



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*

Parish Pastoral Council	Helen Ryan (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Donna Simpson, Marg Quinlan, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal),		
Finance Committee	Michael Ryan (Chair), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher, Lin Bowers (Coordinator Representative)		
Parish Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll	☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
	St. Michael's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344 www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$24.25
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$2,162.00	Year to date: \$41,140.50

Parish of Gordon - Lending Library at St Brigid's, Ballan

A collection of books for current and new parishioners, that will provide information and inspiration about our Catholic faith, presented in an up to date and engaging way. Borrowing is free. A list of books available will be displayed in each church. Sr Kathleen is happy to collect books for Gordon, or Springbank parishioners. This Library is part of a pilot program that will be evaluated after an appropriate time. Feedback is welcome. (Forms are available). Please contact Anne Eskdale 5368 1424 or email anne.eskdale@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Parish Vision Statement

Sr. Karon Donnellon will facilitate two gatherings in July for us to revisit our vision statement. St. Brigid's, Ballan, gathering space 3rd July, and at St. Patrick's School 10th July, Gordon. Further details to come.

Volunteer required at Springbank

For the role of music liturgy & the ministry roster.

Confirmation & First Eucharist Enrolment Mass

Congratulations to the students attending their enrolment Mass at St Patrick's this Sunday & St Brigid's the following Sunday, where the children will receive their red sash & program booklets.

Catholic Education Week – St Patrick's School

Families are invited into the classroom to assist with making prayer beads which will be used during class prayer: **Thurs, 26 May, 2:30pm**. Followed by a School Liturgy at **3pm**, with focus on the theme of Catholic Ed Week; 'Be the Face of Mercy'.

Kathleen's Corner

- National Reconciliation Week: 27 May - 3 June.
- 27 May: the anniversary of the 1967 referendum.
- 3 June: Mabo Day, when the High Court of Australia recognised that Aboriginals & Torres Strait Islanders have a special relationship to the land.

Vision: For everyone to wake to a reconciled, just and equitable Australia.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Wed 25th May 7:30pm Finance Com. Meeting, Parish House
- Sun, 5th June. St Brigid's. The three Coordinators will be commissioned by Bishop Paul Bird.
- Refugee Week: Public gathering 25th June, Mechanics Hall, Ballan. Further details to come

Church Cleaning – June

*Note: Vacuuming - St Michael's, St Brigid's & St Patrick's June.

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Sims & Caz Craggill	Carmel Mahar, Sue Clifford & Josie Donegan	Eileen Haintz & Louise Haintz



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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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: \$348.00	Parish: \$515.00
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Parish Centre & Community Centre

The Parish Leadership Team is exploring options for the ongoing use of these facilities, which might be of interest to schools, church groups or commercial tenants. Parishioners are encouraged to discuss this with potential users. Please pass on suggestions to Fr Shane or a member of the Leadership Team (Amanda Elliott, Katrina Griffiths, Leah Hanrahan, Craig Jenkins, Chris Kavanagh, Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, Jill Prendergast, Damian Ryan).

Parish Social Lunch with Walk-4-One Guest Speaker

2-course meal with guest speaker: Sam Clear. 15,600 km on foot, 20 countries, 568 days, 11 near-death encounters, one extraordinary story. Sam Clear walked around the world in an effort to urge and inspire all Christians to unite: 'That they may all be one.' He didn't think it would be easy; but he had no idea how hard it was going to be ... His tale is one of extraordinary courage, challenges and love in action under incredible circumstances (see www.walk4one.com). Bungaree Community Centre (Bungaree Recreation Reserve), Sunday 19 June, 12.30pm. Adults \$30, secondary students \$20 (drinks @ bar prices). Bookings by 10 June: Amanda Elliott ☎ 0427 713 064 or amanda@rumerz.com.au or Liz Hanrahan ☎ 0417 347 262.



LITURGIES			
Sat 28 th May	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 29 th May	Bungaree	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Recent Deaths

Mary Smith, Arthur Gore

Anniversaries

Anna Greene, Brian Maher, Calvert Clarke, Paul Reddie, Peter Frichot, Marie Scanlon, Peter Davies, Nora Mahar, Con Sheehan, Gerard Cullinan, Peter Auchettl, John Burke, Winnie Flynn, William Jones, Tom White and George Pearse

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Dan Toohey, Joe D'arcy, Vanessa Brotto, Mary Elliott, Mark Leonard, Gerard Molloy.

Annual Mass Count

The annual Mass count concludes today.
Collectors, please take note!

Men's Spirituality

There has been recent interest from men in our parishes in gaining support for their spiritual growth. Fr Barry Ryan has agreed to assist; however, we will need numbers before he is invited to come. If you wish to be involved, please contact: Michael Ryan info@michaelryanca.com.au / ☎ 0408 823 184, or Kathleen Moran rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au or 0438 812 449

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Kew

☎ 9854 8110; email: secretary@campion.asn.au

- Men's Retreat with Iain Radvan SJ & Paul White
Fri-Sun 3-5 Jun: \$240 (live-in) or \$170 (live out)

OLHC Parish Wendouree – Parish Coordinator

Part-time position (12hrs/week). Role description and application form: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (Wendouree Parish). Applications close: 3 June.

Victorian Welsh Male Choir @ Buninyong

Sts Peter & Paul's Church, Sun 26th June, 2pm. Tickets \$30, John White ☎ 5341 2675 or 0402 808 299.

Volunteers to Support refugee students

Mercy Connect Ballarat needs volunteer mentors to support refugee students in local schools. 3 hrs/week for 4 school terms. Education experience preferred, but ongoing training provided. RSVP 7 June: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com



A Vote For The Voiceless

From a statement by the Catholic Bishops of Australia on the election (www.catholic.org.au)

“Australians are again going to the polls. We do so thankful that the electoral process will be free of the violence found elsewhere. Our political system may have its problems but we have a stable democracy, which is not to be taken for granted. Nor is the quality of those who put themselves forward for election to the Federal parliament. We are in their debt for their willingness to serve ... The economy of course is important and there does need to be sound management. But, as Pope Francis has pointed out, there is also a danger that the economy can become a kind of false god to which even human beings have to be sacrificed. This leads to what the Pope has called the throwaway culture – a culture of over-consumption where all kinds of things are thrown away, wasted, even human beings ... Among the people discarded in this throwaway culture are these: Refugees and asylum seekers ... Indigenous peoples ... survivors of sexual abuse ... those who suffer family violence ... those in the womb ... the elderly ... those suffering mental illness ... those suffering addiction ... the desperately poor beyond our shores ... any society is ultimately judged not on how well it manages the economy but on how well it treats the thrown-away people.

... Economic decisions have been less and less favourable to families in recent years; and it may be that political decisions in the future will undermine further the dignity and uniqueness of marriage as a lifelong union of man and woman ... Pope Francis has said that the earth too cries out for justice at this time ... Now is the time to act, so that the natural environment is able to meet human needs ... [this] does mean treating it with respect and seeing it as a gift to be received gratefully rather than as a resource to be plundered at will ...

We hope that ... our vote may be a vote in favour of a community where no-one is thrown away, where all the voices are heard and all the faces seen.”



The Most Holy Trinity

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
21 st & 22 nd May	The Most Holy Trinity (Year C): Proverbs 8:22-31 ~ Romans 5:1-5 ~ John 16:12-15			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Tim Bennett	Joan Powell	Margie Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Marie & Frank Conroy	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
28 th & 29 th May	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Year C): Genesis 14:18-20 ~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ~ Luke 9:11-17			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Greg McAloon	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	S Steenhuis	M Frawley/L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan family	Cathy Mullane & Simone Fodor	
4 th & 5 th June	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): 1 Kings 17:17-24 ~ Galatians 1:11-19 ~ Luke 7:11-17			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Rachael Peterken & Children	Peterken Family	Fran Peterkin	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy & Maria Donegan	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Carmen Camilleri	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale family	Judith Hodgson & Winnie Zammit	