

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: Dan Toohey (Chair), Christine Hall (Secretary),

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Bridget Sims, Mick Winter, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford

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)

For Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance, 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

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$412.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$1,032.00	Year to date: \$62,317.75

Parish of Gordon Commission – update 1 July

Bishop Paul has now endorsed the approach to be undertaken by the Commission which will involve 3 distinct phases including a review of the lay led Coordinator structure, exploration of potential options for the future governance structure of the parish and discernment of a preferred structure based on a consultation process with the parish community. Parish members will have the opportunity to provide input to this three stage process in each phase. Consultation has commenced with the Parish Pastoral Council at their recent meeting, and the Commission will engage with the Finance Committee next month. A series of themes will be identified to reflect the three stages – and individuals will have the opportunity to provide input to each of the themes via forms placed at the entrance to each of our churches, with a conveniently located box for collection of completed forms. This process will commence next week-end (7-8 July) with a particular focus on what has been working well in the last 5 years. In addition email comments on each of the themes will be welcome with further details to follow.

The consultation will also involve a series of interviews and questionnaires with key personnel who have contributed to the structure over the past 5 years. The Commission will take some time to ensure that the community has time to consider

and respond to the process, with a final report to be delivered at the end of November. Sue Daly, Commission member

Volunteer Needed Gordon Parish Safeguarding Officer

The Parish urgently needs a volunteer to fill the role of Safeguarding Officer. The role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer is to provide support, advice and information on all matters concerning the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in the parish. Training in safeguarding and child protection will be provided. If you are interested in the position please contact the Parish Office for a position description or it is also available on the Parish Website.

Planned Giving Program

Thank you to all who have contributed to the planned giving for 2017/2018. The new envelopes for 2018/2019 have been posted.

eConference: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

see over page for full details.

People interested in joining a local group for this are asked to contact Kathleen Moran ☎: 0438 812 449 with names and phone numbers. Venue will depend on numbers interested.

Coming Events & Meetings

- 19th August children's mass Gordon

Church Cleaning – July

St Michael's 13th, St Brigid's 20th & St Patrick's 27th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Margaret Ryan	Kim Newman	Faye Toohey
Colleen Ryrie	Michelle Barnes	Julie Toohey
Julie Dargan	Bianca Flint	



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

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections las weekend

Presbytery: \$113.00	Parish: \$595.00
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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 (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Eight children from our parish are preparing with their families for Confirmation and First Eucharist: Emma Dash, Jonah Hall, Thomas Howard, Casey Leonard, Tierney Leonard, Frankie Macdonald, Tess Rafter, Bethany Toose. We



assure them and their families of our prayerful support during this time of preparation.

Retreat Day

~ Tuesday 14th August: Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist ~ Saturday 18th August, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

Week 1 ~ Belonging: Initiated in Baptism

- Through our baptism we are initiated into the life of the Catholic Church
- Families celebrate significant occasions in their lives in particular ways
- When we belong we experience welcome, acceptance and a sense of responsibility to others

LITURGIES			
Thur 5 th Jul	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 7 th Jul	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 8 th Jul	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	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)				



Anniversaries

Vera McGuigan, Stan Mullane, Ken Tipple, Patricia Conroy, Daniel Toohey, James Hopkins, Ken Ludbrook, Mary Walsh, Loreta Ryan, Jack Maher

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupo, Noel Craven

Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Tom Brophy, who is celebrating weekend masses during Fr Shane's annual holidays (returning Sat 21 July). Fr Gary Jones is available if needed during the week, contact ☎ 5301 8161

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Jack Patrick Lenaghan (2014), Eliza Margaret Hanrahan (2014), Ned Thomas Pengelly (2016), Evie Grace Pengelly (2016)



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

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Today we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, making his presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for these ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time. In particular we praise God for the people who nurtured the land here in our parish that we call home. This year's theme is *Because of her, we can!* which celebrates the women who form the backbone of communities across Australia. This is particularly true for Aboriginal and Islander Catholic Ministries. Women are at the forefront of these community driven organizations designed to meet the spiritual and physical needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

Annual Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Concerns – today

The annual collection to support the work of the Holy Father is taken up throughout the world around the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul (29th June). This collection will be taken up after communion. It helps meet the recurring expenses of the Apostolic See, as well as the many new organisations that have been set up to carry out the



recommendations of the Second Vatican Council and to internationalise the consultative processes of the Church.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more and register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

eConference: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

Engaging Australian communities in discussion around the future vision & direction for the Catholic Church. Participate at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Wed 8th August, 10am–3pm. BYO lunch. Info: <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice-listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change>

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset: your marriage! No group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend, based around Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Melbourne, 7pm Fri – 5pm Sun: 17–19 August, 9–11 November. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info: Andre & Maria ☎ 0411 225 992 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

Mentors for Refugee & Asylum Seeker Children

Volunteers needed to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools through Mercy Connect, to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. 3 hours/week (school time). Experience in education preferred; on-going training and support provided. Initial training, third term. Info: Donna Stewart ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the July/August cycle close July 4. Info www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or Amanda ☎: 5337 7125 or email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship

Scholarships to enable lay people to further their skills in leadership/ministry or specialised activities such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 23 July. Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
30 th June & 1 st July	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Wisdom 1:13-15 ~ 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15 ~ Mark 5:21-43			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Ash & Brad Simpson	Terry Simpson Family	Trish White	Amy, Cody & Matilda
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Brian & Kate Carey	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Mark Conlan	Mary and Des Conroy	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgson	
7 th & 8 th July	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Ezekiel 2:2-5 ~ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ~ Mark 6:1-6			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Tony & Julie Toohey	Peter Maher Family	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	D Ryan	E Clark / L Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Sandra Miller	Lorraine DeSpirit and Vikki Boka	Helen Conlan & Lloyd Lamb	