

Christmas Day ~ The Nativity of the Lord ~ 24th & 25th December, 2016



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 Natasha Buttigieg (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: \$144.45
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$335.00	Year to date: \$21,322.80

Co-ordinators Report - Joan, Catherine and Michael

We would like to wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas. The Parish had a very productive year, which only happens because of the support so many Parishioners give to our Weekly Liturgies, Sacramental Programs, Support Groups, celebrations and many other activities. This support ensures that we operate as a rich vibrant community. Thank you to the Members of our Committees who give up their time and share their talents/expertise, to guide the wellbeing of the Parish. A special thank you to Father Shane and Father Gary for their availability and guidance throughout 2016, we look to working with you to ensure another successful year in 2017. Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement to us in our role as Parish Co-ordinators.

2017 Christmas Eve Masses

Please note: From 2017 the 6.00pm Mass will be celebrated alternately between Gordon and Springbank. 2017 Christmas Eve Mass times (at this stage) will be 6.00pm Gordon, 7.30pm Springbank.

Columban Calendar

Available in the Church foyer. Cost: \$9ea. Please place your payment in the box provided, or clearly labelled in an envelope during collection.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

Our local branch of St Vincent de Paul have asked for non-perishable Christmas items to make up hampers. Christmas serviettes, bon bons, sweets, savoury items that you would like to find in your hamper. We appreciate your support of people in our district who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please leave donations in church foyers.

Parish Contacts for Communion to the Sick

Springbank: Donna Simpson ☎ 5334 5342
Gordon: Maria Donegan ☎ 0406 241 240
Marie Conroy ☎ 5368 9351
Ballan: Lorraine DeSpirt ☎ 5368 1180

Gordon Bleu Restaurant Opened

69 Main St Gordon. Wed-Fri 8am-3pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm

Church Cleaning - January

**Vacuuming: St Michael's - 13th, St Brigid's - 20th, St Patrick's - 27th

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anne Mullane	Carmel Mahar	Molly Ronan
Helen Conlan	Sue Clifford	Volunteers needed
Sue Conlan	Josie Donegan	



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

C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352

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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:	\$289.40	Parish:	\$590.00
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Bungaree Liturgy Rosters

Rosters for 2017 are being prepared. To add or remove your name, contact Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544 or lg3@optusnet.com.au



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
31 st Dec & 1 st Jan	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Year A): Numbers 6:22-27 ~ Galatians 4:4-7 ~ Luke: 2:16-21			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Volunteers are required over the holiday period			
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit	Binks Family	Lorraine Tipple & Lloyd Lamb	
7 th & 8 th Jan				
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	Leah Hanrahan	N Jeffrey / E Clarke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Tom Paarhammer & Lin Bowers	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Helen Conlan & Cathy Mullane	

LITURGIES			
Thur 29 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 31 st Dec	Dunnstown	6.30pm	
Sun 1 st Jan	Gordon	8.45am	Sunday Mass
	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)				



Anniversaries

Jack Geary, James Toohey, Eddie Mullane, Bill Winter, Charlie Mangion, Joe Mangion, Ted Mulcahy, Michael Conroy, Leonard Adams, Annie Graham, Victoria Everett, Gerald Leonard, Catherine Hanrahan, Neil O'Loughlin and Kevin Jones

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, 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, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner.

Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Rupert Bowd, who is celebrating Christmas Eve Masses at Springbank and Gordon.

Christmas Offerings

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

Papal Midnight Mass from St Peter's Rome

Broadcast on ABC1: Christmas Day, 9.00am.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

PALMS Overseas Lay Volunteers



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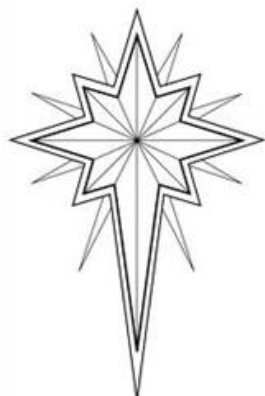
PALMS recruits, prepares and supports Australian Catholics who volunteer to share their lives and skills overseas. Communities in East Timor, PNG and Kiribati are asking for educators, health professionals and trades people. PALMS volunteers assist them to

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

A collection will be taken up after communion at Christmas Masses for the Bishop's annual Christmas Appeal, which is one way by which our Diocese can respond to the many people and communities around the world who turn to us for assistance each year. In many cases, these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the Diocese of Ballarat or who are in regions that are linked with our country. Our response is a practical demonstration of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.

Funds from last year's appeal were distributed as follows:

Loreto-Vietnam Australia Programme (Sr. Trish Franklin IBVM)	\$5,000
St Columban's Mission Society	\$5,000
Refugees in the Middle East, through Melkite Catholic Eparchy	\$5,000
Catholic education in Myanmar	\$5,000
Caritas Australia	\$5,000
Catholic Mission	\$5,000
Nazareth House, Ballarat	\$5,000
Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference Aboriginal Ministry	\$5,000
Exodus Community, Wendouree West	\$2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans	\$2,000
Edmund Rice Centre	\$2,000
3BA Christmas in July Appeal	\$2,000
	\$48,000



develop the processes and programs of their organisations and the skills of their personnel in vital sectors of work. Their aim is self-reliance, sustainable poverty reduction and to avoid aid that encourages dependence. 2017 applications closing soon. Info: palms@palms.org.au or ☎ Christine 02 9560 5333

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR has announced the following appointments:

- Fr Peter Sherman: Parish Priest of Ballarat East (from 25 Jan)
 - Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura
- Priests have been invited to apply for appointment to Wendouree and Ballarat North.

Pre-loved Piano for sale

1920s, Wertheim piano from the former St Michael's school, Bungaree. Much played, but all notes still operate. Make us an offer! Contact Parish Office or Fr Shane.

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Lay Pastoral Ministry Program: 2017 Intake

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Details on the diocesan website (link to Program on lower front page) Info: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Volunteers to Support Refugee and Asylum Seeker Students

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools, approx. 3 hrs/week. Experience in an educational setting is preferred, but training provided. RSVP 2 Feb 2017: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

