



## 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 Des FitzGerald CSsR

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: \$200.00	Parish: \$268.50
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$202.00
	<b>Year to date:</b>	\$15,564.58
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests (to date):</b>		\$241.00

### Plenary Council 2020 – "Listen to what the Spirit is saying...."

You will have noticed on the parish bulletin over the past few months, the six National Themes for Discernment inviting parishioners to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling us to be a Christ centered Church in Australia. There is a coordinator group established for the parish that will facilitate and lead a discernment encounter on Sunday, November 17 in Gordon. What we would like is for parishioners to consider and choose only one of the 6 themes which you feel you would like to explore and would be relevant in the listening and discernment encounter. There are posters in each church with the themes and we ask that you take some time to reflect on one topic and advise your choice. The leaders are Michael Ryan, Sr Kathleen Moran and Lin Bowers. If you would like any

more information, please see one of the leaders. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your voice heard.

### Fr Shane's Ordination

A 23 seater bus has been arranged to travel to Bendigo for Fr Shane's ordination on Wednesday. All costs will be covered by those travelling. So far we have 13 passengers. If you would like a seat, please let Mick Winter or Lin Bowers know. A few more passengers will help to reduce the costs.

### 2019 Cemetery Mass

Due to current circumstances and after much discussion, it has been decided to cancel Mass at the Cemetery for 2019. This is an important Community event and all efforts will be made to ensure the Cemetery Mass goes ahead in 2020. Many thanks.

### Church Cleaning – October

St Michael's 11<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 18<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 25<sup>th</sup>.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lloyd Lamb	Therese Winter Sue Petherick Debbie Goldie	Eileen Haintz Louise Haintz



## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

Visiting Priest: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR ~ ☎ 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)

### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$375.60	<b>Parish:</b>	\$444.00
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests (to date):</b>			\$755.00

### 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.

### Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to other people who may be interested.

### Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for first reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

**Retreat Day:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

**Reconciliation:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): 2 Kings 5:14-17 ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-13 ~ Luke 17:11-19</b>			
<b>Springbank ~ 6.30pm</b>	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Julie Toohey	
<b>Bungaree ~ 8.45am</b>	Shelley Ryan	Leah Hanrahan	L Jeffrey / E Clark	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Denise Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Exodus 17:8-13 ~ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 ~ Luke 18:1-8</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Dorothy Sheehan	Sheehan Family	Trish Ryan	Madalyn & Emma
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Mark & Narelle Conroy family	Pat Barry	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Bridget Sims Family	Denise Marshall & Bert Jarvis	

LITURGIES			
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Gordon	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	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



Plenary Council 2020

*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'* REV 22

### Anniversaries

Kit O'Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Mary Hamm, Connie Edwards, William Mahar, Ellen Doyle, William Gleeson, Una Shanahan, Sheila Boak, Ruth Torpy, Phil Sherry, Gwen Bennett, Des Torpy, Joan Auchetti

### 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 Hodgon, Kevin Mullane, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Tom Hanrahan, Mike Hayward-Brown, Leon Burvill.


### Welcome to Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR

A warm welcome to Fr Des, who will be resident at St Michael's, Bungaree, providing sacramental ministry in Bungaree and Gordon parishes until 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We look forward to getting to know Fr Des over this time that he will spend in our parishes.

### Thanks from Fr Shane

I am deeply grateful for the many ways in which people from our parishes have expressed their appreciation, support and good wishes for me over the last couple of months, as I prepare to take up my new appointment at Bishop of Sandhurst. Your cards, encouragement, functions and generous gifts have been a wonderful acknowledgement of all that we have been involved in together. I look forward to opportunities for meeting with you in the future, or to hearing news about people here. I am delighted that so many of you will be able to participate in my ordination next week, and I ask you to continue to pray for me in all that lies ahead.

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  
The celebration will be streamed on  
[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### 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.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Alice Anne Berens (daughter of Susannah and Steven), who is being baptised at St. Patrick's, Gordon this weekend. We welcome Alice into our faith community, and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.

### John Molony Tribute: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October

John Molony was a priest in the Ballarat Diocese in the 1950s and early 1960s. The tribute day will acknowledge John's energy and commitment to the church and the issues of his time in Ballarat. Discussion groups on changes since his time, such as world population, education and the future of democracy. RSVP: 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)

### Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment

Jillian Hogbin and Felicity Knobel are facilitating Discernment gatherings in the Cathedral parish for each of the six themes of the Plenary Council, Sunday afternoons, 2.30pm– 4.30pm. The discernment process is a prayerful one, commencing with Scripture, silence, spiritual conversations and proposed actions.

**Sunday October 27** - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary & Evangelising

**Sunday November 17** - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing and merciful

**Sunday December 1** - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is inclusive, missionary & synodal

### 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)

### 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

### Year 7 ~ 2021 Enrolment Information

**Loreto College:** Info [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au)

- Information Evening: Monday, October 21, 7.00pm

**Damascus College**

- Information Evening: Tuesday, October 22, 6.30pm.
- Open morning: October 29 from 9.00am – 10.30am.

Register: <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us>

**St Patrick's College**

- Information Evening: Thursday, October 24 register your attendance: [www.trybooking.com/BDEBO](http://www.trybooking.com/BDEBO)
- Open Mornings: Friday mornings 9.00am. Please book. For further information [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au) or <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>. The application closing date is Friday, December 6, 2019 at 4.00pm.