



## 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 ~ Parish Pastoral Council: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford, Marie Shanahan

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

Parish Secretary/Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0423 217 556

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

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

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

**Parish Finance Council** Anita Lidgett (Chair), Stephen Conroy (Secretary), Tony Lynch, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Tony Paarhammer

**Parish Schools**  
**St. Brigid's Primary School** Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 [www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Patrick's Primary School** Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495 [www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$n/a
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$n/a
	<b>Year to date:</b>	\$11,195.18
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests</b>		\$241.00

### PPC September Report

The PPC are looking in to hiring a bus for interested parishioners who would like to attend the episcopal ordination of Fr Shane Mackinlay on Wednesday, October 16 in Bendigo. If you would like to travel on the bus, please let Lin Bowers (Ballan) or Mick Winter (Gordon/Springbank) know before Sunday, September 29. Numbers will determine the size of bus required. Tentative times for pick up will be: Ballan at 9.30am and Gordon at 9.45am. It is planned to leave Bendigo at approx. 3.30pm and return to Ballan via Gordon for drop off. Any queries please see either Lin or Mick.

### Season of Creation

This is an annual month of prayer and action to protect creation: 1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October. Pope Francis proclaimed

1<sup>st</sup> September as a day of prayer for creation in 2015. The theme of this year's celebration is "the web of life".

### Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage

On April 26, 2019 a 1,278km pilgrimage walk was completed from the birthplace of St Mary MacKillop in Fitzroy to her tomb in North Sydney. On Thursday 3 October the pilgrimage will continue from the Ta Pinu Shrine at Bacchus Marsh to Ballan, then onto Gordon, before continuing to Ballarat on Saturday 5 October. The three men completing the pilgrimage have asked if it would be possible to receive accommodation with parishioners on their nights in Ballan and Gordon. If you are able to assist, please contact David ☎ 0400 978 938. See David's blog at [www.scecclesia.com](http://www.scecclesia.com)

### Church Cleaning – September

St Michael's 13<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 20<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 27<sup>th</sup>

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Winnie Zammit Carole Barr	Beth Calleja Jodie Donegan	Julie Toohey Molly Ronan



## 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** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280 [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

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<b>Presbytery:</b> \$388.50	<b>Parish:</b> \$529.00
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests:</b> \$730.00 (to date)	

### Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 8:4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ~ Luke 16:1-13			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Joan Powell	Helen Moran	Mowing: Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Sandra Miller	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Denise Marshall & Lorraine Tipple	
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 6:1,4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 ~ Luke 16:19-31			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	D Rix	B Jeffrey	M Frawley / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Denise Marshall & Helen Conlan	
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 ~ 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 ~ Luke 17:5-9			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Hanrahan Family	Dorothy Sheehan	Isla Paddy & Kade
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Monica Eastwood & Mark Conroy	Michael & Therese Winter	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit	Leon and Pat Burvill	Lloyd Lamb	

LITURGIES			
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bungaree	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Koroheit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

### **Recent Death**

Pat Toohey

### **Anniversaries**

Mary Sullivan, Des Lee, Emmanuel Barbara, Ag Wheelahan, Kevin Conway, Lorraine Keillar, Kevin Jeffrey, Jean Leonard, Andrew Forbes, Brian Frawley, Eric Jones, Gerald Mullane

### **We offer our prayerful support for the sick**


Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Kevin Mullane, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Tom Hanrahan, Mike Hayward-Brown, Leon Burvill.

### **Baptism**

Congratulations to Noah William Buckow (son of Monique and Brent), who is being baptised at St. Brigid's, Ballan this weekend. We welcome Noah into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

### **Invitation to Fr Shane's Episcopal Ordination**

Most Reverend Leslie Tomlinson DD  
Apostolic Administrator of Sandhurst Diocese invites  
Parishioners of the Diocese of Ballarat  
to the Episcopal Ordination of  
**Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay**  
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo  
Wednesday 16 October at 12 noon  
RSVP by 16 September  
[www.trybooking.com/BFGIS](http://www.trybooking.com/BFGIS)  
The celebration will be streamed on  
[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)



Fr Shane's final weekend in our parishes will be on 5/6 October. Next weekend (28/29 September), Fr Tom Brophy will celebrate Masses, while Fr Shane undertakes a retreat in preparation for his ordination.

### **Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Shane Mackinlay**

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has invited Fr Shane to return to the diocese and celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving after his episcopal ordination: St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm, followed by supper.

### **Resident Priest: October – January**

Bishop Paul has advised that Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR will be resident at St Michael's, Bungaree, providing sacramental ministry in Bungaree and Gordon parishes from 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Bishop Paul is planning to write to parishioners to elaborate on his plans for the parishes.

### **Social Justice Sunday – September 29**

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled, "Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world." It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. More info: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or ☎ (02) 8306 3499.



**Plenary Council 2020**

*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'*

### **Plenary Council – National Themes for Discernment Announced**

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

1. **Missionary and Evangelising**
2. **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**
3. **Prayerful and Eucharistic**
4. **Humble, Healing and Merciful**
5. **A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community**
6. **Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform**

The discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme. People in faith communities across Australia will be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters.

### **Plenary Council: Listening & Dialogue Stage Final Report**

*Listen to what the Spirit is saying*, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports)

### **Annual Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests**

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund conducted its annual appeal this month. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly \$1.9 million since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$47,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.



### **John Molony Tribute**

John Molony was a priest in the Ballarat Diocese in the 1950s and early 1960s. On 19<sup>th</sup> October there is an opportunity to acknowledge John's energy and commitment to the church and the issues of his time in Ballarat. The day will include discussion groups on changes that have taken place since his time such as world population, education and the future of democracy and will be led by people with special interest in these subjects. If interested please contact Phillip Moore ☎ 0448 623 142 or [phill.moore1@bigpond.com](mailto:phill.moore1@bigpond.com) or Frank Sheehan ☎ 0429 347 345 or [franksheehan@bigpond.com](mailto:franksheehan@bigpond.com)

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants**

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Includes Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study cycle is over 5 weeks per subject. Next cycle begins October 27. Register by October 12. More info at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) | Lay Pastoral Ministry Program or e: [fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:fran.peterkin@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ☎ 5337 7154.