

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B) ~ 10th & 11th March, 2018



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 weekend

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

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$200.00 | Parish: \$167.60 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$338.00 | Year to date: |
| Project Compassion (to date): \$100.50 | | \$33,550.60 |

Coordinators Report

Bishop Paul Bird will be visiting the Parish of Gordon on Tuesday 20th March, to meet with parishioners at a gathering in the School Hall at St Patrick's School at 7.30pm. Bishop Paul is interested to hear the thoughts of parishioners about how our Parish is currently operating, and to talk about ideas for the future management of parishes across the Diocese through programs such as Ministry Districts. *Does our current Parish model meet the needs of our Parish? How could the model be improved?* All parish members are invited to come and share your ideas regarding the future of our parish and how we can continue to work together with our neighbouring parishes.

There are two vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested in being a part of this planning team (one meeting/month) please speak with one of the Council members or a Coordinator. Would you like to welcome people to Sunday liturgies at St Brigid's Ballan? This role could be shared between multiple people. If you are interested in contributing to our

weekly gatherings in this way, please speak with Ken Hillier.

Convent Clearing Sale

Saturday 24th March at old Gordon convent, 9.00am-12.00pm. Various items including beds, couches etc. Items must be taken on the day. Come and bag yourself a bargain.

Kathleen's Corner

This weekend in Ballan, we celebrate the second scrutiny with Laura Parsons. We can truly call a scrutiny a Christian rite of initiation when our self-searching leads to acknowledgment and praise of Christ who saves us.

Lenten Discussion Ggroup

Wednesdays 7.30pm, St. Brigid's gathering area. Please contact Kathleen Moran if you intend to take part: ☎ 0438 812 449

Mass Time Change NEXT Sunday 18th March

Mass times will be swapped on Sunday 18th March for the Ballan Autumn Festival.

Ballan: 8.45am

Gordon: 10.30am

Church Cleaning - March

St Michael's 9th, St Brigid's 16th & St Patrick's 23rd.

| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
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| Chris Mullane Cathy Mullane | Noelie Carton Joan Bourke | 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

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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 weekend

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| Presbytery: \$248.00 | Parish: \$433.00 |
| Project Compassion (to date): \$148.40 | |

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).

Lenten Anointing Mass

Mass with anointing for sick and frail elderly: Dunnstown, this Tuesday (13th March), 10.15am

| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 10th & 11th March | Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B): 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 ~ Ephesians 2:4-10 ~ John 3:14-21 | | | |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm | Kath O'Neil | Peter Maher Family | Donna Simpson | |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am | Shelley Ryan | C Frawley | D Ryan / J Boyd | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Mark Conlan & Matthew Hall | Lorraine Despirit & Vikki Boka | Bert Jarvis & Lorraine Tipple | |
| 17th & 18th Mar | Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B): Jeremiah 31:31-34 ~ Hebrews 5:5-10 ~ John 12:20-33 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Mary & Declan Hanrahan | Hanrahan Family | Trish White | Lilli & Sam |
| Ballan ~ 8.45am | Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford | Gary & Margaret McTigue | Carmel Mahar | |
| Gordon ~ 10.30am | Sandra Miller & Lin Bowers | Bridget Sims Family | Winnie Zammit & Simone Foder | |
| 24th & 25th Mar | Palm Sunday (Year B): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Mark 15:1-39 | | | |
| Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm | Joan Powell | Helen Mahar | Julie Moran | |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield | Pat Barry & Eily Carey | Pat Barry | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Bert Jarvis & Matthew Hall | Julie Dargan Family | Angela Carr & Judith Hodgson | |

| LITURGIES | | | |
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| Tues 13 th Mar | Dunnstown | 10.15am | Anointing Mass |
| Thur 15 th Mar | Ballan | 10.00am | Prayer Group |
| Sat 17 th Mar | Dunnstown | 6.30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 18 th Mar | Ballan | 8.45am | |
| | Gordon | 10.30am | |

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| 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

John Ronan, Andrew Barbara, Peter De Spirt, Harry Wise, Joseph Micallef, Mary Winter, Joseph & Antonia Spiteri, Renee & Agostina Barbara, Helen Kuczynski, Jack Ford, Joseph Cini, Doreen Torpy, Mona Nihill, Margaret O'Regan, Des Frichot, Joan Shanahan, **Roy Britt**

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

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

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies (26 March – 1 April)

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| Monday | Cathedral | 6.30pm | Mass of the Oils |
| Tuesday | Bungaree | 7.30pm | Penitential Service |
| Thursday | Bungaree | 7.30pm | Holy Thursday Mass |
| Friday | Ballan | 10.00am | Stations of the Cross |
| | Ballarat Nth | 10.00am | Way of the Cross to Black Hill |
| | Springbank | 3.00pm | Good Friday Service |
| Saturday | Gordon | 7.30pm | Easter Vigil |
| Sunday | Dunnstown | 8.45am | Easter Sunday Mass |
| | Ballan | 10.30am | |

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Lucy Louise Dash (2013), Ethan John Butler (2014), Felicity Claire Ryan (2014), 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.**

St Joseph's Blampied – Final Sunday Mass

Sunday 11th March, 11am Mass, followed by BBQ luncheon in the Church grounds. RSVP: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Luke McKenna, 'Thriving with Grit'

Guest speaker presented by Damascus College on essential keys to building resilient young people, as well as explaining some key ideas for helping all of us stick with things that matter. Wed 14th March, 7–8.30pm. Free tickets: www.damascus.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College 125th anniversary: Saturday 17th March

- 11am: St Patrick's Day Mass, College Chapel
- 12 noon: Old Collegians luncheon, www.trybooking.com/TDGK (\$30/head)
- 2pm: Football match vs Assumption College
- 2–4.30pm: Tours of the College led by current students

Loreto College Reunions: March–April

5, 10, 20, 30, 40 & 50-year reunions: <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/loreto-community/past-pupils/reunions/>

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

St Patrick's Cathedral, Monday, All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration. Volunteers contact julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au.



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

Featured in Project Compassion 2016, Evangeline is strengthening Aboriginal culture while making a living and creating opportunities for her community. Evangeline went from seeking employment to being a Senior Artswoker and an inspirational leader for youth. Her work at the non-profit Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation has supported the organisation's growth and it is now a major employer for young people in the remote Northern Territory community.

Your donations to Project Compassion help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive, essential for a just future. Donate through boxes, envelopes or www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024

Draft Plan for Parishes and Deployment of Priests

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has prepared a draft plan for parishes and deployment of priests over the next six years: *Looking Forward from 2018*. The plan does not set a fixed timeline, and is most likely to function as a guide for future clergy appointments. The draft plan proposes that over the coming six years, the Bungaree and Gordon parishes would work towards becoming a single parish, served by a single priest, who may be available only on weekends. Bishop Paul has invited responses to this draft plan. In our parishes, comments can be directed to the Gordon Parish Coordinators, or to members of the Bungaree Parish Leadership Team and the Gordon Parish Council.

Praying Towards 2020

The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced preparations for a Plenary Council to be held in 2020. A Plenary Council provides an occasion for the whole Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church at this time. For this to happen, processes for wide consultation and listening across the entire Australian Church will be needed.

Pope Francis is encouraging what is called a 'synodal' style of leadership, which is collegial and collaborative. The aim of the synodal process is that, as the Church, we walk together, no one is excluded, no one is left behind. Synodality enriches, enhances and enlivens.

The synodal process has three stages: preparation, celebration and implementation. The Ballarat Diocese will commence the preparation stage after Easter with Praying towards 2020. Over 3 weeks, the whole Diocese, its parishes, faith communities, schools, institutions and agencies will be invited to participate in prayer to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us. Twelve Redemptorist priests will lead something of a mini mission in the Diocese, with two of them spending a week in the Bungaree/Creswick/Daylesford/Gordon parishes: 21–27 April.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees: Sun 25th March

State Library, 2pm www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk