

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 Toohey (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

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: \$250.00	Parish: \$215.10
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$533.00	Year to date:
Retired Priests (to date):	\$372.00	\$15,282.75

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

Over the past couple of months we have taken a staged approach to gather your views on specific themes relating to our parish structure. Many thanks to everyone who has provided their input to this process. We are now collating your input into a summary to be presented at our Parish Meeting from 5pm on Sunday 21st October at Donegan's Farm, where we will collectively discern the key recommendations for our Parish leadership structure. We value your input to this process in order to provide Bishop Paul with recommendations based on your views. This meeting will be followed by a Wood Fired Pizza evening!

Retreat at Donegan's Farm

Fr. John McKinnon will be director of a two-day retreat at Donegan's Farm, 24-25 October. Info: church foyer or ☎ 0438 812 449

Mass at Gordon Cemetery

Sunday 18th November, 11am. Please bring a chair. Mass at Ballan will be held at 8.45am (no mass at St Patrick's church). Weather permitting.

Coming Events & Meeting

- PFC Meeting 17th October
- Parish Meeting 21st October 5pm Donegan's Farm

Oaks Day High Afternoon Tea

St. Brigid's Primary School major fundraiser. Thursday 8th November 2pm-4.30pm in Multi-Purpose Room. Tickets \$20pp available from school office ☎: 5368 1015. Prizes for best race headwear, bookmaker and more.

Kathleen's Corner

Climate Change at an address given by Adele Howard RSM on Saturday, she pointed out that 'Care for our Common Home has shifted to Saving our Common Home'. This the gospel imperative of our times. We live in hope and we need one another as never before. The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor impel us! One web page of interest is:

<https://theconversation.com/australia>



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

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:	\$272.00	Parish:	\$420.00
Retired Priests (to date):	\$905.00		

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.

Parish Leadership Team Vacancies

Thanks to Leah Hanrahan and Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, who will be completing their 3-year term as members of the Parish Leadership Team in October. New representatives will be needed for Bungaree and Clarkes Hill (representatives will need to apply for Police check and Working with children check). If interested, please speak with one of the PLT: Fr Shane, Tim Bennett, Karen Cahir, Lisa Elliott, Leah Hanrahan, Chris Kavanagh, Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, Di Reynolds, Damian Ryan.

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 30th October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. The Assembly will focus on gathering input for the Plenary Council 2020.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 11th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to other people who may be interested.

Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 23rd October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

Retreat Day: Friday 23rd November. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Friday 23rd 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 23rd October.

LITURGIES			
Thurs 17 th Oct	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 20 th Oct	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 21 st Oct	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)				



Anniversaries

Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Mary Hamm, Connie Edwards, William Mahar, William Gleeson, Una Shanahan, Constance Gleeson, Phil Sherry, Gwen Bennett, Des Torpy and Joan Auchettl

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

Sabbatical for Fr Shane

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has approved study leave for Fr Shane from March to June next year. For most of this time, Fr Brian Glasheen (former parish priest of Bacchus Marsh) will be celebrating weekend masses. Other arrangements are still being finalised.

Baptism

Congratulations to Lincoln Bradley Tippett (son of Kristy and Brock), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Peter's, Clarkes Hill. We welcome Lincoln into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

Baptism Anniversaries

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

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

Anti-Poverty Week - October 14-21

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians. Around the world more than a billion people are desperately poor. In Anti-Poverty Week, YOU can help fight poverty and hardship! Visit www.antipovertyweek.org.au for a wealth of resources.

"A Mission for Life" presented by Fr Richard Leonard

Hosted by OLHC Parish, Wendouree, 29-31 Oct. Topics: "Going out into the world we need all the help we can get", "Nine steps to making better choices for my life" and "Where the hell is God - Holding on to Faith through the tough times." More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Plenary Council 2020. Phase 1: Listen and Dialogue

To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Questions for individuals or groups (until Ash Wednesday 2019):

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Submit responses, get more information, and register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Australian Catholic Social Justice Statement 2018-2019: "A Place to Call Home"

Social Justice Sunday was celebrated on September 30. Catholic Social Services Victoria are hosting a forum on the implementation of the statement on Wednesday, October 24, 5.30pm - 8.45pm at Columba's Parish Centre Elwood. Info: <https://www.css.org.au/Portals/51/A%20Place%20Called%20Home%20Parish%20Forum%2024%20October%202018.pdf> Statement and relevant resources are available ☎: (02) 8306 3499 or www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements#SJS2018

Joy+ Youth Festival!

Joy+ Youth Festival for 15-30yo. Sunday 25 November, Ballarat 2.00pm - 8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, special guests and Bishop Paul. Free event, lunch included. Registrations and info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Enrolment for Year 7, 2020

St Patrick's College:

Wed October 17, 7.30pm. Information followed by College Tour, supper, Q&A with teachers. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/XKXY Info: Kathryn Mundy kmundy@stpats.vic.edu.au

Loreto College:

- Open Days: 9.00am-12.00pm Wed Oct 17, Tues Feb 5
- Info Evening: Monday, October 22, 7.00pm
- Applications close: 7th February, 2019
- Monthly Tours: ☎: 5329 6184 or 5329 6100 or email: registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au. Info: www.loreto.vic.edu.au

Damascus College:

- Information Evening: Thurs 25th Sept, 6.30pm
- Open Morning: Thurs 1st Nov, 9-10.30am (tours every 15 mins)

www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-open-days

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
13 th & 14 th Oct	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Wisdom 7:7-11 ~ Hebrews 4:12-13 ~ Mark 10:17-30			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	Leah Hanrahan	L Jeffrey / E Clark	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Sandra Miller	Helen and Anthony Blazek	Cathy Mullane & Lorraine Tipple	
20 th & 21 st Oct	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Isaiah 53:10-11 ~ Hebrews 4:14-16 ~ Mark 10:35-45			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan & Christine O'Loughlin	Stephen Leonard Family	Jenny McKay	Meg Cahir & Emma Dash
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Beth Calleja & Michael McCarthy	Volunteer Required	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Matthew Hall & Anne Eskdale	Mary and Des Conroy	Angela Carr & Patricia Binks	
27 th & 28 th Oct	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Jeramiah 31:7-9 ~ Hebrews 5:1-6 ~ Mark 10:46-52			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Kate Bennett	Margie Moran	Mowing: Dom Prendergast
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Bert Jarvis	Bridget Sims Family	Lloyd Lamb & Bert Jarvis	