

Second Sunday of Lent (Year C) ~ 20th & 21st February, 2016



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: Lin Bowers (Moderator), Joan Bourke & Catherine Green
Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ~ For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: Contact Narelle Conroy (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 Donna Simpson (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal)

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

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll	☎ 5368 1015	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
St. Michael's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344	www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$88.15
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$185.00	Year to date: \$27,945.25
Project Compassion (to date): \$131.30		

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

We are now initiating a call for nominations for a new Coordinator to be determined at a discernment process scheduled for **Sunday, April 10 at Ballan**. The challenge of identifying available and gifted candidates should be 'owned' by the whole community. Our model incorporates a rotational pattern with one of our three coordinators being replaced each year. Lin Bowers will complete her current appointment at the end of April and Bishop Paul Bird will commission Joan and Catherine, along with our new Coordinator in June. Please consider this important next step carefully in consolidating our model by completing a nomination form which will now be available in each church foyer for the next few weeks. Nomination forms need to be completed and returned for collating no later than March 28, 2016. We ask that you give these nominations careful and prayerful consideration as our parish future viability is in your hands. If you would like some more information

regarding a coordinator's role, please talk to Lin, Joan, or Catherine.

Kathleen's Corner

People with a refugee background are being invited to the Community Festival at Wallace on 28th Feb., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local families who would like to volunteer to be matched with one of the visiting families for the day are asked to contact Kathleen Moran a.s.a.p. Phone: 0438812449 or email: rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au

Change to Mass Times: Sunday 20th March

The Ballan Autumn Festival will be held on Sunday 20th March. To avoid disruption, Sunday Masses will be swapped on that day only: **Ballan 8.45am ~ Gordon: 10.30am**

Coming Events

- Sun 28th Feb Parish Community Festival. **Details over page**
- Tues, 1st Mar. Bungaree/Gordon Retreat. **Details over page**
- Mon 7th Mar. 7pm. SVDP meeting. St Brigid's gather space.

Church Cleaning - March

*Note: St Patrick's will be cleaned 9th, St Michael's 16th, St Brigid's 16th March. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris & Cathy Mullane.	Margaret McTigue & Carmen Camilleri.	Faye Toohey & Cathy Hanrahan.



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

C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352

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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: \$183.00	Parish: \$480.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$25.00	

Parish Leadership Team

Meeting, This Tue 23rd Feb, 7.30pm

Wallace and District Kindergarten

Places available in 3-year-old program: Mondays, 9am-12pm. Info: call in or ☎ 5334 0268



Centacare Family Support Programs

Tuning in to Kids - An evidence based parenting program focused on raising emotionally intelligent children through:

- Understanding the impact of emotions or behaviour
- Identifying and understanding your own emotions
- Enhancing emotional connection within your family

Tues 1st & 8th March 9.30am-1.30pm. \$85 or \$45 w concession Parenting Skills

- Managing challenging parenting moments
- Keeping cool when the kids heat up
- Choosing when to accept, prevent or influence children's difficult behaviour

Tues 22nd March 9.30am-1.30pm \$45 or \$25 w concession
More info on these and other programs contact Centacare
Ph: 03 5337 8999 or E: centacare@centacareballarat.org.au

LITURGIES			
Tues 23 rd Feb	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 25 th Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 27 th Feb	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 28 th Feb	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 (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarkes Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Anniversaries

Cecelia Haintz, Ellie Walsh, Tom O'Loughlin, Kevin McGuigan, Con McTigue, Lil Wickson, Con Carey, William Rosenow, Carmen Galea, Arthur Jones, Joan Arnel, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie, Harry Parkin, Kathleen Leonard, Jack O'Donohue and Maureen O'Halloran

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Carole Brimson, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Fred May, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Robert Eskdale.



With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. However, he now has

the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential: www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413

Palms Encounters



Palms Australia coordinates overseas volunteers for the Catholic church. Communities in Asia, Pacific and Africa are asking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrator, agricultural workers and others. You can assist to mentor local workers in your field of expertise. See what's involved through a 13-day guided tour in Timor Leste, which provides an insight into the daily life and work of the communities where Palms volunteers are hosted: 11–23 April, 4–16 July, 26 September – 8 October. RSVP 22 Feb ☎ 02 9518 9551 or www.palms.org.au/Encounters

Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes



The one day retreat for Bungaree and Gordon parishioners is to be held at Donegan's Farm on Tues., 1st March. Sr. Veronica who has written a book: "The Blessing of Mercy", will lead the retreat. Some places still available. Please contact Kathleen Moran 0438 812449 or kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au as soon as you are able.

Parish Festival

Parish Picnic & Festival: Sunday 28th February

Springbank Football & Netball oval, 11am–4pm. Activities include: jumping castle, climbing wall, Peppa & George Pig. Entry: gold coin or \$10/family. Expressions of interest for stall holders. Volunteers required to assist with set up, clean up, running activities. **No BYO Alcohol or Glass.** Info: Margie Quinlan ☎ 0417 587 237.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset ... your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, sharing your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other (no group sharing). Couples and a priest present the weekend, based around Catholic values but open to all. 2016 Melbourne dates: 8–10 April, 17–19 June, 19–21 Aug, 11–13 Nov. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info: Marianne & Marcel ☎ 9733 0997 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

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	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
20 th & 21 st Feb	Second Sunday of Lent (Year C): Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 ~ Philippians 3:17-4:1 ~ Luke 9:28-36			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Karen Cahir Family	Fran Peterkin	Gabby, Josh McGannon & Daniel Britt
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy & Maria Donegan	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
27 th & 28 th Feb	Third Sunday of Lent (Year C): Exodus 3:1-8 ~ 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 ~ Luke 13:1-9			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Mary Slater	Julie Moran	Mowing: Con Powell & Pat Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	
5 th & 6 th Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C): Joshua 5:9-12 ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ~ Luke 15:1-3,11-22			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mary & Declan Hanrahan	Dominic Hanrahan Family	Trish White	Tara Jenkins & Felicity Griffiths
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja	Mark & Narelle Conroy family	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Kaz & Max Craggill family	Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	