

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) ~ 5th & 6th March, 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
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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, 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
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	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: \$157.60
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$253.00	Year to date: \$30,538.50
Direct Debit (Feb):	\$1,760.00	
Project Compassion (to date): \$276.35		

News from the Coordinators

This week we again welcome Fr John McKinnon to St Brigid's as he continues to mentor and support the Coordinators. We each look forward to his monthly visits where we have the opportunity to be spiritually and mentally nurtured and encouraged by him. We are grateful that he so readily gives his time to be with us, as well as with the wider community of St Brigid's. Nomination forms will now be available in each church foyer over the next few weeks. These 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. Congratulations to all who were instrumental in making last Sunday's inaugural Gordon Parish Community Festival such an overwhelming success. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful sunshine, variety of attractions, live music and just being together and sharing time as a family. Well done and thank you to all concerned.

Red Cross Ballan

Are holding an exhibition of Red Cross Signature Quilts at the Millrose Quilting and Gallery, 92 Inglis Street, Ballan, 18th-20th March, 10am-4pm. Phone: Jacinta Davie 0403 040 533. All welcome.

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**

Make Your Easter Chocolate Slavery Free



Slavery-free chocolate carries one of these three labels - FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ

certified. This shows that the cocoa beans used in the chocolate's production have been sourced ethically, from farmers who engage in good labour practices. Go to www.acrath.org.au to find out more about the campaign and slavery free chocolate. Thank the managers of stores that are stocking slavery-free chocolate this Easter.

Coming Events

- Mon 7th Mar. 7pm. SVDP meeting. St Brigid's gather space
- Mon, 7th March. PPC Meeting.
- Tues, 15th March. 7:30pm. Penitential Service. St Brigid's, Ballan. **All Welcome!**
- Wed, 16th March. Finance Committee meeting.
- Thurs, 17th March. First Reconciliation Ceremony.
St Brigid's 4pm & St Patrick's 6pm.
- Mon, 21st March. Mass of the Oils.

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

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	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

Presbytery:	\$222.80	Parish: \$785.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$135.00		

Wallace and District Kindergarten

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

St Brendan's School - Mountain of Fun Run

This Sunday 6th March at Dunnstown Recreation Reserve. 12.5km - 8.15am, 6km - 8.30am. Entries accepted from 7am.

Lenten Anointing Mass: Tues 15th March

Mass of Anointing for the frail elderly and sick: Tuesday 15th March, Dunnstown, 9.15am

Assistance in Holy Week

- Parish representative to receive oils from the Bishop at Mass of the Oils, Monday 21st March
- Coordinator for Penitential Service and Holy Thursday Mass at Bungaree

LITURGIES			
Tues 8 th Mar	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 10 th Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 12 th Mar	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 13 th Mar	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 (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)				



Recent Deaths

Tom Simpson

Anniversaries

Bernie Ryan, Frank Sims, David Carton, Andrew Barbara, William Dridan and Roy Britt

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne Mc Kercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Robert Eskdale, Gerard Toohey, Dan Toohey.

Baptism

Congratulations to Jack Quinlan (son of Lee & Simon), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Michael's, Springbank. We welcome Jack 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: Sullivan James Toose (2012), Lucy Louise Dash (2013), Ethan John Butler, Felicity Claire Ryan (2014), Samuel Benjamin Roberts (2015), Summer Maree Watson.



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

Mass of the Oils: Monday 21st March, 6.30pm

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church.

Diocesan RCIA and Sacrament Coordinator

New part-time position (3 days/week) to provide formation, resourcing and support for adults in parishes whose ministry is the RCIA or sacramental preparation for children. Details www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Applications close: 15th March.

St Mary's College, University of Melbourne

Jubilee Mass to mark 50 years on Swanston St, celebrated by Archbishop Hart, Newman College, Sunday 13th March, 3pm, followed by a Garden Party. RSVP: ☎ 9349 9555 or secretary@stmarys.unimelb.edu.au

Nazareth House St Patrick's Day Coffee Party

Thurs 17th March, 1.30pm. Nazareth House Hall.



First Australian Evangeline (pictured) lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help First Australians in remote communities of Australia gain new skills and renewed passion to preserve and celebrate traditional culture: www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413

Cyclone Winston (Fiji)

Caritas Australia is coordinating with its partners in Fiji, Tonga, and New Zealand to assist meet the needs of the survivors of this devastating natural disaster. Project Compassion funds help support emergency responses like this. For more information or to make a direct donation, visit www.caritas.org.au

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees

State Library, Melb, 20th March, 2pm. Info: www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies			
Mon 21 st	Mass of the Oils	Cathedral	6.30pm
Wed 23 rd	Penitential Service	Bungaree	7.30pm
Thu 24 th	Holy Thursday Mass	Bungaree	7.30pm
Fri 25 th	Stations of the Cross	Ballan	10.00am
	Way of the Cross to Black Hill	Ballarat Nth	10.00am
	Good Friday Service	Springbank	3.00pm
Sat 26 th	Easter Vigil	Gordon	7.30pm
Sun 27 th	Easter Sunday Mass	Dunnstown	8.45am
		Ballan	10.30am

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
12 th & 13 th Mar	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C): Isaiah 43:16-21 ~ Philippians 3:8-14 ~ John 8:1-11			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Vicki Moroney	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	C Frawley	S Ryan/N Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Patricia Binks	
19 th & 20 th Mar	Palm Sunday (Year C): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Luke 22:22:15-23:56			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard & Maddi Peterkin	Chris Leonard Family	Margaret Leonard	Callan & Isla McKay
**** Ballan ~ 8.45am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
*** Gordon ~ 10.30am	Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor	Kim Newman family	Carmen Camilleri	

*** Changes to mass times at Gordon & Ballan on 20th March