michael Ryan, Angela Carr

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0447 609 485

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

For Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals please contact Parish Secretary ~ messages will be forwarded

PARISH VISION: *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll
Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$169.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$945.10	Year to Date 2017/18: \$4,823.10
Direct Debit:	July: \$1,025.00	
Year to date 2016/17:	\$72,137.05	

Parish Assets Management - Gordon Presbytery

The application form relating to the proposed sale of the St Patrick's Gordon Presbytery has been completed and signed by Fr Gary. The form has been submitted for consideration by the Committee of Diocesan Consulters including Bishop Paul Bird, and the Diocesan Finance Council. It will be some weeks before a decision is received from the Diocesan Office. The next stage is to work on the process of aligning property titles between the church and presbytery, and making any changes necessary to separate the utilities and services to the two properties.

Annual Parish Assembly 2017

Advance notice of the date for our annual Parish Assembly. Save the date of 19th September, at the St Patrick's School Hall, Gordon. All welcome to share a light supper from 6pm, followed by the Parish Assembly 6.30pm - 8.30pm. There will be an opportunity to share ideas at the Assembly on the Parish Operating Plan 2014-2016, which is due for renewal. Copies of the Operating Plan are available from the Parish Office.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2017/18

Available in church foyers for collection.

Planned Giving Receipts

Planned Giving Receipts are available for collection in churches this weekend, please note some have been posted.

Parish Office

Our Parish Secretary Natasha Buttigieg and husband Emanuel are preparing to welcome a new addition to their family next month. During the month of September, the current Parish contact arrangements will remain the same. Natasha will be available to contact via telephone and email for any Parish matters. There will be no regular presence in the Parish Office during September. We wish Natasha and her family well as they await the arrival of their new baby.

Kathleen's Corner

When life is ending, when people's lives are ending, we have an opportunity to accompany them till they breathe their last breath. We can ease their pain and suffering through good palliative care. We can love and care for them in such a way that they know they are not a burden to others. When we can accept that dying is the final part of living, we can reassure dying people they are still loved as they are, not just as they were, and that their life still has meaning. Then dying can be peace filled and precious. *Adapted from a paper written by Dr. Caroline Ong RSM a practising GP and Bioethicist.* For the full paper go to: <http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia/Resources/Catholic-Church>

Coming Events

- Monday 14 August Parish Pastoral Committee Meeting
- Wednesday 16 August Parish Finance Committee

Church Cleaning - August

St Michael's 11th, St Brigid's 18th & St Patrick's 25th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Marie Shanahan Anne Eskdale Anna Marriampallai	Josie Donegan Carmel Mahar	Natalie Toohey Loretta 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 ~ C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh

☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh

☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$370.00	Parish: \$615.00
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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).

Bishop's Visitation

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be undertaking his 5-yearly visitation of the parish Fri 8 - Mon 11 September. This will include weekend Masses, visits to the parish schools, and opportunities to meet with parishioners.

Parish Leadership Team

Meeting, This Tuesday 15th August, 7.30pm

LITURGIES			
Tues 15 th Aug	Dunnstown	9.15am	Mass for the Assumption of Marh
Thur 17 th Aug	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer group
Sat 19 th Aug	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 20 th Aug	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	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

Anniversaries

John Graham, John McCormack, Tom Clifford, George Dusa, Merle Blyzard, Michael Ronan, Jim Conroy, Joseph Camilleri, William Gleeson, Velia Mcfall, Margaret Britt, Thomas Torpy, Ken Ludbrook, Margaret Spence

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, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Madalyn May Bethune (2013), Emma Rose Bethune (2013), Billy Samuel Britt (2015), Baz Anthony Fitzpatrick (2015), Zahlia April Pearce (2016)

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



Feast of St Mary MacKillop, 8 August

Mary MacKillop International (MMI) has been established by the Josephite sisters to build on and continue their work, begun by St Mary MacKillop, in "the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard." Leaflets and donation envelopes available at the church door, to support MMI's work in education, health and livelihoods opportunities, bringing hope to communities in Timor-Leste, Peru and Papua New Guinea. www.mmi.org.au

Promote Care, Oppose Euthanasia

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just those terminally ill. The Catholic Church believes that any proposal to introduce legislation enabling physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia is not in the best interests of the community and will have wide-reaching ramifications. For information about this important development, its impact on our society, and action you can take, visit www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Our Diocesan Community

July edition available free at Church door.

Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Foundation

In June the foundation held its 31st AGM. It holds net assets of \$8.9m. In 2016, \$336,701 was distributed to support activities such as: sponsoring representatives attending the World Youth Day in Poland and the Proclaim Conference in Sydney; Merbein Parish's Year of Mercy activities; and Warrnambool's Caring for the Homebound program. The Foundation also supported organisations such as Centacare, the Ballarat Hospice, and Saint Vincent de Paul's North West Central Council. Info on donations, bequests or becoming a Board member, email: andrew.jirik@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The 2nd part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Available on the Diocesan website (Latest News). Email responses by 15 Aug. More info: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or Amanda ☎ 5337 7125.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2017

Early Bird Registration closes 18 August. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or Amanda ☎ 5337 7125

2017 RCIA State seminar – Melbourne

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Conference, Saturday 26 August 9.30am-3pm: "Ask, See, Knock: Joyful Encounters of RCIA" Reservations: www.trybooking.com/qlq More info at: <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au> | News & Events

St Patrick's College 2019 Year 7 Enrolment

Applications close 1st December. Info evening: Thurs 26 Oct, 7.30pm. College tours each month on a Friday. RSVP: Caitlin Bennett cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or ☎ 5331 1688.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Registration for September study cycle closes on 28 August. More details at: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au link on home page or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au ☎: 5337 7125

Diocesan Resource Centre

Books, Videos, DVDs & CDs available for borrowing for total faith formation. Located within the Diocesan Office, Ballarat. Online catalogue and more info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Services & Agencies | Resource Centre.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
12 th & 13 th August	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13 ~ Romans 9:1-5 ~ Matthew 14:22-33			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Brendan Simpson Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	B Jeffrey	M Frawley / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Sandra Miller	Binks Family	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgson	
19 th & 20 th August	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 56:1,6-7 ~ Romans 11: 13-15,29-32 ~ Matthew 15:21-28			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Dominic & Liam Hanrahan	Hanrahan Family	Trish White	Campbell, Lilli & Sam
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Gary & Marg McTigue	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & John Fabre	Leon & Pat Burvill	Patricia Binks & Helen Conlan	
26 th & 27 th Aug	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 22:19-23 ~ Romans 11: 11:33-36 ~ Matthew 16:13-28			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Tim Bennett	Kate Bennett	Margie Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Tom Paarhammer & Marie Shanahan	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Lloyd Lamb & Angela Carr	