



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
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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: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$150.00	Parish: \$284.30
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$175.00	Year to date: \$25,580.30
Direct Debit (December)		\$1,805.00
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:		\$1,039.80
Christmas Offerings (to date):		\$845.00

Parish Information Evening, Future of St Patrick's

With the recent departure of Sr Kathleen from the St Patrick's presbytery it is imperative that immediate action is taken to ensure, in the first instance that this magnificent asset is protected from further theft and vandalism and is not allowed to fall into a state of disrepair and neglect that has occurred to St Patrick's convent. The long term future of St Patricks Gordon assets should be reviewed now that the presbytery is vacant and considering the futile efforts in attempting to find a suitable lessee and alternative uses for the convent; now is the time for a holistic and pragmatic examination of the St Patrick's Gordon current and future requirements. At a joint meeting with the Parish Coordinators, Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee it was agreed that an Information night be held in St Patrick's school hall on **Monday 6th February 2017 at 7:30pm** to share with the Parish community the logic and rationale in reaching this decision. Attendance from the community would be greatly appreciated.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Feb 15th Finance Meeting
- No prayer group at Ballan during January

Columban Calendar

Available in the Church foyer. Cost: \$9ea. Please place your payment in the box provided, or clearly labelled in an envelope during collection.

Kathleen's Corner - COAL OR CORAL?

On his speaking tour in Australia last year Irish Columban Father Sean McDonagh talked about the gift of 'Laudato Si' to the Church and how we can make it our own with urgency and climate action., writes Peter Bugden.,

Fr McDonagh posed a question about the Great Barrier Reef. "Here, you have in Queensland, a real issue – do you develop coal in a way that actually destroys the environment?" "Last year, on your Great Barrier Reef, which is the largest living organism on the planet, 20% of the coral polyps died because the surface temperature changed by over one degree Celsius – that's how delicate life in the oceans is. "It's horrendous that the Australian and Queensland governments don't see it as an extraordinary crisis. But you can't do coal, and look after your coral (at the same time). "These are issues that are becoming clear morally.

Church Cleaning – February

**Vacuuming: St Michael's – 13th, St Brigid's – 20th, St Patrick's – 27th
Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Elaine Conlan	Eileen Haintz	Monica Eastwood
Edit Paarhammer	Louise Haintz	Anne Micallef
		Georgina Wright



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

Collections last week

Presbytery:	\$134.00	Parish:	\$515.00
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:	\$878.00		
Christmas Offerings (to date):	\$1,040.00		



Pre-loved Piano for sale

1920s Wertheim piano from the former St Michael's school, Bungaree. Much played, but all notes still operate. Make us an offer! Contact Parish Office or Fr Shane.

Pope Francis' Message for 50th World Day of Peace

(1st January)

'Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace'

(www.vatican.va)

See over "On Love in our Family"

LITURGIES			
Fri 20 th Jan	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 21 st Jan	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 22 nd Jan	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 (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Anniversaries

James Quinlan, Rae Simpson, James Jarvis, Patrick Green, Gerald Shanahan, Frank McDaid, Lex Walsh, Henry Parkin, Josie Ryan, Ross Murphy, Lois Brit, Catherine Crough Patrick Crough, Tom Crough, Heilda Maher, Kevin Lenaghan, Tony O'Halloran, Len Howard

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri.

Baptism

Congratulations to Wilson James Quinlan (son of Lee and Simon), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Michael's, Springbank. We welcome Wilson into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program: 2017 Intake

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Details on diocesan website. Info: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR has announced the following appointments:

- Fr Peter Sherman: Parish Priest of Ballarat East (from 25 Jan)
- Fr Marcello Colasante: Parish Priest of Wendouree and Ballarat North (from 25 February)
- Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura

Priests have been invited to apply for appointment as Parish Priest of Swan Hill.

PALMS Overseas Lay Volunteers

PALMS recruits, prepares and supports Australian Catholics who volunteer to share their lives and skills overseas. Communities in East Timor, PNG and Kiribati are asking for educators, health professionals and trades people. PALMS volunteers assist them to develop the processes and programs of their organisations and the skills of their personnel in vital sectors of work. Their aim is self-reliance, sustainable poverty reduction and to avoid aid that encourages dependence. 2017 applications closing soon. Info: palms@palms.org.au or ☎ Christine 02 9560 5333

Volunteers to Support Refugee and Asylum Seeker Students

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools, approx.

3 hrs/week. Experience in an educational setting is preferred, but training provided. RSVP 2 Feb 2017: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Pope Francis, 'On Love in the Family'

Excerpts from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, which follows two synods of bishops in 2014 & 2015. Full text: www.vatican.va

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." [57]

"Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'." [231]

"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union." [232]

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street'." [308]

"We have been called to form consciences, not replace them." [37]

"Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort." [130]

"I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye." [39]

"Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope." [219]

"Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else." [212]

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary." [224]

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
14 th & 15 th Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 49:3,5-6 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ~ John 1: 29-34			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Lisa Bower Family	Trish White	Daniel, Matilda & Cody
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Kim Grimes Family	Faustina Gallicchio	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & John Fabre	Lorraine De Spirit & Vicki Boka	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	
21 st & 22 nd Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 8:23-9:3 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 ~ Matthew 4:12-23			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Julie Moran	Julie Moran	Tim Bennett	Mowing: Maurice Mahar & Brian Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Eily Carey & Pat Barry	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan Family	Simone Fodor & John Fabre	
28 th & 29 th Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ~ Matthew 5:1-12			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	D Ryan / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Bridget Sims Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	

