



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 (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: 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: \$8.40
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$484.00	Direct Debit: \$1,840.00
2016/17 Year to date: \$7,794.50		

Gleeson-Mills Reunion: Sun 25th Sept

A reunion for the descendants of John Mills & Julia Gleeson @ the Gordon Hall. Info: Michael Elkins ☎ 9879 1415

POSITION VACANT: Parish Secretary

Part-time, 10 hours per week. Based in Parish House, Gordon. This position includes a wide range of administrative duties and responsibilities. More information and copy of Position Description available from Parish Coordinators, Joan Bourke, 0402 111 495, Catherine Green, 0400 290 171, Michael Ryan, 0408 823 184.

Volunteer required for Parish Pastoral Council

There is a vacancy for a Springbank representative on the PPC. Nominations can be given to any of the coordinators.

Kathleen's Corner

World Prayer for the Care of Creation 1st Sept to 4th Oct.

Pope Francis calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which has been entrusted to our care, and to implore help for the protection of creation, as well as ask pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

Coming Events & Meetings:

- 12th Sept. 7pm. PPC Meeting. Parish House.
- 17th Sept. 7pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House.
- 27th Nov. 2pm. Gordon Cemetery Mass. (**no 8:45am Mass on this day**).

Church Cleaning – September

**Vacuuming: St Michael's 6th, St Brigid's 13th, St Patrick's 20th Sept.

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Winnie Zammit	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: \$3169.30	Parish: \$629.00
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Music Volunteers for Liturgies

Many thanks to Mary Slater and Terry Elliott who have now concluded their generous contribution over many years to leading music at Clarkes Hill and Bungaree. New volunteers are invited for all our churches. Please contact Helen Mahar (Clarkes Hill) HelenMa@bhs.org.au, Julie Boyd (Bungaree) boydh.1@bigpond.com or Brendan Spratling (Dunnstown) brendansprat@hotmail.com

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on 6th September this year. Local celebrations with Fr Shane:

- Sun 11th Sept, 10.30am Mass, St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate of cakes/slices to share.
- Sun 18th Sept, 10.30am Mass, St Brigid's, Ballan followed by morning tea in the gathering space.



LITURGIES			
Tues 6 th Sep	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 8 th Sep	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 10 th Sep	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 11 th Sep	Bungaree	10.30am	
	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 (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Recent death:

Eileen Pendergast (Joan Egan's sister in law)

Anniversaries

Kath Mulcahy, Alma Eastwood, Evelyn Nash, Kevin Reddie, Peg Shanahan, Peter Duffy, Elspeth Eastwood, Emily Green, James Cummins, Mary O'Loughlin, Noel Kelly, Katherine Maher, George Richardson and Jeanette Pearson

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne Mc Kercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Mary Elliott, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, Joe D'arcy, Mark Leonard, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Ahlia Isabelle Sarra (2012), Molly Louise Osborne & Cambrai Anthony Hodge.

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

Prayer for the Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this
earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.....*Pope Francis*

An End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank

St Michael's School will close at the end of the 2016 school year. On December 3, 2016 we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with afternoon tea at 4.00pm. Mass at 6.30pm, then join us for a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. A recovery brunch will be held on Sunday, December 4 (BYO drinks to this event). Please register your interest to attend to one or all of the events. Email: quinlanwater@gmail.com or by message to Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417587235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

Free eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

Speakers: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Mr Phil Glendenning, Sr Veronica Lawson. Tues 20th Sept, 10.30am-2.45pm. Info: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference2016 Registration: <http://creomedia.com.au/clients/bbi/econference2016/>

Ballarat East Parish

Bishop Paul Bird has announced that Fr Adrian McInerney will be retiring at the end of January due to ill health.

BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.



This collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. A credit card facility is available, and contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.

Caring for those who cared for us - the church community's responsibility

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
3 rd & 4 th Sep	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Wisdom 9:13-18 ~ Philemon 9-10,12-17 ~ Luke 14:25-33			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mick McKay	Nick McKay Family	Winnie Leonard	Daniel & Cody
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Eily Carey & Pat Barry	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Sims Family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	
10 th & 11 th Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ~ Luke 15:1-32			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 10.30am	D Rix	Kevin Hanrahan	L Jeffrey / E Clarke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Winnie Zammit & Judith Hodgson	
17 th & 18 th Sep	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 8:4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ~ Luke 16:1-13			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Stephen Leonard Family	Fran Peterkin	Gemma H & Madalyn B
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja	Marie & Frank Conroy	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	