



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 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	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: 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: \$19.90
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$276.00	Year to date: \$9,333.70
Sick & retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$865.90		

News from the Coordinators (Joan, Catherine & Michael):

The Gordon Parish Assembly is to be held on Sunday, 16th October, after 10.30am Mass at Ballan. This is a very important gathering, to ensure our Parish is meeting the needs of Parishioners and to offer support and encouragement to the Model that our Parish is undertaking, keeping our identity and to be sustainable for many years to come. We are also very fortunate to engage Clara Geoghegan, the co-director of the Siena Institute. Clara has worked in parishes, dioceses and schools across Australia helping lay Catholics discern their spiritual gifts (Charisms). Clara is passionate about helping lay Catholics live out their vocation in the Church and the world and showing how discerning of charisms helps identify the call that the Holy Spirit had given each individual. Clara also teaches Church History and Spirituality at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. There will be a cup of tea after Mass (please bring a plate to share). Please try to make time to attend this assembly.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- 16th Oct. Parish Assembly. After Mass, St Brigid's gathering space. All encouraged to attend. *Please bring a plate to share.*
- Sun 27th Nov. 2pm. Gordon Cemetery Mass. **no 8:45am Mass on this day**

POSITION VACANT: Parish Secretary

Part-time, 10 hrs per week. Based in Parish House, Gordon. Position includes a wide range of administrative duties and responsibilities. More info and copy of Position Description available from Parish Coordinators: Joan Bourke 0402 111 495, Catherine Green 0400 290 171 or Michael Ryan 0408 823 184. **Closing date: October 7th**

Birthday wishes

Congratulations to Pat Carey as she celebrates her 90th birthday. We thank Pat for her many years of contribution to our parish community & wish every blessing for a happy & healthy future.

Rite of Welcome 23rd October at Gordon

We will be celebrating the Rite of Welcome into the Catechumenate for one person. It is the Community who welcomes, and 'walks with' new members. One way people can show support is through the dismissal at Mass. Sr. Kathleen would be pleased to hear from anyone prepared to reflect on the readings of the day with our new member during Sunday Mass. Training and assistance available. A roster will be drawn up so many people can be involved. ☎ 0438812449 or email rsmoran@vic.chariot.net.au

Church Cleaning – October

****Vacuuming: St Michael's - 4th, St Brigid's - 11th, St Patrick's - 18th October**

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Ken Hillier & Lloyd Lamb	Therese Winter, Sue Petherick & Debbie Goldie.	Aileen Simpson & Anita Maher



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

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Presbytery: \$158.00	Parish: \$405.00
Retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$435.00	

Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 18th October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. Retreat Day: Friday 18th November. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Friday 18th 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. Parents of these children are also asked to attend the Parent Workshop on Tuesday 18th October.

Annual Parish Assembly

This Tuesday, 4th October, 7.30pm, Bungaree Parish Centre, followed by supper. Agenda includes: Annual Reports, Compliance with new Victorian Child Safe Standards, Future use of Bungaree facilities. Followed by supper.

Parish Leadership Team

Meeting this Tuesday, 7.00pm, Bungaree Parish Centre

LITURGIES			
Tues 4 th Oct	Bungaree	10.30am	Funeral Mass Francis Forbes
Thurs 6 th Oct	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 8 th Oct	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 9 th Oct	Bungaree	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	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Recent Death

Brian Frawley, Francis Forbes, Sr Agnes Connellan RSM

Anniversaries

Thomas Davis, Des Shanahan, Mary Wheelahan, Cornelius Mahar, Maureen Mullane, Josie Tudor, Sr Patsy Ford RSM, Christine Dent, Marguerite Eddy, Eileen Frawley, Frank Quinlan, Allan Smith, Ethan Seccull, Maureen O'Donohue & Joseph Rice

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, Joe D'arcy, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just, George Roberts.

Baptism

Congratulations to Ulyanna Rose McLindon (daughter of Brad and Anastassia), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We welcome Ulyanna into our faith community, and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Maeve Lilly Slater (2012), Billy Michael Cheeseman (2013), Hamish Thomas Lloyd (2013), Michael David Ash (2013), Indy Olivia Leonard (2014), Violet Ivy Wilson (2104), Adele Maree Leonard (2014), Mitchell Thomas Leonard (2104)

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

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Carmel Fradd and Shane Driscoll, who were married this Saturday in St. Brigid's, Ballan. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

Incardination of Fr Anthony Nagothu

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has announced that he has accepted Fr Anthony Nagothu as a priest of the diocese of Ballarat. After serving with the Salesians in India, Fr Anthony has served in the Cathedral parish since November 2014, with a view to possibly joining our diocese.

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

I'm very grateful for the many ways in which parishioners have celebrated my ordination anniversary with me. The gatherings in our two parishes have been wonderful community occasions, which required a great deal of effort and organisation. I've received many cards, gifts and messages of congratulations and good wishes. Sincere thanks to all of you. I appreciate very much the warmth, generosity and encouragement that I have been shown over these weeks. I have located a small number of prayer cards remaining from my ordination, which I will bring to Masses over the coming weeks for those who are interested. ~ Fr Shane

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening

Wed 26 Oct, 7.30pm, College Chapel, followed by College tour, supper and question time with teaching staff. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/MZJN Info: Caitlin Bennett cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon led by Sr Veronica Lawson, open to all adults, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Sun 30th Oct, 1.30pm, finishing with 5pm Mass. Registrations: Cathedral Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 5331 2933.

Palms Australia – Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Samoa and other locations. Teachers, Hairdressers, Plumbers, Builders, Medical Practitioners and more are needed. More info: www.palms.org.au/volunteer/positions/ or email: palms@palms.org.au

Kathleen's Corner

International Day of Non Violence (2 Oct):

Observed on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi who said, "There are many causes that I am prepared to die for but no causes that I am prepared to kill for."

United Nations World Habitat Day (3 Oct):

To reflect on the state of human settlements and people's right to sufficient shelter. It also aims to remind people that they are responsible for the habitat of future next generations.

United Nations World Teachers' Day (5 Oct):

Commemorates the work of teachers and their contributions to society.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
1 st & 2 nd Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4 ~ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ~ Luke 17:5-10			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan & Bonnie Rinaldi	Paul Britt Family	Trish White	Darcy, Jade & Kiely
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	
8 th & 9 th Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): 2 Kings 5:14-17 ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-13 ~ Luke 17:11-19			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	B Jeffrey	N Jeffrey / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammitt & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett family	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
15 th & 16 th Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Exodus 17:8-13 ~ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 ~ Luke 18:1-8			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish & Nicole White	Brendan White Family	Margaret Leonard	Caleb, Gabby & Josh
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Peter Donegan Family	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Winnie Zammitt & Lloyd Lamb	