

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A) ~ 7th & 8th January 2017



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: Joan Bourke (Moderator), Catherine Green & Michael Ryan
Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ~ For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: Contact Natasha Buttigieg (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 Helen Ryan (Chair), Joan Bourke (Moderator), Linden Hall, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Gabe Driscoll (School Principal) **** A representative is required for Springbank ****

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

Parish Schools **St. Brigid's Primary School** Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
St. Patrick's Primary School 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: \$150.00	Parish: \$289.70
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$259.00	Year to date: \$24,971.00
Direct Debit (December)		\$1,805.00
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:		\$1,039.80
Christmas Offerings (to date):		\$845.00

Coming Events & Meetings

- Feb 15th Finance Meeting
- No prayer group at Ballan during January

Gordon Bleu Restaurant Opened

69 Main St Gordon. Wed-Fri 8am-3pm, Sat-Sun 9am-4pm

Columban Calendar

Available in the Church foyer. Cost: \$9ea. Please place your payment in the box provided, or clearly labelled in an envelope during collection.

Church Cleaning - January

****Vacuuming: St Michael's - 13th, St Brigid's - 20th, St Patrick's - 27th**

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anne Mullane	Carmel Mahar	Molly Ronan
Helen Conlan	Sue Clifford	Volunteers needed
Sue Conlan	Josie Donegan	



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:	\$259.60	Parish:	\$1,017.00
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:	\$878.00		
Christmas Offerings (to date):	\$1,040.00		

2017 Ministry Rosters for Bungaree

New rosters are now available. Please collect from foyer.

Pope Francis' Message for 50th World Day of Peace (1st January)

'Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace' (www.vatican.va)

- Violence is not the cure for our broken world
- Jesus also lived in violent times and proclaimed his Good News of love
- Nonviolence is not passive surrender; it is a commitment to justice that is more powerful than violence
- Violence arises from the human heart; therefore, before all else, nonviolence must be practised within families. It is equally urgent to make progress on disarmament and to end domestic violence and the abuse of women and children.
- The beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10) offer a portrait of a blessed, good and authentic person. We are all challenged to apply them in whatever situation we face: to be peacemakers and to show mercy.
- "All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers. In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home."



LITURGIES			
Fri 13 th Jan	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 14 th Jan	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 15 th Jan	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	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan		(Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)		

Recent Deaths

John Thomas, Gwen Shanahan.

Anniversaries

Shane Everard, Catherine Maher, Jim Crough, John McDermott, William Greaves, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada, James Grough.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne Mc Kercher, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri.

Christmas Offerings

Many thanks for your generous contributions to Christmas Offerings. Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

Baptism

Congratulations to Liam Patrick Hamm (son of Emma & Damian), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We welcome Liam 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: Quinn May Slater (2016), Fionn Campbell, Harrison Wise.

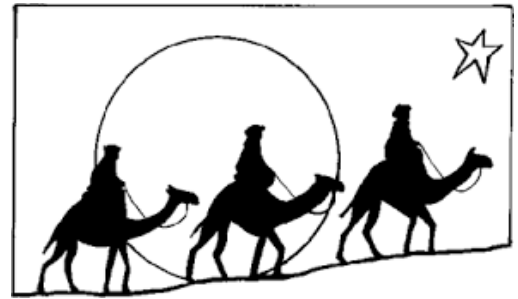
Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program: 2017 Intake

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Details on the diocesan website (link to Program on lower front page) Info: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR has announced the following appointments:

- Fr Peter Sherman: Parish Priest of Ballarat East (from 25 Jan)
- Fr Marcello Colasante: Parish Priest of Wendouree and Ballarat North (from 25 February)
- Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura

Priests have been invited to apply for appointment as Parish Priest of Swan Hill.

PALMS Overseas Lay Volunteers

PALMS recruits, prepares and supports Australian Catholics who volunteer to share their lives and skills overseas. Communities in East Timor, PNG and Kiribati are asking for educators, health professionals and trades people. PALMS volunteers assist them to develop the processes and programs of their organisations and the skills of their personnel in vital sectors of work. Their aim is self-reliance, sustainable poverty reduction and to avoid aid that encourages dependence. 2017 applications closing soon. Info: palms@palms.org.au or ☎ Christine 02 9560 5333



Kathleen's Corner

Our grandparents faced far worse than we do with far less, and they won progress. We have every reason to hope, and no excuse for despair. All the forces present in our world are present within us. Fear and love. Hope and despair. The choices we make in our personal lives shape our world through billions of acts of kindness or cruelty, wisdom or foolishness. All we can do is our best. Let's hit that mark this year. AVAAZ www.avaaz.org



Pre-loved Piano for sale

1920s Wertheim piano from the former St Michael's school, Bungaree. Much played, but all notes still operate. Make us an offer! Contact Parish Office or Fr Shane.

Volunteers to Support Refugee and Asylum Seeker Students

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools, approx. 3 hrs/week. Experience in an educational setting is preferred, but training provided. RSVP 2 Feb 2017: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
7 th & 8 th Jan	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A): Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12</i>			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	Leah Hanrahan	Nola Jeffrey / Edda Clarke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Tom Paarhammer & Lin Bowers	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Helen Conlan & Cathy Mullane	
14 th & 15 th Jan	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 49:3,5-6 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ~ John 1:29-34</i>			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Lisa Bower Family	Trish White	Daniel, Matilda & Cody
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Kim Grimes Family	Faustina Gallicchio	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & John Fabre	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	
21 st & 22 nd Jan	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 8:23-9:3 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 ~ Matthew 4:12-23</i>			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Julie Moran	Julie Moran	Tim Bennett	Mowing: Maurice Maher & Brian Maher
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Eily Carey & Pat Barry	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan Family	Simone Fodor & John Fabre	