

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 Leadership Team: Sue Daly, Lin Bowers, Joan Bourke, Shane Carey, Aileen Toohey, Marie Shanahan, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Gabrielle Driscoll and Tim Delaney

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

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$163.00	Parish: \$
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$283.00
Year to Date:		\$5,359.00

Parish Update

The Victorian Government has reintroduced Stage 3 restrictions in regional Victoria. Unfortunately for us it means that our churches will be closed with no masses until September 13. There are exceptions for funerals and weddings (please see Bishop Paul's attached letter). We hope all parishioners are keeping safe and connected to our parish as we work our way through this very challenging environment. We will get through this and once again be able to come together as a parish community to worship, pray and share. Take care and stay well.

Goodbye from Kathleen:

After 7^{3/4} very happy years in this parish, it's time for me to leave. There is so much I will miss, and will treasure. One

outstanding characteristic I've noticed is the wonderful hospitality and friendship of this community. I also see a community that works together to take ownership, and keep the parish going. Thank you for welcoming me and allowing my journey to weave with yours. I have truly been enriched. I share with you this saying from the film: 'Best Exotic Marigold Hotel':

"Everything will be alright in the end. So if it's not alright, it's not the end"

And in the words of St. Paul: "I thank my God each time I think of you and when I think of you, I'll pray with joy."

Church Cleaning - August

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Marie Shanahan and Anne Eskdale	Kate Carey, Eily Carey and Leisa Carey	Natalie Toohey and Loretta Toohey

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 St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 5280 Acting Principal: Inez French ☎ 5334 7604	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend:

Presbytery:	\$256.00	Parish: \$930.00
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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.

Sacramental Program Up-Date

The Bungaree Sacramental Program was set to start in early June, however due to the restrictions during this COVID-19 time, in consultation with Fr Sajan, the following decisions have been made:

- The Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist will be postponed till 2021. Children in Years 3 and 4 will

be able to receive those sacraments then. Dates will be decided later in the year.

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will still go ahead this year, at this stage. Any children who have not received this Sacrament and are in Year 2 or above, are eligible for this program. The Parent Meeting is 13th October, 2020 and the Retreat Day & Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Tuesday 10th November 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct these to The Bungaree Parish Office via email:

bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or to Sue Prendergast: sprendergast@sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

	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	Clarke's 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

Vince O'Neil

Anniversaries

Margaret Frawley, Biddy Murphy, Patrick McDermott, Rene Hanrahan, Marie Therese Leonard, Kath Jeffrey, Con Clifford, Sylvia Finlayson, Sam Galea, Mary Lee, James Donegan, George Hamm, Anne and John Field, Frank Graham, John McCormack, Nina Cassar and Thomas Clifford.

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, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Anne Micallef and Clare Adriaans

Recent Baptism

Congratulations to Harriet Grace Johnson, Charlie William Johnson and Oscar Harry Johnson who were baptised at St Brendan's Church, Dunnstown on Sunday July 26, 2020. We welcome you all into our faith community, and assure them and their family of our prayers and support.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Hazel May Sheehan (2018) and Cohen John Pearce (2018)

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

How to get the Parish Newsletter

- Bungaree and Gordon Parish links of the Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Emailed copies at Bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au or gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Tubs outside churches. Please deliver to those unable to obtain their own.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

We continue to distribute information regarding the coronavirus as it received. All updates are on the diocesan website "news" section" www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bishop's Office

The Bishop's office will remain closed to visitors until further notice. Staff are still working to continue supporting our clergy, parish and office staff and communities through these challenging times. We are available via email or phone. Contact details: bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au, ph. 03 5337 7121

Social Justice Statement 2020-2021

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the mental health of many members of our parishes, schools and communities. Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who need our support. In the Social Justice Statement 2020-2021, *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*, the Bishops invite us all to reject stigmatisation, to work for the transformation of social determinants of mental ill-health, and to call for policies and service provision that meets the needs of the poorest and most marginalised members of our

community. For

more

information

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or http://bit.ly/SocialJustice_2020

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it is different from what we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

Discernment Papers:

The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will look at one paper for a month. For the month of August we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Inclusive, Participatory & Synodal?** To read the discernment paper, visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/PC2020-thematic-papers-1.pdf> or collect a copy from the box at the church entry.

Damascus College Information Webinars & Virtual Tours for 2022 Commencement

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Webinars on Wednesday, September 9 at 5.00pm and Tuesday, October 20 at 6.30pm. The Information Webinars are a great way for prospective families to learn more about Damascus College. Guided Virtual Tours are held fortnightly on a Thursday at 9.00am. To register, please go to <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us>. You will be sent an online link the day prior to the event.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Next cycle begins August 30. Study is 5 weeks. Registrations open until August 19. More information at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 0407 523 424.

Australian Catholic Men's Gathering – August 15

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants on Saturday, August 15. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length and is a free event. For the event program and registration information go to www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

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