

First Sunday of Advent (Year A) ~ 2nd & 3rd December, 2017

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. The Parish is led by a team of Coordinators, one of whom is the Moderator.

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay

Coordinators: Catherine Green (Moderator), Michael Ryan, Angela Carr

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 and Funerals 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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

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

Loose:	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$162.85
Planned Giving:	Envelopes: \$724.45	Year to date:
Direct Debit	October: \$1,280.00	\$20,738.45

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wanted: Ballan parishioners to join Laura Parsons for dismissal. 4 Sundays in February and 3 Sundays in March. Volunteers usually take two consecutive Sundays: First joining in and second leading. Help with preparation available. Please contact Kathleen ☎: 0438 812 449

Attention Readers

The book *Break Open the Word* is available in the churches. It contains all readings for 2018, together with reflections and hints on how best to portray the word. Readers are welcome, and encouraged to take the book home the week prior to carrying out their reading ministry.

Columban Calendars 2018

Available for purchase in church foyers, \$9.00each.

Parish Dinner

It's that time again when we all get to celebrate another great year in our parish. We are holding a Parish Dinner at Donegan's Farm on Monday, December 4th at 6.30 pm, All welcome.

Please make bookings through Parish Office : ☎ 5368 9280.

Coming Events & Meetings

- December 13th PFC Meeting Gordon
- February 12th PPC Meeting Gordon

Kathleen's Corner

When buying gifts this Christmas, commit to spending time researching ethical and sustainable sources. This may help you support a small scale producer and protect the goodness of creation. The story of your gift may inspire the recipient and the gift will directly benefit the producer.

Church Cleaning – December

St Michael's 8th, St Brigid's 15th & St Patrick's 22nd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Tiffany Forde Family	Marie Conroy Beth Calleja	Kath O'Neil Louise O'Neil



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

✉ 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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery:	\$197.00	Parish:	\$400.00
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$809.00			

Annual Parish Assembly

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Assembly. Particular thanks to Amanda Elliott, Katrina Griffiths, Craig Jenkins and Jill Prendergast, who have completed their term as members of the Parish Leadership Team (PLT). Welcome to the new members of the PLT: Karen Cahir, Lisa Elliott and Di Reynolds. We appreciate your willingness to contribute to our parish in this way. A new representative is still needed for Clarkes Hill.

Bungaree: Christmas/December Church Cleaning

Monday 4th Dec, 7pm. Jobs for both men and women; new cleaners very welcome. Many hands will make light work. Can you join the monthly roster for next year? Contact Debbie Ryan:

☎ 5334 0224 or ryandjr@bigpond.com

Available at Church Door

Our Diocesan Community – October Edition free

Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. They came into effect for schools in 2016 and for parishes at the beginning of 2017. 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).

Advent Penitential Service

Bungaree, Monday 18th Dec, 7.30pm. Please bring unwrapped gift of food or toys to be distributed by St Vincent de Paul.

- Individual Confessions, Bungaree: Sat 16th Dec, 11am; Tues 19th Dec, 4pm

Christmas Cake & Port after Mass

Bungaree: Sun 10th December

Dunnstown: Sat 16th December

Clarkes Hill: Sat 23rd December



LITURGIES			
Tues 5 th Dec	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 7 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 9 th Dec	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 10 th Dec	Bungaree	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	Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

First Sunday of Advent



Anniversaries

Bill Mahar, Margaret Fuller, Ronald Graham, Maisie Frawley, Peter Quinlan, Maurice Torpy, Maureen Frawley, Ron Devlin, John Senserrick

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Alice Gardiner, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupoy

Welcome

Welcome to Violette & Ailie Ogrowsky (daughters of Melissa & Richard) and George Maher (son of Natalie & Gerard), who at Mass this weekend are beginning their preparation for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Leon Harry Sheehan (2014), Benjamin Michael Prendergast (2015)

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

Free Advent Calendar App

The first door of the Calendar opens this Sunday: www.xt3.com/advent/

Caritas Australia: Global Gift Cards

Donations empower the most marginalised members of our human family, helping to eradicate poverty in all its forms <https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>

Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?

A community forum at the Yarra Theological Union in Box Hill earlier this month heard three respected Church leaders talk about the impact of the child sexual abuse crisis on the Church from the perspective of a Bishop, an educator and the head of the Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council. Listen to their presentations: www.tjhcouncil.org.au/catholic-community

Sharing the Word

A free eLibrary of educational resources for Catholic ministry, collected by Catholic Mission Australia. It includes full texts of over 8,000 open source ebooks, periodicals, podcasts and church documents. Free: <http://sharingtheword.info>

Mercy Connect Ballarat - Volunteer mentors needed

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools. Approx. 3 hrs/week for 4 school terms. Experience in an educational setting is preferred, but ongoing training and support provided. Initial training in February. Info: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Would you like to become a Spiritual Director?

The 'Siloam' Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied over two years at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The Program may be studied as a Grad Dip for those who meet the criteria. Further info: holsc@bigpond.com or ☎: 9890 1101.

2018 is the Year of Youth.

Begins this week 3rd December. Theme: *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. More Info: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/Services & Agencies/Youth and Young Adult Ministry](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/Services&Agencies/YouthandYoungAdultMinistry).

Pastoral Care Education

An exciting opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care recognised and accredited towards theological studies through the University of Divinity is now available in regional Victoria. Extended part-time program Feb-Nov 2018. Info and application: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

PROCLAIM 2018 - Early Bird Registrations Now Open

Registration and Info: www.proclaimconference.com.au

Enrolment for Year 7, 2019

Damascus College: ~ Applications close 16 Feb 2018

Loreto College: ~ Applications close 16 Feb 2018

- Guided tours, 9am: Tues 6 Feb, Fri 9 Feb.
RSVP: www.loreto.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College:

- Guided tours monthly: Friday morning.
RSVP: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or ☎ 5331 1688
- Year 7 Scholarships: RSVP 18 Feb www.stpats.vic.edu.au

Christmas Masses

Sat 23 rd December	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Clarkes Hill: 6.30pm	Clarkes Hill: 6.00pm	Dunnstown: 9.30am
	Gordon: 6.00pm	
	Springbank: 8.00pm	
	Ballan: 8.00pm	
	Bungaree: 10.00pm	



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
2 nd & 3 rd Dec	First Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ~ Mark 13:33-37			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard / Chris O'Loughlin	Steven Bethune Family	Trish White	Darcy & Joshua
Gordon ~ 8.45 am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	John Fabre & Winnie Zammit	Anita Lidgett Family	Bert Jarvis & Helen Conlan	
9 th & 10 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 ~ 2 Peter 3:8-14 ~ Mark 1:1-8			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Volunteer required	Brendan Simpson Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45 am	Tom Moloney	S Steenhuis	D Ryan / L Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Sandra Miller & Marie Shanahan	Bink Family	Lorraine Tipple & Winnie Zammit	
16 th & 17 th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) Isaiah 56:1-2 ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 ~ John 1:6-8, 19-28			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Katrina Griffiths	Katrina Griffiths Family	Jennifer McKay	Caleb & Will
Gordon ~ 8.45 am	Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Bert Jarvis	Leon & Pat Burvill	Simone Foder & Angela Carr	