

# First Sunday of Lent (Year A): ~ 29<sup>th</sup> February & March 1<sup>st</sup> 2020



## 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, Tim Delaney, Marie Shanahan

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162

✉ 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: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 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: \$148.95
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$126.00
<b>Year to date:</b>		\$36,282.70

### Submissions to the Plenary Council regarding Young People

- Invite secondary students to be involved in the readings, collections, or any other liturgical ministry.
- Have a uniform approach, regarding religious teachings, in all catholic schools.
- Improve the connection between school and parish.
- Have church and school communities working closer as one.
- Organise school masses 2 to 3 times per year.
- Set up Antioch or similar type groups for our youth.

Bring back Christ's teaching nationally.

### Change of Mass Times

The Ballan Autumn Festival is Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Mass times on this day will be 8.45 a.m. in Ballan, and 10.30 in Gordon.

### Baptisms

Welcome to Willow Eastwood, daughter of Brenton and Michelle, who at Mass this weekend is being baptised at St

Patrick's, Gordon, this Sunday. We assure Willow and her Family of our prayers and support.

### Weekly Bulletin Notices

If you have notices phone or email the Gordon Parish Office.

### World Prayer Day

Each year St Brigid's, St Pauls and St Johns, share hosting the World Day of Prayer. This year's prayer has been written by the committee from Zimbabwe. The service will be at St Johns Anglican Church, Ballan. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Morning tea will follow. All welcome.

### Sacramental Preparation

Enrolment Mass for Reconciliation	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 8.45am Gordon 10.30am Ballan
Reconciliation Ceremony	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 4pm St. Patrick's Church Gordon
Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 7pm St. Brigid's School

### Church Cleaning - March

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris and Cathy Mullane	Beth Calleja and Josie Donegan	Sharon and Sue Daly



## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

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

Parish Administrator: Fr Sajan Mathew ~ ☎ 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** Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 5280 [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$183.70	<b>Parish:</b> \$439.00
-----------------------------	-------------------------

### 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.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Feb &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent (Year A): Genesis 2:7-9; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Karen Cahir	Cahir Family	Winnie Leonard	
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Mark and Narelle Conroy	Josie Donnegan	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Eddie and Mary Cassar	Judith Hodgson & Denise Marshall	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) Gen 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9</b>			
<b>Springbank ~ 6.30pm</b>	Volunteers required	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
<b>Bungaree ~ 8.45am</b>	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	Leah Hanrahan & Julie Boyd	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Cathrine Green & Sandra Miller	Binks Family	Simone Fodor & Helen Conlan	
<b>14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Mary & Declan Hanrahan	Hanrahan Family	Fran Peterkin	
<b>Ballan ~ 8.45am</b>	Michael Ryan and Anne Eskdale	Bridget Sims Family	Cathy Mullane & Winnie Zammit	
<b>Gordon ~ 10.30am</b>	Therese Winter and Debbie Goldie	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Maria Donegan	

LITURGIES			
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
	Bungaree	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bungaree	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**

Brian Boyle

### **Anniversaries**

Gert Cummins, M Shanahan, Antal Boka, Matt Jamieson, Maurice Conlan, Gabrielle Johnson, Kath Squire, Anne Quinn, Fr Henry Nikel

### **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, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Reg Haintz, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary

### **Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment**

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church. [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports)

### **Lent Resources**

Lent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

### **Take action on climate change**

The link below provides information about the current climate change bill and all it involves. The link also provides an opportunity for you to sign a petition in support of the bill. It takes only seconds to show your support of this important response <https://www.climateactnow.com.au>

### **Support those affected by the bushfires**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided information and resources to support those affected by the bushfires and this is available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires). The diocesan website also has media releases from Catholic Mission and Caritas regarding ways they are supporting those in bushfire affected areas. St Vincent de Paul is collecting donations for the "Vinnies Bushfire Appeal" at [www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw](http://www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw). Please be assured that all donations from Victoria will be directed to Victorians.

### **Damascus College Bright Futures Fundraising Breakfast**

All are invited to this fundraising breakfast which supports the scholarship fund for Year 7 to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 7.00am - 8.45am at the Ballarat Golf Club, 1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat. Special guest is Judy Brewer OAM, Sacred Heart Class of 1979. Purchase your \$40 ticket at [www.trybooking.com/BGZVS](http://www.trybooking.com/BGZVS) or call the College (03) 5337 2222.

### **Mercy Works - Mercy Connect Project**

Mercy Works recruits volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Obtaining a current Working with Children Check is part of the application process. More information contact Donna Stewart, ph 0417624330 or email [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com)

### **Invitation to join 2020 Roundtable Conversations on Ecological Theology with Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr Barry Ryan at Mercy Gathering Room, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East (side entrance).**

Wednesday Evening Series: 7-9pm, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15; Thursday Afternoon Series: 1-3pm, March 26, April 23, May 21, June 18, July 16.

Registration: email [veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au](mailto:veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) (kindly include contact details). Donation (to cover expenses and to make a contribution to ecological justice): \$5 per session.

### **Choir for Mass of the Oils 2020**

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 9, 2020. Practice times are Sunday, March 29 and Sunday, April 5 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 5337 7159.

### **The Difference You Make**

Mercy Connect invites you to a night with Mohamed Semra, a young Sudanese leader working to shatter stigma and misconceptions surrounding African migrants and refugees. The evening is open to all and part of the professional development provided to Mercy Connect Volunteers. Wednesday, March 18, 2020, Sisters of Mercy 151 Victoria Street, Ballarat East at 7.30pm. Please RSVP by March 2, 2020. Any questions and RSVPs to Donna Stewart at Mercy Connect [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com). Flyer attached.

### **Paschal Candles**

Sr Kathleen Moran makes church candles available for purchase. Candles can be decorated or plain. The widest available is approximately 76mm, costing about \$50.00 varying according to length and decoration. Altar candles approximately 450mm x 250mm (coloured or white) also available for \$6.00. For more information contact Kathleen ph. 0438812449 or [rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au](mailto:rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au)

### **Nazareth House Auxiliary St Patrick's Day Celebrations**

Tuesday March 17, 2020 at 218 Mill Street Ballarat, 1.30pm. Musical entertainment, afternoon tea, lucky door prize, cake and produce stalls. Entry \$10.00. For further information contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.