

# First Sunday of Lent (Year C) ~ 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> March 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: Dan Toohy (Chair), Christine Hall (Secretary), Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Bridget Sims, Mick Winter, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford

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

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 Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School  
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015  
Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

[www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$239.75
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$253.00	
	Year to date: \$34,383.10	

### Parish of Gordon Commission Update - Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

Many thanks to everyone who has provided feedback on the Interim Report. In particular it is noted that for 2018 the Report identifies an operating loss of \$38,922. However, this included extraordinary expenditure of \$25,944 for works to prepare the presbytery for sale. It is intended that this amount will be recouped in 2019 following settlement on the presbytery. Taking this into account the operating loss for 2018 would have been \$13,978. We continue to seek feedback which can be provided via the Commission feedback boxes located at the entrance to each of the churches, via email or via post (as detailed in the Report). We will convene a **Parish Meeting from 5pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at Donegan's Farm, where we will review feedback on the Interim Report and collectively discern the key recommendations for our Parish leadership structure.** This meeting will be followed by a Wood Fired Pizza evening!

### Mass Times change for Ballan Autumn Festival

To avoid parking issues for the Ballan festival, mass times will be swapped on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Ballan 8.45am & Gordon 10.30am**

### Lenten Program

Copies of the Wollongong Lenten Program which will be used for parish groups/individuals are available from Kathleen Moran, ☎ 0438 812 449, or [rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au](mailto:rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au)  
The Brisbane Lenten Program 2019 is now available as an App! Download from the App Store or on Google Play for Android™ devices for just \$1.99 (Search Lent 2019 Compassion)

### Wednesday Mass Ballan

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March we will be having a parish mass with 2 baptisms included at 11.30am at St, Brigid's Ballan.

### Collection Counters

Any volunteers that would like to go on the roster for collection counting as a backup please contact parish office.

### Church Cleaning - March

St Michael's 8<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 15<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 22<sup>nd</sup>

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris & Cathy Mullane	Therese Winter Sue Patherick Debbie Goldie	Sharon Daly Sue Daly



## 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  
Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$256.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$350.00
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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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

### St Patrick's Day Irish Festival ~ Dunnstown Football Club

2-day Festival over weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March. Live music and Irish activities. Fun for all ages. U18 free entry. Info and Tickets at: [www.dunnstownirishfestival.com.au](http://www.dunnstownirishfestival.com.au) or Facebook: Dunnstown St Patrick's Day Irish Festival

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent (Year C): Deuteronomy 26:4-10 ~ Romans 10:8-13 ~ Luke 4:1-13</b>			
<b>Springbank ~ 6.30pm</b>	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	Volunteer Required	
<b>Bungaree ~ 8.45am</b>	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	D Ryan / J Boyd	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	James & Alison Eskdale & Family	Bert Jarvis & Cathy Mullane	
<b>16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent (Year C): Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 ~ Philippians 3:17-4:1 ~ Luke 9:28-36</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Mary & Declan Hanrahan	Dom Hanrahan Family	Margaret Leonard	Lilli, Sam & Casey
<b>Ballan ~ 8.45am</b>	Marie Wytkamp & Mark Conlan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Simone Foder & Lorraine Tipple	
<b>Gordon ~ 10.30am</b>	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Maria Donegan	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent (Year C): Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 ~ 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 ~ Luke 13:1-9</b>			
<b>Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm</b>	Helen Mahar	Helen Moran	Helen Moran	
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Beth Calleja & Michael Winter	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Eily Carey	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Lin Bowers & Bert Jarvis	Mary and Des Conroy	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	

LITURGIES			
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass *Note change to usual mass times
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ballan *	8.45am	
	Gordon *	10.30am	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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)			



### Anniversaries

Frank Sims, David Carton, Andrew Barbara, Peter De Spirit, Harry Wise, Joseph Micallef, Mary Winter, Joseph & Antonia Spiteri, Renee Barbara, Helen Kuczynski, Brian D'arcy, Jack Ford, Joseph Cini, Doreen Torpy, Roy Britt

### 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, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupo, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson.

### Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Brian Glasheen, who is celebrating parish masses this weekend, during Fr Shane's study leave (March-June). If a priest is needed during the week, please contact Fr Gary Jones ☎ 5301 8161.

### Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Samuel Benjamin Roberts (2015), Judd Thomas Boyd (2016), Evan Rufus Sheehan (2017)

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

### Clergy Appointments

- Fr Bill van de Camp will retire as Parish Priest of Koroit and Port Fairy after Easter 2019.
- The Redemptorist Congregation is sponsoring five newly ordained priests to work in our diocese during this year to give them further practical experience working in parish settings. They have been appointed to the parishes of Ballarat Cathedral, Redan, Maryborough, Ararat and Hamilton.

### Damascus 2019 Class Reunions

Past students and staff of Damascus College and its foundation colleges, Sacred Heart, St Paul's and St Martin's in the Pines are invited to celebrate the following reunions:

Classes of **1969**: Sun 24 Mar, 12.30pm \* **1979**: Sat 23 Mar, 2pm

**1989**: Sat 16 Mar, 2pm \* **1999**: Fri 15 Mar, 6.30pm

**2009**: Fri 22 Mar, 6.30pm. Details and booking:

[www.damascus.vic.edu.au/past-students-reunions-events](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/past-students-reunions-events)

### Nazareth House Auxiliary St Patrick's Day Afternoon

Friday, March 15, 1.30 pm. Musical entertainment, afternoon tea, cake stall, door prize. Entry \$5.00. More info Margaret ☎ 0419 003 415. *May the luck of the Irish be with you!*

### Get involved in Earth Hour.

Can you turn off the lights for one hour on Saturday 30 March at 8:30pm? Whether you're a school, business, community or individual, find out other ways you can take part in Earth Hour [www.earthhour.org.au/get-involved](http://www.earthhour.org.au/get-involved)



Thandolwayo, a 12-year-old girl in Zimbabwe, would walk seven kilometres each day to collect contaminated water for her family. She then went to school exhausted from hours fetching and carrying water. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia supported project created access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe: use boxes and envelopes, or online: [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or ☎ 1800 024 413.

### Palms Australia

Palms is a Catholic Lay Mission Association. Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers. Timor Leste Apr 7-19 / Sep 1-13; Samoa Jun 7-19; Myanmar Nov 16-28. Info: [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset: your marriage! Couples and a priest present the weekend, with no group sharing. Based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Melbourne weekends: 29-31 Mar, 31 May - 2 Jun, 23-25 Aug, 15-17 Nov. 7pm Friday - 5pm Sunday. Accommodation & meals provided. Info: Mercy & James ☎ 0409 183 676 or [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) or [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### Buy Chocolates made without Slavery this Easter

A lot of chocolate is produced using child slavery. Make a difference and choose slavery-free chocolate this Easter. Find out more on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### "Saving the Bishop" by Jordan Knottman

An action-adventure novel written specifically for Primary school students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion. The book combines adventure and theology; helping children to understand sacraments in a fun and exciting way. More info: <https://jordanknottman.com/>

### Lenten Retreat

Hosted by Catholic Women's League Ballarat at Nazareth House St Anne's Chapel, presented by Father Thomas Casanova CCS. Cost \$65.00 for 3 days including a two course lunch or \$25.00/day including lunch. Morning and afternoon tea can be purchased at the café. Entry by donation if not having lunch. Monday, March 18 from 10.30am (Mass) - 6.00pm, Tuesday, March 19, 9.00am (Mass) - 6.00pm, Wednesday, March 20 9.00am (Mass) - 5.30pm. RSVP by 11 March to Joan ☎ 5338 2484 or email [annekav1234@gmail.com](mailto:annekav1234@gmail.com)