

Palm Sunday (Year A): ~ 4th & 5th April 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 Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, 4 positions available.... 2 @ Ballan, 2 @ Gordon

Parish Schools
St. Brigid's Primary School Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
St. Patrick's Primary School Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$159.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$95.00
	Year to date:	\$41,784.58

Vacancy on Parish Pastoral Council

There is still a vacancy for a member from the Springbank community to join the Parish Pastoral Council. If you would like more information, please contact a current member.

Vacancies on Parish Financial Council

There are 4 vacancies on the Parish Financial Council; two at Ballan and two at Gordon. Please contact the Transition Team for further information.

Church Collections

When masses return to normal the Parish will be running two separate collections. The move to two collections is under the advisement of the Vicar General to bring us in line with the remainder of the Parishes in our Diocese. You will find the

breakdown of the disbursement of funds for the two collections on the website. The Presbytery account will be the first collection which is for the support of the priest. The second collection is for the running of the Parish which also includes your sacrificial giving envelopes.

When masses are back to normal, there will be a member of the Parish Financial Council, who, prior to mass starting, will make a small presentation of explanation.

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation/Eucharist	Thursday 21 st May 7pm
Parent Information Night	St. Brigid's School

Church Cleaning - April

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Therese Winter and Debbie Goldie	Kath and Louise O'Neil



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
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$519.00
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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.

St Brendan's School News

Congratulation to Shelley Ryan on her appointment as Foundation Principal at St. Joseph's – a new primary school in Werribee. Inez French will be Interim Principal from next term with Sue Prendergast as Religious Education Leader



READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
There will be no masses until further notice			

LITURGIES

There will be no masses until further notice



	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th 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

Isabella Moran, Isabel Britt, Fr Tom Linane, Mary Britt, Barbara Frawley, Marie Dromey, Marie Leahy, Antonio Zumba, Katerina Camilleri, John Vincent Toohey and Bill Molloy

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, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Clare Adriaans

Holy Week in our Parishes

Palm Sunday

Father Sajan will be placing palms that have been blessed outside the six churches in the Gordon and Bungaree Parishes. Parishioners are invited to collect palms from Saturday afternoon. **Please abide by the government enforced rules of no gatherings of more than two people. If someone else is collecting palms please remain in your car until they have left.**

There will also be two prayer sheets titled 'Palm Sunday' and 'Holy Week At Home' for you to take home and share with your family.

Next week's Easter celebrations

Holy Thursday

Fr Sajan will celebrate private mass at 4pm. Parishioner please pray at home following the Prayer sheet.

Good Friday

Parishioner please pray at home following the Prayer sheet.

Easter Sunday

Parishioner please pray at home following the Prayer sheet.

If you know of anyone who doesn't receive the bulletin, could you kindly ring them to inform them or take some prayer sheets around to them.

The bulletin is also available under the Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Chrism Mass 2020

Please note that the Mass of the Oils has been postponed to Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat.

Updates, information, resources and links to online Masses, in light of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Updates from Bishop Paul, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and other agencies is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Continue to check the diocesan website as new resources are being added to this page for people to access during this time of social isolation. There are also links to online Masses within and outside the diocese.

Links to online Masses in the Diocese

- **St Mary Mackillop Parish, Western Border:** Check the Western Border Catholic Parish facebook page for links to daily masses on YouTube <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=western%20border%20catholic%20parish>
- **St Joseph's Parish Warrnambool:** Check the St Joseph's Warrnambool facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stjosephswarrnambool> for links to Masses on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiHcYtCTuk5DivKLWY1bvqg>
- **Sacred Heart Parish, Mildura:** Sunday Masses available on Sacred Heart Parish Mildura YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x3WAtskllV8>
- **St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat:** Mass livestreamed daily at 11.30am can be viewed on Patrick's Cathedral facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9>

Lent Resources

Lent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Our Diocesan Community

The latest edition of ODC and eNews is now available to read online at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au under "News and Events"

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – March:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a **joyful, hope-filled and servant community?** 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.

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus and the safety measures being undertaken throughout our communities, all places of worship, churches and chapels remain closed until further notice. You can stay connected with your faith through the many links to online Masses above, that are being offered around the Diocese.

What is the difference between the Parish and Presbytery accounts?

It is a long-standing practice within church administration that a parish operates 2 separate and distinct bank accounts. They are titled -

- Parish account
- Presbytery account

The Presbytery Account:

The Presbytery is generally the first collection (cash) taken up at Mass and this is **fundamentally for the upkeep of the priest**. This collection funds the priests –

- Stipend
- Motor vehicle
- Health Insurance
- Retirement allowance (in lieu of superannuation)
- Recurrent travel expenses eg. fuel, insurance, tyres, servicing, registration etc
- Household expenses such as food and drink
- Payment to a housekeeper, although this is not common
- Fixed presbytery costs such as telephone, household requisites, heat, light and power, minor repairs, garden etc.
- Levies to the Ballarat Clergy Assistance Fund
- Other priests “supplying”
- Support for the Diocesan Bishop in running his home and like costs

Average presbytery running costs for a fully stipend priest generally average between \$53k - \$58k

Average Presbytery running costs effective from 1/7/19

Presbytery Expenses	PRIEST
Stipend	24,000
Motor Vehicle	5,760
Health Ins	2,200
Retirement	900
Supply	500
Travel	5,000
Levies	6,500
House Expenses @\$225pw	11,700
TOTAL	\$ 56,560

Ballarat Priests operate a cooperative scheme whereby all priests are paid the same stipend, irrespective of where they are posted or the capacity of the presbytery account to fund the costs. These parishes are subsidised by the larger parishes who collect more than the average amount.

There are currently 13 parishes being subsidised by the surplus from 14 of the larger parishes.

The Presbytery account does **NOT** fund capital works. Major repairs and building upkeep are paid by the parish.

The Parish Account:

The parish account is usually the second collections and is commonly referred to as the envelopes or sacrificial program.

This account is used to fund –

- Liturgical costs
- Pastoral programs including the engagement of pastoral associates
- Repairs and maintenance of ALL parish properties
- Administrative costs eg phone, photocopier, printing etc plus any staff employed
- Diocesan Levies that fund diocesan operations as well as special costs like seminary education, group insurances etc
- Insurance and recurrent property costs such as utilities, rates etc
- Subsidies to schools (if any)
- Loan repayments
- Funding capital projects such as major refurbishments or acquisitions