



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney ~ Parish Coordinators: Lin Bowers (Moderator), Joan Bourke & Catherine Green

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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	Donna Simpson (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Carole Barr, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal)		
Finance Committee	Dana Ronan (Chair), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Michael Ryan, Stephen Conroy, Lin Bowers (Coordinator Representative)		
Parish Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School	St. Patrick's Primary School	St. Michael's Primary School
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Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Parish: \$56.10	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$1,161.00	Year to date: \$67,385.70

Card/Social afternoon, Thursday 30th July:

The Gordon Parish PPC are holding a Card/Social afternoon on Thursday 30th July. At this stage the venue is undecided, depending on numbers. There is transport available if required. If you are interested in attending please phone Margie Quinlan on 53340339 or 0417587237.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- Mon, 13th July. 7:30pm. P.P.C. Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Thurs, 16th July. 7:30pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.

Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass & Celebration

- Sun 2nd Aug, 8:45am; St Patrick's, Gordon
- Sun 2nd & 9th Aug, 10:30am; St Brigid's, Ballan
- Sat 8th Aug, 6:30pm; St Michael's, Springbank



NAIDOC Week

July 5 – 12

NAIDOC Week each July celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself.

Church Cleaning – July

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

***Note: St Patrick's & St Michael's will be vacuumed on 10th July.**

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Cappello, Colleen Ryrie, Julie Dargan & Lyndal Healey.	Margaret McTigue & Carmen Camilleri.	Natalie Toohey, Debra Toohey & Loretta Toohey.



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

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

Parish Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ☎ 5334 0450 Fax: 5334 0514

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Presbytery:	\$165.40	Parish:	\$400.00
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Confirmation and First Eucharist

17 children from our parish are preparing with their families for Confirmation and First Eucharist. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Retreat Day

~ Friday 31st July, Bungaree Parish Centre



Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

~Saturday 1st August, 6.30pm, St Brendan's, Dunnstown

~ Saturday 15th August, 6.30pm, St Brendan's, Dunnstown **(NB. Change of date)**

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
4th & 5th July	Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Ezekiel 2:2-5 ~ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ~ Mark 6:1-6			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Dominic & Liam Hanrahan	Dom Hanrahan Family	Winnie Leonard	Max & Jade Peterken
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Caron Whitefield	Brian & Kate Carey	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & John Fabre	Anita Lidgett Family	Brigid Cappello & Lloyd Lamb	
11th & 12th July	Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Amos 7:12-15 ~ Ephesians 1:3-14 (3-10) ~ Mark 6:7-13			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Vicki Moroney	Mark Hanrahan Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	S Steenhuis	M Elliott / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Shaun Conroy family	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	
18th & 19th July	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Jeremiah 23: 1-6 ~ Ephesians 2:13-16 ~ Mark 6:30-34			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Ash & Brad Simpson	Terry Simpson Family	Fran Peterkin	Tara, Felicity & Amy
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Lorraine Tipple & Peter Johnson	

LITURGIES			
Sat 11 th July	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 12 th July	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 (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Recent Deaths

Jack Mullane

Anniversaries

Hector Papworth, Ken Tipple, Paul Nihill, Tom Blood, Lucy Fitzpatrick, Jack Moloney, Brian Foley, Pat Ford, Stephen Toohey, Frank Graham and Jack Maher

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Gwen Shanahan, Fred May, Joe Donegan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Fr Justin Woodford, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith.

Welcome to visiting priest

Welcome to Fr Rupert Bowd who is celebrating weekend masses while Fr Shane is on his annual holidays (returning Sat 25 July). Fr Gary Jones will be available if a priest is needed during the week (☎ 5348 3911).

New Website for Diocese

Visit the new diocesan website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Laudato si' (Praise be): On the care of our common home

Full text: www.vatican.va

“Praise be to you, my Lord” in Saint Francis of Assisi’s Canticle of the Creatures reminds us that the earth, our common home “is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us” (1). We ourselves “are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters” (2). “This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her” (2). Her cry, united with that of the poor, stirs our conscience to “acknowledge our sins against creation” (8). “For human beings ... to destroy the biological diversity ... by causing changes in its climate ...; to contaminate the earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins”(8). The appropriate response is a “global ecological conversion” (5). In this, St Francis of Assisi is “the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. [...] He shows us just how inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace” (10).

The central concept is *integral ecology*, which expresses the fundamental relationships of the person: with God, with one’s self, with other human beings, with creation. This movement starts (chap. 1) by listening spiritually to the results of the best scientific research on environmental matters available today, “letting them touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows”. Science is the best tool by which we can listen to the cry of the earth. The next step (chap. 2) draws on the wealth of Judeo-Christian tradition,

particularly in biblical texts and in theological reflection on them. The analysis is then directed (chap. 3) towards “the roots of the present situation, so as to consider not only its symptoms but also its deepest causes”. The objective is to develop an integral ecological profile (chap. 4) which, in its various dimensions, includes “our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings”. Insisting on transparent and inclusive dialogue, Pope Francis proposes (chap. 5) a series of guidelines for the renewal of international, national and local policies, for decision-making processes in the public and business sector, for the relationship between politics and economy and that between religion and science. Finally, based on the conviction that “change is impossible without motivation and a process of education”, chap. 6 proposes “some inspired guidelines for human development to be found in the treasure of Christian spiritual experience”.

Key themes: the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology, the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policy, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle (16).

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 helps meet the recurrent 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.



‘We all stand on Sacred Ground’

Today is Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday: “Our land is the most sacred to us, the First Australians, and is visible proof that our Creator exists. This land was here before man ever walked this Earth and so was our Creator. When we walk this land our spirit grows strong and our faith becomes reality. The land we stand on is holy ground. It’s holy ground because we stand with each other. Its holy ground because we are made in the image of God. It’s holy ground because God loves each of us and God invites us to see each other as the likeness of God.”

