

# Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): ~ 15th & 16th February 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, Bambi Afford, 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: \$n/a
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$n/a
	<b>Year to date:</b>	\$26,627.73

Following the direction from Bishop Paul in his letter written to the Gordon community on November 2019, Fr Ed Moloney was appointed to the role of Supervising Priest for the Gordon Parish. Fr Ed called a meeting with a representative from each of the PPC and the Finance Committee, Fr Sajan and Transition Team members (Joan Bourke, Lin Bowers, Sue Daly) on Thursday February 13 to plan our way forward. At this meeting new structural arrangements for the Parish were discussed and work commenced on revision of current parish documentation to support implementation of these new arrangements. We welcome Fr Ed back to our community and are very grateful for his generous commitment and support.

### Parish of Gordon Sacramental Program

An information and enrolment night for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Thursday 20th February, 2020 at St. Patrick's School Hall at 7pm for Children in Year 4 or above. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the meeting. The cost of the program is \$50 per child. Inquires to Therese Winter 0417518187

### Parish Secretary

Last week interviews were undertaken for the parish secretary position. The new parish secretary will be employed by the Bungaree Parish and the Gordon Parish separately. Debbie Goldie has been appointed to the role. Debbie resides in Gordon and is a member of the Gordon parish. Over the next month Debbie will be trained by Natasha, the current parish secretary and following on by Fran from the Bungaree Parish. During the transition you can continue to contact the parish office via telephone although the hours that the office will be open on a Tuesday will vary. Bungaree will operate as normal. We welcome Debbie to the position and know that she will be an asset to both parishes. Thank you to Natasha for doing a wonderful job in the role for the Gordon Parish over the past 4 years and wish her the best in her future endeavors. We thank all of the applicants for their interest.

**Welcome to Hannah, Jade and Chloe Rivett** daughters of Steven and Angela, who at Mass this weekend are being baptised at St Brigid's Ballan this Sunday. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

### Church Cleaning - February

St Brigid's 21st	St Patrick's 28th	St Michael's 14th
BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Elaine Conlan	Ann Micallef	Eileen Haintz
Edith Paarhammer	Monica Eastwood	Louise Haintz



## 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

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**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)

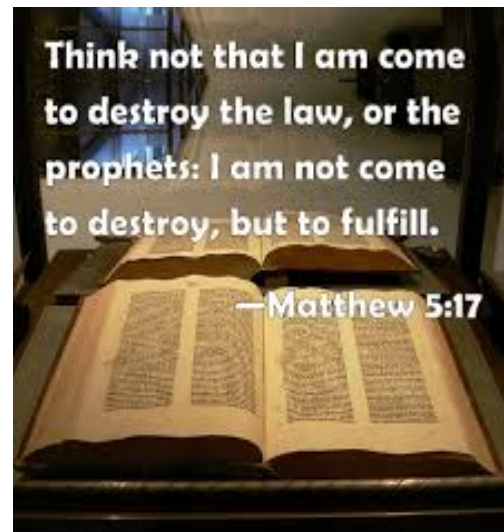
### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$171.20	<b>Parish:</b>	\$490.00
<b>Christmas Offering:</b>	\$895.00 (to date)		

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ~ Matthew 5:17-37</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Meegan Jenkins	Jenkins Family	Margaret Leonard	
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Kerryn Taylor	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Joan Bourke	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Margaret Green & Mark Conlan	Gyan Schweighofa & Anne Eskdale	Lorraine Tipple & Lloyd Lamb	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 ~ Matthew 5:38-48</b>			
<b>Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm</b>	Helen Mahar	Jill Prendergast	Marty Forbes	
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Michael & Therese Winter	Beth Calleja	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	Cairan & Janine Donohoe & Family	Lin Bowers & Linden Hall	
<b>29th 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 & Narelle Conroy	Josie Donegan	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Judith Hodgson & Denise Marshall	

LITURGIES			
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bungaree	9.30 am	Mass
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bungaree	9.30 am	Mass
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ballan	10.00 am	Prayer Group
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ballan	2.00 pm	School Mass
Fri 21 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Gordon	10.15 am	School Opening Mass
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dunnstown	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Gordon	11.30 am	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Ballan	1.30 p.m	Ash Wednesday Mass

	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)			



### **Anniversaries**

Joan Arnel, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie, Harry Parkin, Kathleen Leonard, Jack O'Donohue, Maureen O'Halloran, Maureen O'Donohue, Cecelia Haintz, Ellie Walsh, Diane Johnson, Tom O'Loughlin, Kevin Mc Guigan, Con McTigue, Lil Wickson, Con Carey, William Ernest Rosenow

### **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, Douglas Keating, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgon, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Reg Haintz

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

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic**? 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)

**Welcome to Jimmy Robinson** son of Ashley and Mollie who was baptised at St Peter's Clarkes Hill last Sunday. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

### **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.

### **Plenary Council 2020- Let's listen and Discern.**

Theme for our Meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Parish Centre at Bungaree - How is God Calling us to be a Christ centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Eucharistic.

**The Process for the evening** - Listening to the Holy Spirit, listening and sharing with each other and responding to the theme. It is anticipated that the meeting will be 1 ½ -2 hrs.

### **Before the evening you may wish to think about:**

- What questions do you have about the future of Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?
- What ideas do you have that can nourish our faith community- Bungaree and Gordon Parish?

**Thank you** to Frank and Leo Hanrahan on clearing all the spouts on the convent building and doing repair work on the presbytery roof. A big job well done!

**Bungaree Parish Leadership Meeting** will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 p.m. at the Bungaree Parish Centre

### **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, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15; Thursday Afternoon Series: 1-3pm, February 27, 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.

### **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.