

Christ the King (Year C) ~ 23rd & 24th November, 2019



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, Bambi Afford, Marie Shanahan
 Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR
 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)
 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 Anita Lidgett (Chair), Stephen Conroy (Secretary), Tony Lynch, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Tony Paarhammer

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 weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$368.50
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$774.00
	Year to date:	\$25,186.08

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick mass Thursday 5th December at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.

Parish Dinner

Monday December 9, 6.30pm at Donegans Farm. Three course meal \$25 pp. Bookings please contact Lin Bowers 0414 782 044

Plenary Council Gathering in Gordon

One of the comments from the parish group that gathered last Sunday was to advertise the good. The discernment process

was a wonderful, spiritual time for the five men and twenty women who enjoyed each other's sharing of insights in a prayerful atmosphere.

Christmas Mass times and venues

Are still to be confirmed

Church Cleaning - November

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Patricia Binks Family	Ann Micallef Monica Eastwood	Sharon Daly Sue Daly



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree
 Priest in Residence: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR ~ ☎ 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 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 weekend:

Presbytery: \$241.00	Parish: \$390.00
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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.

Preparation for Reconciliation

Six children in our parish are preparing with their families to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time: Oscar Britt, Tara Carlson, Lucy Dash, Ahlia Sarra, Sullivan Toose and Patrick Rafter. We assure them of our prayers and support.

Retreat Day: Tuesday 26th November

Reconciliation: Tuesday 26th November, 5.30pm

Children in Year 6 or above are encouraged to reflect again on this sacrament by preparing for individual reconciliation, which they will be able to celebrate during Advent.

Bungaree Church Cleaning

Thank you to everyone who has assisted by cleaning the Church throughout 2019. The Christmas/December Church cleaning of the Bungaree Church will be Tuesday 3rd December at 7.00 p.m. It would be great to see this supported, as it has been in the past, with both men and women and new cleaners are more than welcome. *Many hands will make light work.*

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
23 rd & 24 th November	Christ the King (Year C): 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ~ Colossians 1:12-20 ~ Luke 23:35-43			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Julie Moran	Helen Mahar	Kate Bennett	Mowing: Con Powell
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Whytakhe & Rosemary Canavan	Julie Dargan Family	Helen Conlan & Winnie Zammit	
30 th Nov & 1 st Dec	1 st Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 21:1-5 ~ Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard	Chris Leonard Family	Fran Peterkin	Kiely, Frankie & Bonnie
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian and Kate Carey	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Marie Shanahan	James & Alison Eskdale & Family	Lloyd Lamb & Lorraine Tipple	
7 th & 8 th December	2 nd Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 11:1-10 ~ Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	D Rix	M Elliott / L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Anne Eskdale	Binks Family	Cathy Mullane & Denise Marshall	

LITURGIES			
Thur 28 th Nov	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 29 th Nov	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 30 th Nov	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 1 st Dec	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	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 22

Recent Deaths

Michael Dyer

Anniversaries

Mary O'Leary, Fredrick G. Giles, Frank O'Loughlin, Mick O'Loughlin, Mary Toohey, Harry Hooker, James Simpson, Agnes Leonard, Bob Frawley, Michael Frawley, Maurice Kelly ishop James O'Collins, James Conlan, Sarah Franklin, Nonie Price and Fr Justin Woodford

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, Douglas Keating, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Kevin Mullane, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Mike Hayward-Brown.

Baptisms

Congratulations to Jack Sonny Steenhuis (son of Andrew and Casey), who is being baptised at St. Michael's, Bungaree this weekend. We welcome Jack into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support. We also welcome George William Maher and Harrison Jack Maher (sons of Gerard & Natalie), Eva Anne Dixon and Billy John Dixon (children of William & Dana) and Jack Leslie Douglas Rix (son of Lachlan & Krystal) who have recently been baptised at Gordon.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and many more. Study over 5weeks. Next study cycle begins January 12. Registrations open until December 23. More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au ☎ 0407 523 424 or e. kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Nazareth House Auxiliary Iconic Movie morning and High Tea

"White Christmas" starring Bing Crosby. Regent Cinema Thursday, November 28 10.00am. Tickets \$25.00ea. pre-booking essential. More info: Margaret ☎ 0419 003415.

YCW Cricket Club Reunion

Former players, supporters and families of the YCW Cricket Club are invited to get together on Sunday, December 1. More info contact Terry ☎ 0401 730 670 or John ☎ 0409 864 080.

Making a Scene at Christmas

Displays will be at Ss Michael & John's Church Horsham, December 5-8 and Ss Peter & Paul's Church Buninyong, December 12-15. All welcome including school groups.

Simbang Gabi

Is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series of nine masses on the days leading up to Christmas, and will be held at St James' Parish Church Sebastopol on Dec 16 & 17 at 7pm, Dec 18 at 8pm (following Advent Reconciliation Service), Dec 19-23 at 7pm, and Dec 24 at 2pm (Filipino Christmas Mass & Carols) and celebrated by Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ. All welcome. More info: Connie ☎ 0449 053 647, Cynthia ☎ 0419 547 514, Sherley

☎ 5338 1266 or 0417 331 756, Urbing ☎ 0419 558 965 or Dion ☎ 0427 876 533.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

OLHC Parish are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Transport is available. For bookings or further information ☎ 0419 975 914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com

Plenary Council – National Themes for Discernment Announced

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

1. **Missionary and Evangelising**
2. **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**
3. **Prayerful and Eucharistic**
4. **Humble, Healing and Merciful**
5. **A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community**
6. **Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform**

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**? 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.

Jillian Hogbin and Felicity Knobel are facilitating Discernment gatherings in the Cathedral parish for each of the six themes of the Plenary Council, Sunday afternoons, 2.30pm– 4.30pm. The discernment process is a prayerful one, commencing with Scripture, silence, spiritual conversations and proposed actions.

Sunday December 1 - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is inclusive, missionary & synodal

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

National Prayer Campaign for Drought for November

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible.

PRAYER FOR DROUGHT

Eternal God,
In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.
We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.
Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.
In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.
Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.