



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: \$144.05
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$235.00	Year to date: \$10,867.75
Sick & retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$865.90		

News from the Coordinators (Joan, Catherine & Michael):

The Gordon Parish Assembly will be held on Sunday, 16th October, after 10.30am Mass at Ballan. This is a very important gathering, to ensure our Parish is meeting the needs of Parishioners and to offer support and encouragement to the Model that our Parish is undertaking, keeping our identity and to be sustainable for many years to come. We are very fortunate to engage Clara Geoghegan, the co-director of the Siena Institute. Clara has worked in parishes, dioceses and schools across Australia helping lay Catholics discern their spiritual gifts (Charisms). Clara is passionate about helping lay Catholics live out their vocation in the Church and the world and showing how discerning of charisms helps identify the call that the Holy Spirit had given each individual. Clara also teaches Church History and Spirituality at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. Please try to make time to attend this assembly. Cuppa after Mass (please bring a plate to share).

Rite of Welcome 23rd October at Gordon

We will be celebrating the Rite of Welcome into the Catechumenate for one person. It is the Community who

welcomes, and 'walks with' new members. One way people can show support is through the dismissal at Mass. Sr. Kathleen would be pleased to hear from anyone prepared to reflect on the readings of the day with our new member during Sunday Mass. Training and assistance available. A roster will be drawn up so many people can be involved. ☎ 0438812449 or email rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au

Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)

Susan Crowe, the diocesan contact person for R.C.I.A., and a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission is coming to Gordon for an R.C.I.A. information session. **Thurs 27th Oct, 7pm** at St. Patrick's school hall. All parishioners welcome. Please contact: Kathleen Moran on 0348812449 or rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au or the Parish Office.

Kathleen's Corner

Poverty is a direct barrier to education. Approximately half the world's population lives on less than \$2 per day and many are too busy struggling to survive to consider education a priority.

Church Cleaning – October

**Vacuuming: St Michael's - 4th, St Brigid's - 11th, St Patrick's - 18th October

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Ken Hillier & Lloyd Lamb	Therese Winter, Sue Petherick & Debbie Goldie.	Aileen Simpson & Anita Maher



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

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Presbytery: \$290.20	Parish: \$733.00
Retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$435.00	

Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 18th October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. Retreat Day: Friday 18th November. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Friday 18th November, 5.30pm.

Children in Year 6 or above are encouraged to reflect again on this sacrament by preparing for individual reconciliation, which they will be able to celebrate during Advent. Parents of these children are also asked to attend the Parent Workshop on Tuesday 18th October.

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

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 13th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to people who might be interested.

LITURGIES			
Thurs 13 th Oct	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Fri 14 th Oct	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 15 th Oct	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 16 th Oct	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	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan		(Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)		

Recent Death:

Gerard Molloy

Anniversaries

Fred Tudor, John Azzopardi, Kevin Mahoney, Jim Wickson, Thomas McKenzie, Kit O'Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Bernadette Moran, Catherine Moran, Lucinda Moran, Fr Michael Mulcahy, Arthur Murphy, Bill Flynn, Sheila Boak, Ruth Torpy and Phil Sherry.

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, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, Joe D'arcy, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just, George Roberts, Chelsea Lawler.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Maeve Lilly Slater (2012), Billy Michael Cheeseman (2013), Hamish Thomas Lloyd (2013), Michael David Ash (2013), Indy Olivia Leonard (2014), Violet Ivy Wilson (2104), Adele Maree Leonard (2014), Mitchell Thomas Leonard (2104)



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

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

I'm very grateful for the many ways in which parishioners have celebrated my ordination anniversary with me. The gatherings in our two parishes have been wonderful community occasions, which required a great deal of effort and organisation. I've received many cards, gifts and messages of congratulations and good wishes. Sincere thanks to all of you. I appreciate very much the warmth, generosity and encouragement that I have been shown over these weeks. I have located a small number of prayer cards remaining from my ordination, which I will bring to Masses over the coming weeks for those who are interested. ~ Fr Shane

Incardination of Fr Anthony Nagothu

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has announced that he has accepted Fr Anthony Nagothu as a priest of the diocese of Ballarat. After serving with the Salesians in India, Fr Anthony has served in the Cathedral parish since November 2014, with a view to possibly joining our diocese.

Parish Secretary Vacancy

Parish Secretary, 14 hrs/week, St Columba's Ballarat North. Job Description: Ballarat North page at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Applications by Friday 14 Oct, with CV and 2 referees (1 professional, 1 personal): ballaratnorth@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

2018 Year 7 Enrolments

Loreto College: Open mornings & tours: Tues 11 Oct, Mon 17 Oct, 9.30–11.30am.

Tours: Thurs 3 Nov, Thurs 1 December, 9.30am.

RSVP: www.loreto.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College: Information evening, tour, Q&A, supper: Wed 26 Oct, 7.30pm, College Chapel. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/MZJN Info: Caitlin Bennett cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon led by Sr Veronica Lawson, open to all adults, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Sun 30th Oct, 1.30pm, finishing with 5pm Mass. Registrations: Cathedral Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 5331 2933.

Palms Australia – Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Samoa and other locations. Teachers, Hairdressers, Plumbers, Builders, Medical Practitioners and more are needed. More info: www.palms.org.au/volunteer/positions/ or email: palms@palms.org.au



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, we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with afternoon tea at 4pm. Mass at 6.30pm, then a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. Recovery brunch, Sunday, December 4 (BYO drinks to this event). RSVP to Margie Quinlan Email: quinlanwater@gmail.com or message ☎: 0417 587 235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
8 th & 9 th Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): 2 Kings 5:14-17 ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-13 ~ Luke 17:11-19			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	Sue Daly
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	B Jeffrey	N Jeffrey / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett family	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
15 th & 16 th Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Exodus 17:8-13 ~ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 ~ Luke 18:1-8			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish & Nicole White	Brendan White Family	Margaret Leonard	Caleb, Gabby & Josh
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Peter Donegan Family	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	
22 nd & 23 rd Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Sirach 35:12-14,16-18 ~ 2 Timothy 4:6-8 ~ Luke 18:9-14			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Mary (Pat) Prendergast	Marty Forbes	Mowing: Leo Crough & Tim Bennett
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Carmen Camilleri	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Sims Family	Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	