



## 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)

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 Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School  
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

[www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)

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:

Loose	Presbytery: \$250.00	Parish: \$107.05
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$195.30	Year to date:
Retired Priests (to date):	\$302.00	\$11,528.15

### Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

Over the past couple of months we have taken a staged approach to gather your views on specific themes relating to our parish structure. Many thanks to everyone who has provided their input to this process. Forms remain available for *Looking to our future what are you worried about?* (September 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>). In addition we have completed interviews with past Coordinators. Future work will focus on 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 including a Parish Meeting on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - save the date – details of time and place available soon.

### Thank-you

Lou & Glenda Gleeson wishing them the best of luck with their move to Alexandria.

### Save the date Donations for drought relief

The St Patricks Parish will be holding morning tea after masses at Springbank 13<sup>th</sup> October, Ballan 14<sup>th</sup> October and Gordon to be advised.

### Retreat at Donegan's Farm

Fr. John McKinnon will be director of a two-day retreat at Donegan's Farm, 24-25 October. Info: church foyer or ☎ 0438 812 449

### Coming Events & Meetings

- PFC Monthly Meeting September 19<sup>th</sup> Gordon

### Mass at Gordon Cemetery

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 11am. Please bring a chair. Mass at Ballan will be held at 8.45am (no mass at St Patrick's church). Weather permitting.

### Church Cleaning – September

St Michael's 7<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 14<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 21<sup>nd</sup>

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Winnie Zammit	Beth Calleja Josie Donegan	Julie Toohey Molly Ronan



## 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  
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

Presbytery: \$123.00	Parish: \$445.00
Retired Priests (to date): \$250.00	

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

### Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. The Assembly will focus on gathering input for the Plenary Council 2020.

### Parish Leadership Team Vacancies

Thanks to Leah Hanrahan and Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, who will be completing their 3-year term as members of the Parish Leadership Team in October. New representatives will be needed for Bungaree and Clarkes Hill (representatives will need to apply for Police check and Working with children check). If interested, please speak with one of the PLT: Fr Shane, Tim Bennett, Karen Cahir, Lisa Elliott, Leah Hanrahan, Chris Kavanagh, Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, Di Reynolds, Damian Ryan.

LITURGIES			
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bungaree	10.00am	Paul Mahar's Funeral Mass
Thur 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	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)			

### Recent Death

Paul Mahar

### Anniversaries

Eileen Doris, Hilda Blakemore, Gerard Williams, Steven Molloy, Phillip Camelleri, Josephine Catania, Muriel Snaith, Vera Winter, Kevin O'Brien, Bob Kick, Margaret Mahar, Catherine Graham, Mollie Sullivan, Jack Frawley, Winifred Walsh, Bill Moroney, Steven Molloy, Mark Leonard

### 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, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupo, Noel Craven

### Sabbatical for Fr Shane

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has approved study leave for Fr Shane from March to June next year. For most of this time, Fr Brian Glasheen (former parish priest of Bacchus Marsh) will be celebrating weekend masses. Other arrangements are still being finalised.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Henry Arthur Montano (son of Claire and Sam), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Peter's, Clarkes Hill. We welcome Henry into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

### St Patrick's College 2020 Year 7 Information Evening

Wed October 17, 7.30pm. Information followed by College Tour, supper, Q&A with teachers. RSVP: [www.trybooking.com/XKXY](http://www.trybooking.com/XKXY)  
Info: Kathryn Mundy [kmundy@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:kmundy@stpats.vic.edu.au)

### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Many subjects available. New subjects include *The Mass*. Next 5 week study cycle begins October 21. New participants should make contact by October 12. ☎: 5337 7125. Info: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Gatherings with Plenary Council Facilitator

Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Plenary Council Preparation Team, will discuss the process of Listening and Dialogue that is now open to hear the voices of all who wish to respond. Lana will also talk about the overall 3-year process of

preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer any questions. Glowrey-MacKillop Hall, Cathedral precinct: Wed 10 Oct, 7pm OR Thur 11 Oct, 10am. Info ☎ 5337 7125.

### Plenary Council 2020. Phase 1: Listen and Dialogue

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?" Questions for individuals or groups (until Ash Wednesday 2019):

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Submit responses, get more information, and register for updates: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### Catholic Response to Royal Commission

The Catholic Church has accepted 98% of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and has vowed that the Church's shameful history will never be repeated. Bishops and leaders of religious orders expressed their deep sorrow that vulnerable children were abused, weren't believed and weren't supported when seeking justice. They said the Royal Commission "was an important and necessary period for the Australian community" and expressed gratitude to the survivors "whose courage in coming forward and telling their stories will mean that the Church and society will be safer in the future". "Too many priests, brothers, sisters and lay people in Australia failed in their duty to protect and honour the dignity of all, including, and especially, the most vulnerable – our children and our young people ... Many bishops failed to listen, failed to believe, and failed to act. Those failures allowed some abusers to offend again and again, with tragic and sometimes fatal consequences. The bishops and leaders of religious orders pledge today: Never again. There will be no cover-up. There will be no transferring of people accused of abuse. There will be no placing the reputation of the Church above the safety of children ... Today is about telling parents and telling the community that the Church has learned, it is changing and it will continue to change. Changing the culture of our Church to be answerable and open is part of the action that needs to occur." (Details: [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au))

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> Sep	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Isaiah 50:5-9 ~ James 2:14-18 ~ Mark 8:27-35			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Hugh Ryan	Danny O'Loughlin Family	Winnie Leonard	Cameron & Lyna
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Michael & Therese Winter	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Wytkamp & Lloyd Lamb	Julie Dargan Family	Bert Jarvis & Simone Foder	
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Wisdom 2:12,17-20 ~ James 3:16-4:3 ~ Mark 9:30-37			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Joan Powell	Helen Mahar	Helen Moran	Mowing: Tim Bennett
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Angela Carr & Bert Jarvis	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Winnie Zammit & Judith Hodgson	
29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Numbers 11:25-29 ~ James 5:1-6 ~ Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Darren Rix	Barry Jeffrey	M Frawley / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Denise Marshall & Helen Conlan	



Plenary Council 2020

"Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."