

The Ascension of the Lord (Year C) ~ 7th & 8th May, 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: 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 (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, 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: \$37.80
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$315.00	Year to date:
Direct Debit	(April): \$945.00	\$38,491.85

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

This Saturday evening will be the final time that we are able to share our liturgy in the Gordon parish with John and Vicki Moroney as they move on with their lives to another chapter. We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for all that John and Vicki do for our parish, particularly to Vicki for her dedication, devotion and commitment with preparation of each celebration of Saturday night Mass at Springbank. John will continue his current position as Parish book keeper for which we are grateful. We as a parish would like to wish them well and again express our sincere gratitude for all they are and have been to our faith community. There will be a cuppa following mass this Saturday evening to which you are invited to share and to perhaps personally catch up with both John & Vicki to wish them well. God bless you both for your future - we will certainly miss you.

Kathleen's Corner

Did you know? At the Paris Climate Conference in December 2015, 195 countries adopted the first-ever universal, legally binding global climate deal. The agreement opened for signatures for one year on 22nd April, 2016 and will enter into force after 55 countries, that account for at least 55% of global emissions, have deposited their instruments of ratification.

Volunteer required

The role of music liturgy & the ministry roster will require a new volunteer at Springbank.

Parish of Gordon - Lending Library at St Brigid's, Ballan

- The Library is a collection of books that will provide information and inspiration about our Catholic faith, presented in an up to date and engaging way.
- The Library is for current and new parishioners.
- Borrowing is free.
- List of books available will be displayed in each church.
- The Library will be kept at St Brigid's, but copies of titles will be available at St Patricks & St Michaels. Sr Kathleen is happy to collect books for Gordon, or Springbank parishioners.
- Forms are available for short book reviews (or ratings out of five) please leave them in the box near the library shelves.
- This Library is part of a pilot program that will be evaluated after an appropriate time. Feedback is welcome. Please contact Anne Eskdale 5368 1424 or email anne.eskdale@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Mon, 9th May. 7:30pm. PPC meeting.
- Thurs, 12th May. 10am. Pentecost Mass, St Brigid's. Fr Gary. All parishioners welcome.
- Wed, 18th May. 7:30pm. Finance Meeting.
- Thurs, May 19th. Confirmation & Eucharist Meeting with Fr Gary Jones at St Patrick's School Hall.
- Sun, 5th June. St Brigid's. The three Coordinators will be commissioned by Bishop Paul Bird.

Church Cleaning - May

*Note: Vacuuming - St Michael's 4th, St Brigid's 11th & St Patrick's 18th May. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Noelie Carton & Joan Bourke	Natalie Toohey, Debra Toohey & Loretta Toohey.



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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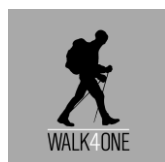
Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280 www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

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Presbytery: \$370.50	Parish: \$440.00
Easter Offerings (to date):	\$1,140.00
Project Compassion (to date):	\$1,228.25

Parish Social Lunch with Walk-4-One Guest Speaker

2-course meal with guest speaker: Sam Clear. 15,600 km on foot, 20 countries, 568 days, 11 near-death encounters, one extraordinary story. Sam Clear walked around the world in



an effort to urge and inspire all Christians to unite: 'That they may all be one.' He didn't think it would be easy; but he had no idea how hard it was going to be ... His tale is one of extraordinary courage, challenges and love in action under incredible circumstances (see www.walk4one.com). Bungaree Community Centre (Bungaree Recreation Reserve), Sunday 19 June, 12.30pm. Adults \$30, secondary students \$20 (drinks @ bar prices). Bookings by 10 June: Amanda Elliott ☎ 0427 713 064 or amanda@rumerz.com.au or Liz Hanrahan ☎ 0417 347 262.

LITURGIES			
Fri 13 th May	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 14 th May	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 15 th May	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)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan		(Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)		

Anniversaries

Irene Coulter, Rev. Norbert Olsen, Keith & Doris Eastwood, Barry Torpy, Lillian Cullinan, Bill Deveraux and Tom Owens

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Dan Toohey, Joe D'arcy, Vanessa Brotto, Mary Elliott, Mark Leonard.

Annual Mass Count

The annual Mass count is taking place over the first four Sundays in May. Collectors, please take note!



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Cooper Patrick Tait, Emily Marie Hanrahan (2012), Oscar James Britt, Jai Basil Britt (2013), Scarlett Elizabeth Pearce (2014), Lucy Jade Ryan (2015), Torah Maddison King, Adam Christopher Tingate, Peyton Lousie Hammond, Maddison Grace Hammond, Katherine Harper Bubb, Connor John Bubb, Archie Jim Kinniburgh, Ava Jade Toohey, Florence Maggie Thorley & Jamie Jarvis.

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

Blessing for Mothers

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we may always honour them,
and that they may be led one day to eternal life with you.
Amen.



Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR invites priests and people to join him at St Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate a memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns, Monday 16th May, 12:05pm.

St Joseph the Worker (1 May)

To mark the feast of St Joseph the Worker, the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council has identified 3 important issues concerning work and economic justice. These are critical for people who are most disadvantaged because they struggle at the fringes of the labour market or are excluded from the market altogether. See www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

- A 'New Start' on Unemployment Allowances.** Payments like the Newstart Allowance are falling far behind community living standards and a majority of recipients experience great poverty and hardship. The single rate of Newstart is less than 20% of average weekly earnings and far less than half the National Minimum Wage, which itself is characterised as

poverty inducing pay. Since 1994, Newstart has fallen in value from 54% to just 40% of the minimum wage. We are calling on our political leaders to lift the base rate of Newstart and other Allowances and to index them to average wages. We owe job seekers a genuine job creation strategy supported by decent training and wage subsidies.

- 2. Protection of Penalty Rates.** Around 20% of workers depend on the award safety net and associated conditions such as penalty rates, and hope that the annual adjustments to minimum wages undertaken by the Fair Work Commission will lift their wages to meet the higher costs of living. Workers reliant on minimum wages have seen their income slipping further and further behind average weekly earnings and, for some, below the poverty line. Penalty rates are an important part of the safety net and comprise more than 30% of many low-paid workers' wages. Workers who are already struggling should not have to forgo penalty rates that are used to top up low rates of pay.
- 3. Defence of the 'Right to Rest'.** Work is for the benefit of humanity, not the other way around. Time for relaxation with family and friends is a social benefit of work that must be protected as a 'right to rest'. Nearly 1/2 of all full-time workers feel overworked and want to work fewer hours, yet are failing to take leave to which they are entitled. 1/3 of part-time workers and nearly 1/2 of casual workers are seeking more hours, no matter how irregular those hours of work are. If workers are required to work irregular hours, they should be fairly compensated. We need to rediscover the importance of the Sabbath for our own good and the good of our families and community.

Public Lecture by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Archbishop Mark Coleridge: "From Wandering to Journeying: Thoughts on a Synodal Church." Presented by Catholic Theological College at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Monday 16th May, 7.30pm. RSVP: jill.doncovic@ctc.edu.au or ☎ 9412 3304

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Kew

☎ 9854 8110; email: secretary@campion.asn.au

- Come & See Prayer Day with Rolling Stones CLC Group
Sunday 22 May: \$25 (lunch inclusive)
- Men's Retreat with Iain Radvan SJ & Paul White
Fri-Sun 3-5 Jun: \$240 (live-in)

Men's Spirituality

There has been recent interest from men in our parishes in gaining support for their spiritual growth. Fr Barry Ryan has agreed to assist; however, we will need numbers before he is invited to come. If you wish to be involved, please contact: Michael Ryan info@michaelryanca.com.au / ☎ 0408 823 184, or Kathleen Moran 0438 812 449 / rsmoran@vic.chariot.net.au

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
7 th & 8 th May	The Ascension of the Lord (Year C): Acts 1:1-11 ~ Ephesians 1:17-23 ~ Luke 24:46-53			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Brendon Simpson family	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Trish O'Donohue	Trish O'Donohue	A Elliott / M Frawley	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	
14 th & 15 th May	Pentecost Sunday (Year C): Acts 2:1-11 ~ Romans 8:8-17 ~ John 14:15-16, 23-26			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Diane Reynolds & Leteisha Rinaldi	Rinaldi Family	Winnie Leonard	Darcy, Jade & Kiely
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Patricia Binks	

21 st & 22 nd May			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Tim Bennett	Joan Powell	Margie Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Marie & Frank Conroy	Eily Carey
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple