

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. The Parish is led by a team of Coordinators, one of whom is the Moderator.

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay

Coordinators: Catherine Green (Moderator), Michael Ryan, Angela Carr

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0447 609 485

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For Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals please contact Parish Secretary ~ messages will be forwarded

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

Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$319.05
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$339.00	Year to date
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$366.00		2017/18: \$11,295.90

Coordinators Report

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Parish Assembly last week, and for sharing your thoughts and ideas towards reviewing our Parish Operating Plan. For those who were not able to attend, or who would like to contribute any comments or ideas, we would welcome your ideas on the questions discussed at the Assembly on the four themes identified in the original Operating Plan, of Spirituality, Engagement, Communication and Sustainability. There are forms at the back of each church with the questions posed at the Assembly, these can be completed and returned to the back of each church, emailed to the Parish or handed to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or Coordinator team. The ideas raised from these conversations will be gathered together to form the basis of a new revised Operating Plan for the period 2017-2020.

Congratulations to our Parish Secretary Natasha Buttigieg and her husband Emanuel and family, on the arrival of their new baby daughter Mani Rose Buttigieg.

Appreciation

Many thanks to our Parish Coordinators for the preparation for and running of our Parish Assembly. Their dedication to their

roles is outstanding and we are indeed fortunate to have their skilled and generous leadership in our parish. Thank you too to all who contributed to a wonderful coming together where shared values were discussed and good food was shared.

Breakfast with the Cup

Have your picture taken with the Emirates Melbourne Cup while indulging in a delicious champagne breakfast. Wed 11th October, 7.30am - 9.30am. St Brigid's School multi-purpose space. Hosted by the School Parent's & Friends Association. \$25pp. Bookings ☎: 5368 1015 or visit school office.

Farewell

Joe and Carmen Camelleri's farewell has been postponed. Let us support the family with our love and prayers.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- October 5 - Mass with Anointing: Ballan, 10.30am
- October 9 - PPC Meeting, 7.30pm
- October 18 - PFC Meeting Gordon
- November 19 - Annual Gordon Cemetery Mass, 2pm.
NB. No Mass at St Patrick's that morning.
- December 4th Parish Dinner at Donegan's Farm.

Church Cleaning – October

St Michael's 8th, St Brigid's 15th & St Patrick's 22nd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lloyd Lamb	Ann Micallef Georgina Wright Monica Eastwood	Eileen Haintz Louise Haintz



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

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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: \$155.00	Parish: \$400.00
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$515.00	

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 31st October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. Thanks to Amanda Elliott, Craig Jenkins and Jill Prendergast, who will be completing their 3-year term as members of the Parish Leadership Team. New representatives will be needed for each community. If interested, please speak with one of the PLT: Fr Shane, Amanda Elliott, Katrina Griffiths, Leah Hanrahan, Craig Jenkins, Chris Kavanagh, Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, Jill Prendergast, Damian Ryan.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 12th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to people who might be interested.

Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 17th October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

Retreat Day: Tuesday 21st November. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Tuesday 21st 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 17th October.

Film Fundraiser for Edmund Rice Works, Timor-Leste

The Mountain Between Us, Regent Cinemas, Sun 22nd Oct, 2.30pm & afternoon tea. \$20 (\$15 students). Bookings: Liz ☎ 0417 347 262 or lizh@aonet.com.au

LITURGIES			
Thur 5 th Oct	Ballan	10.30am	Anointing Mass
Fri 6 th Oct	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 7 th Oct	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 8 th Oct	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	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



Recent Deaths

Bob Kick

Anniversaries

Tom Davies, Des Shanahan, Mary Wheelahan, Cornelius Mahar, Maureen Mullane, Josie Tudor, Sr Patsy Ford (SRM), Christine Dent, Marguerite Eddy, Eileen Frawley, Frank Quinlan, Allan Smith, Ethan Seccull, Maureen O'Donohue, Joseph Rice.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupoy

Baptism

Congratulations to Ollie Jozef Murphy (son of Shannyn and Tye), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We welcome Ollie into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Billy Michael Cheeseman (2013), Hamish Thomas Lloyd (2013), Michael David Ash (2013), Indy Olivia Leonard (2014), Violet Ivy Wilson (2104), Adele Maree Leonard (2014), Mitchell Thomas Leonard (2104)

**Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them,
so they may walk in newness of life.**

Bishop Paul on Marriage according to Pope Francis

Letter from Bishop Paul available at Church door, offering reflections on marriage by Pope Francis to assist in considering the current proposal to change the legal definition of marriage.

Fr Gary Jones' 30th Anniversary of Ordination

St Peter's, Daylesford, Sun 15th October, 10.30am Mass & morning tea. RSVP: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

50 years of Mercy education @ Damascus College

50th anniversary of the opening of the Sacred Heart Senior College – St Martin's in the Pines. Includes opening of Commemorative Walk, commemorating sponsors, past and current students and staff of Damascus College and our three foundation Colleges. Sat 28th Oct, 2–5pm. RSVP 27th Sept: www.damascus.vic.edu.au

Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement

Pope Francis has called for an economic system that places men and women at the very centre – one that meets the needs of all people and is just and sustainable. He denounces economic structures that take a purely utilitarian view of human beings, treating them as mere elements of production, to be thrown away if they are not seen as useful or productive.

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2017–18 is titled *Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy*. The Bishops call for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person.

The Bishops' Statement is built around today's Gospel: Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all are active contributors and are recognised for their human dignity.

Australia has experienced a quarter of a century of continuous economic growth, but the benefits of this good fortune have not been distributed equally. In our workplaces, conditions and security of employment have been eroded, while those who are unemployed subsist on incomes well below poverty levels. Australia is experiencing a housing crisis. And our Indigenous brothers and sisters struggle with economic and social burdens that most Australians cannot imagine.

In the light of these challenges, the Statement calls us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Such a society will reject an 'ideology of the market' that forgets the principles of justice and equity. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community, and business can work for everybody's benefit, not just for shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice in decision-making. God is calling us to use his bounty wisely, for the good of all and of our planet.

Full statement: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Promote Care, Oppose Euthanasia

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just those terminally ill. The Catholic Church believes that any proposal to introduce legislation enabling physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia is not in the best interests of the community and will have wide-reaching ramifications. For information about this important development, its impact on our society, and action you can take, visit www.cam.org.au/euthanasia ☎ 02 9560 5333. Info: www.palms.org.au/encounters/

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
30 th Sept & 1 st Oct	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Ezekiel 18:25-28 ~ Philippians 2:1-11 ~ Matthew 21:28-32			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Stephen Leonard Family	Trish Ryan	Gemma, Kiely & Rose
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	As requested	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Winnie Zammit	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Judith Hodgon & Angela Carr	
7 th & 8 th Oct	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 5:1-7 ~ Philippians 4:6-9 ~ Matthew 21:33-43			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	C Frawley	N Jeffrey / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Helen Blazek	Anita Lidgett Family	Lloyd Lamb & Helen Conlan	
14 th & 15 th Oct	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 25:6-10a ~ Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 ~ Matthew 22:1-14			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan & Bonnie Rinaldi	Paul Britt Family	Margaret Leonard	Charlie & Meg
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	John Fabre & Anne Eskdale	Binks Family	Lorraine Tipple & Cathy Mullane	