

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)

For Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance, 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	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$250.00	Parish: \$50.40
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$288.90	Year to date:
BCSF: \$189.00		\$9,026.60

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

Forms for your input to the retrospective component of the Commission have now been received. We have had over 50 responses to date – Thank you for your input. Forms are now due for parishioners to respond to the theme 'Looking to our future what structure(s) should we consider?' (August 11th - September 9th). In addition forms remain available for 'Looking to our future what are you worried about?' (September 1st - September 30th). 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. **Save the date:** A Parish Meeting is being planned for Sunday 21st October with details to follow.

Parish Bulletin Via Email

If any Parishioners would like to receive the Bulletin via email please contact parish secretary ☎: 5368 9280 or 0423 217 556

RCIA Coordinator

Sister Kathleen is stepping down from RCIA Coordinator. We thank her for all the work she has done. The position is now available. If you are interested please contact Parish Secretary.

Donegan's Farm Retreat

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

Coming Events & Meetings

- PPC Monthly Meeting September 10th Gordon
- PFC Monthly Meeting September 19th Gordon

Mass at Gordon Cemetery

Sunday 18th 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 7th, St Brigid's 14th & St Patrick's 21st

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

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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 weekend

Presbytery: \$308.50	Parish: \$405.00
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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 (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

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

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 30th 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 11 th Sept	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 13 th Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 15 th Sept	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 16 th Sept	Gordon	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	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)				



Plenary Council 2020
 "Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."

Anniversaries

Frank Leahy, Emily Green, James Cummins, Jack Nunn, Jimmy Winter, Ewen McCarthy, Michael Williams, John McCarthy, Wayne Torpy, Carmen Gatt, Jenoveffa Micallef, Primo Bettolatti, George Richardson, Jeanette Pearse, Corey Fletcher, Eileen McDermott, Bill O'Donohue, Kathleen Sheehan

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, 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

Baptism

Congratulations to Matilda Ellen Lily Stuart (daughter of Michelle and Stuart), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We welcome Matilda into our faith community, and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptism: Thomas Patrick Maher (2017).

**Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in him,
 so he may walk in newness of life.**

Annual Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests

Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by the Ballarat Clergy Support Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this appeal has raised nearly \$1.8 million since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$50,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual appeal has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.



Compassion Walk

Sunday, September 16, 10:30am-1pm. Participate in activities as you walk around the lake and enjoy food and entertainment. Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=404489> Email for more info: compassionwalk.ballarat@gmail.com

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/XKXV Info: Kathryn Mundy kmundy@stpats.vic.edu.au

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

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)

Joy Spreading (Ballarat)

Stacey Atkins is the guest speaker at the next Joy Spreading event for young adults (18-30 y.o.). Friday 14th Sept, 6.30-9.00pm, Lake View Hotel, free. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 5337 7125.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
8 th & 9 th Sept	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Isaiah 35:4-7 ~ James 2:1-5 ~ Mark 7:31-37			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	C Frawley	A Elliott / Leah Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Lloyd Lamb	Bridget Sims Family	Patricia Binks & Denise Marshall	
15 th & 16 th Sep	24 th 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	