

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B) ~ 19th & 20th December, 2015



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

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

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney ~ Parish Coordinators: Lin Bowers (Moderator), Joan Bourke & Catherine Green

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	Donna Simpson (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal)		
Finance Committee	Michael Ryan (Chair), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Michael Ryan, 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.sspringbank.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Parish: \$114.50	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$212.00	Year to date: \$22,010.55

Fire Ban Alert

All Parish Churches will be pre-emptively closed on the Code Red Days declared for the Central Fire Ban District.



Coming Events & Meetings

- Sun, 28th Feb. Gordon Parish Community Festival. Wallace Recreational Reserve.

Parish Contacts for Communion to the Sick

Springbank:	Donna Simpson	☎ 5334 5342
Gordon:	Maria Donegan	☎ 0406 241 240
	Marie Conroy	☎ 5368 9351
Ballan:	Lorraine DeSpirt	☎ 5368 1180

Christmas volunteers

Volunteers will be required for Christmas Mass Ministries.

Please contact: **Springbank:** Vicki Moroney

Gordon: Monica Eastwood.

Ballan: Margaret Hillier.



Christmas Cake & Drinks

Following Mass on Sunday 20th, at Gordon & Ballan.

Choir practice - Gordon

Tues, 22nd Dec. at 7.30pm in preparation for Christmas Eve Mass. All welcome.

Church Cleaning - January

*Note: Vacuuming: St Michael's 7th, St Brigid's 14th, St Patrick's 28th Jan. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anne Mullane, Helen Conlan & Sue Conlan	Marie Conroy & Beth Calleja.	Mary Simpson & Donna Simpson



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: \$189.10	Parish: \$400.00
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Dunnstown Toilets

The new toilets in the school foyer are open and available for use when Mass is celebrated at Dunnstown.

Bungaree Church Cleaning

Thank you to the 11 people who helped clean the Bungaree Church last Monday night. It certainly was 'Many hands make light work' and it was great to see that we nearly had gender equity. Anyone who is willing to be added to the monthly cleaning roster, please contact Debbie Ryan by 31st Dec: ryandjr@bigpond.com

Ministries at Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Volunteers are needed for ministries at Christmas Masses. Please fill in the sheet at the Church door.



LITURGIES			
Wed 23 rd Dec	Bungaree	4.00pm	Individual Confessions
Thu 24 th Dec	Ballan	10:00am	Prayer Group
Thu 24 th Dec	Clarkes Hill	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
	Springbank		
	Ballan	8.00pm	
	Gordon		
Fri 25 th Dec	Dunnstown	9.30am	Christmas Day Mass
Sat 26 th Dec	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 27 th Dec	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 (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarkes Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Anniversaries

Jack Geary, James Toohey, Eddie Mullane, Bill Winter, Charlie Mangion, Joe Mangion, Eileen Elliott, Fr Stephen O'Rourke, Annie Prendergast, Roy Tynan, Victoria Everett and Gerald Leonard

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Carole Brimson, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Fred May, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith.

Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

Tues 1st March 2016, Donegan's Farm, led by Sr Veronica Lawson. Theme: "The Blessing of Mercy" (Veronica's book of that title will be available). Expressions of interest would be helpful at this stage: Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812 449 or kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au. Maximum: 30 participants.

Advent – free resources available online

- Columban Mission Institute: "Pathways: Hope for the Journey" www.columban.org.au/resources
- Archdiocese of Brisbane: "Families Living God's Glory" <http://bne.catholic.net.au/faithlife/>
- Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulbourn: free daily advent reflections by email www.thefaceofmercy.org.au

Mary MacKillop

From Portland to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Sainthood
Mary MacKillop departed Portland in January 1866. 150th anniversary celebrations in Portland: Sat/Sun 30/31 Jan. Info: Portland WorkSkills ☎ 5523 1645 or pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au

Available at Church door:

- Columban Calendar 2016: \$9.00
- Our Diocesan Community: Free

Christmas Offerings

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

A collection will be taken up after communion at Christmas Masses for the Bishop's annual Christmas Appeal, which is one way by which our Diocese can respond to the many people and communities around the world who turn to us for assistance each year. In many cases, these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the Diocese of Ballarat or who are in regions that are linked with our country. Our response is a practical demonstration of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.

Papal Midnight Mass from St Peter's Rome

Broadcast on ABC1: Christmas Day, 10am.



	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
19 th & 20 th Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent: Micah 5:2-5 ~ Hebrws 10:5-10 ~ Luke 1:39-45			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Helen Spratling & Olivia Sellers	Sellers Family	Jennifer McKay	Zach, Gemma & Cody
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Kim Grimes family	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & John Fabre	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Cathy Mullane & Simone Fodor	
24 th & 25 th Dec	The Nativity of the Lord <i>Volunteers for ministries will be called on for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses</i>			
26 th & 27 th Dec	The Holy Family: Sirach 3:3-7 ~ Colossians 3:12-21 ~ Luke 2:41-52			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Marty Forbes	Kate Bennett	Margie Moran	Mowing: Mark Forbes & Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Eily Carey & Pat Barry	Faustina Gallicchio	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	James & Alison Eskdale family	Bert Jarvis & Lorraine Tipple	
2 nd & 3 rd Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Whoever is available of the holiday period			Dorothy Sheehan
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Marie & Frank Conroy	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Anita Lidgett family	John Fabre & Patricia Binks	