

First Sunday of Lent (Year C) ~ 13th & 14th February, 2016



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones ~ Parish Coordinators: Lin Bowers (Moderator), Joan Bourke & Catherine Green
 Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ~ For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: Contact Narelle Conroy (Parish Secretary)

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PARISH VISION: *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

Parish Pastoral Council Donna Simpson (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal)

Finance Committee Michael Ryan (Chair), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher, Lin Bowers (Coordinator Representative)

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 Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
St. Michael's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344	www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$190.45
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$374.00	Year to date: \$27,672.10

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

This Sunday we welcome back to St Brigid's, Fr John McKinnon who will continue in his role of mentoring the coordinators. We look forward to another year of spiritual support and guidance. We also welcome and thank Bridget Sims for her commitment to represent Ballan on the Parish Pastoral Council.

As we begin a new year, it is time to highlight an important event ahead of us. We will be initiating a call for nominations for a new Coordinator to be determined at a discernment process on Sunday, April 10. The challenge of identifying available and gifted candidates should be 'owned' by the whole community. Time is needed for this process. A number of conversations and follow-ups should be engaged in by all. Our model incorporates a rotational pattern with one of our three coordinators being replaced each year. Lin Bowers will complete her appointment at the end of April and Bishop Paul Bird will commission Joan and Catherine along with our new Coordinator in June. We ask that you give these nominations careful and prayerful consideration as our parish future viability is in your hands. Please complete the nomination forms which will be available in each church foyer. Completed forms can be placed in the box provided. If you would like more information regarding a coordinator's role, please talk to either Lin, Joan or Catherine.

Change to Mass Times: Sunday 20th March

The Ballan Autumn Festival will be held on Sunday 20th March. To avoid disruption, Sunday Masses will be swapped on that day only: **Ballan 8.45am ~ Gordon: 10.30am**

Coming Events

Wed, 17th Feb. 7:30pm. Finance C'tee meeting. Parish House
 Sun, 21st Feb. Children's Liturgy, at St Patrick's Mass.
 Tues, 1st Mar. Bungaree/Gordon Retreat. **Details over page**
 Mon 7th Mar. 7pm. SVDP meeting. St Brigid's gather space.

Reconciliation

A compulsory meeting for parents only will be held at St. Brigid's Ballan on Thursday, 18th Feb, 2016, 7pm. Please bring a copy of Baptismal certificate and \$50 enrolment fee. The sacramental team will speak about the program. There will be a further meeting in May to discuss the Confirmation and Eucharist program: Cost \$50. Dates for Ceremonies will be confirmed later. **The children will be required to attend one of these weekend masses: Sunday 21st February 8.45 am Gordon or Sunday 28th February 10.30am Ballan to be presented to the parish and receive their stole and information pack.** A four week program will be required to be completed at home. Enrolment forms available from the Parish Schools and will be needed for the meeting. More info: Therese Winter ☎ 0417 518187.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Congratulations to Rebecca Smits and Stacey McKercher who, together with others from around the diocese, were presented to Bishop Paul Bird on Saturday. They are now known as the Elect and will journey with us to the Easter sacraments.

Church Cleaning – February

***Note: Vacuuming: St Michael's - 3rd, St Brigid's - 17th & St Patrick's - 24th Feb.**
 Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Elaine Conlan & Edith Paarhammer.	Therese Winter, Sue Petherick & Debbie Goldie.	Aileen Simpson, Anita Maher, Julie Toohey (David).



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 Fax: 5334 0514

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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: 244.00	Parish: \$510.00
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Parish Leadership Team

Meeting, Tue 23rd Feb, 7.30pm

Wallace and District Kindergarten

Places available in 3-year-old program: Mondays, 9am-12pm. Info: call in or ☎ 5334 0268

LITURGIES			
Tues 16 th Feb	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thurs 18 th Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 20 th Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 21 th Feb	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 (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Recent Death

Jean Townley

Anniversaries

Martin Molloy, Chris Maher, James Baynes, Laurie Wheelahan, Eily Mullane, Catherine Donegan, Don Murphy, Frank Britt, Tim Fletcher, Edna Carson, Catherine Parkin, Eileen White and Elizabeth Flynn

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Carole Brimson, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Fred May, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar, Margaret Mullane.

Baptism

Congratulations to Aiden Antonio Sarra (son of Tiffany and Anthony), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brendan's, Dunnstown. We welcome Aiden 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: Sadie Maree Wilson (2012), Isabella Maree Leonard (2012), Billy James Prendergast (2013), Nellie Kate Cheeseman (2015)

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



Like many families in her remote village in Malawi, Doney and her family have often gone months without enough to eat. But with the support of Caritas Australia and local partner CADECOM, the people of Doney's community have learned to harness their strengths. Today they are building new livelihoods, improving health and growing literacy to create paths towards a better future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave

the way towards a thriving future: www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413

Palms Encounters



Palms Australia

Palms Australia coordinates overseas volunteers for the Catholic church. Communities in Asia, Pacific and Africa are asking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrator, agricultural workers and others. You can assist to mentor local workers in your field of expertise. See what's involved through a 13-day guided tour in Timor Leste, which provides an insight into the daily life and work of the communities where Palms volunteers are hosted: 11-23 April, 4-16 July, 26 September - 8 October. RSVP 22 Feb ☎ 02 9518 9551 or www.palms.org.au/Encounters St Valentine

Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes



The one day retreat for Bungaree and Gordon parishioners is to be held at Donegan's Farm on Tues., 1st March. Sr. Veronica who has written a book: "The Blessing of Mercy", will lead the retreat. Some places still available. Please contact Kathleen Moran 0438 812449 or kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au as soon as you are able.

Parish Picnic & Festival: Sunday 28th February

Springbank Football & Netball oval, 11am-4pm. Activities include: jumping castle, climbing wall, Peppa & George Pig. Entry: gold coin or \$10/family. Expressions of interest for stall holders. Volunteers required to assist with set up, clean up, running activities. Info: Margie Quinlan ☎ 0417 587 237.

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has invited expressions of interest for membership in this Commission, which was established in 2011. Applications due: 15th Feb. Info: vindillon@gmail.com

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
13 th & 14 th Feb	First Sunday of Lent (Year C): Deuteronomy 26:4-10 ~ Romans 10:8-13 ~ Luke 4: 1-13			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Darren Rix	Darren Rix Family	D Ryan/A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	
20 th & 21 st Feb	Second Sunday of Lent (Year C): Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 ~ Philippians 3:17-4:1 ~ Luke 9:28-36			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Karen Cahir Family	Fran Peterkin	Gabby, Josh & Daniel
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy & Maria Donegan	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammitt & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
27 th & 28 th Feb	Third Sunday of Lent (Year C): Exodus 3:1-8 ~ 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 ~ Luke 13:1-9			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Mary Slater	Julie Moran	Mowing: Con Powell & Pat Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Winnie Zammitt & Lloyd Lamb	