



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 Natasha Buttigieg (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), Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher ** A representative is required for Gordon **		
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: \$127.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$199.00	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date):	\$229.60	\$33,990.60

Community Meetings at Springbank

As part of the ongoing process to assess the future use of Parish capital assets we are holding two community meetings at Springbank on Saturday, 13th May after 6.30pm Mass and Tuesday 16th May at 7.00pm. More details to follow. All Parishioners most welcome. This is a very important time in our Parish life, to ensure a productive and sustainable future we need a committed and vibrant leadership team.

Parish Leadership Vacancies

We have two vacancies, a Parish Pastoral Council member from Springbank and a Parish Finance Committee member from Gordon. These positions need to be filled as soon as possible, please consider carefully. Many thanks. Joan, Catherine and Michael.

Handyman/Gardener

The parish is looking for a Handyman/Gardener on an 'on call' basis to work at all Parish properties. Must have Working With Children Check, ABN, Insurances and references. For more information, please contact Luke Mullane: luke.mullane@bigpond.com

Conroy Reunion

Sunday 26th March from 11:00am Moorabool Reservoir Park

Lenten Discussion Program

The RCIA Group will be using the Lent Program from Brisbane, beginning on 7th March, and then weekly at 9.15am on Tuesdays until Easter. There is room for 1 or 2 people to join in. More info contact Kathleen Moran Ph: 0438 812 449

Coming Events & Meetings

- Tuesday 4th April Penitential Service Ballan 7:30 pm
- Thurs 6th April, 10am Prayer at St. Brigid's with Brian Andrews' family. Brian has been missing since early Dec.

Kathleen's Corner

REDeycle is a recycling program that diverts flexible plastics – the ones you can't put in your kerbside recycling bin – from landfill and turns them into a material that can be used to manufacture new products such as school furniture. Simply collect up all the soft plastics that can't be recycled at home, and then drop them into the REDcycle collection bins at participating supermarkets. Coles is one. Find the red bin marked "packaging".

Church Cleaning - April

St Michael's 14th, St Brigid's 21st & St Patrick's 28th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Marie Conroy Beth Calleja	Kath O'Neil Louise O'Neil

Parish Office Details

Parish Office is open Tuesday's 9.30am-2.30pm or please contact parish secretary 1558 Old Melbourne Road, Gordon.
Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0447 609 485



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

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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: \$295.00	Parish: \$464.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$90.00	

Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. They came into effect for schools in 2016 and for parishes at the beginning of 2017. 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).



LITURGIES			
Thur 30 th Mar	Ballan	11.30am	Anointing Mass for sick & frail elderly
Fri 31 st Mar	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 1 st Apr	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 2 nd Apr	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

Sarah Molloy, Fran Coen, Nellie Conroy, Kathleen McGiffin, Monica Ramsay, Reg Haintz, Eileen Sedunary, Mathew Cahir, Jim Flood, Ellen Murphy

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, Phillip Camilleri, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri, Paula Scott.

Baptism

Congratulations to Maeve Adelheid Pearce Lakey (daughter of Elizabeth & Jacob) and Bowie Coneith Pirotta (son of Danielle & Phillip), who are being baptised this weekend in St Brigid's, Ballan. We welcome Maeve and Bowie into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

The Message of Divine Mercy

A powerful presentation by John Canavan and Tommy Canning, Thursday, 6th April 6.30pm-8.30pm at Nazareth House Hall. All welcome to attend. Enquires to Pete, ph. 0403 192 933.

Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees

"Close Manus, Close Nauru ~ Welcome Refugees ~ Permanent Protection" Sunday 9th April, 2pm: State Library, Melbourne.

Choir for Mass of the Oils (Monday 10th April)

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass. Practice will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on Sunday, April 9 at 6.30pm and Monday, April 10 at 5.00pm (prior to Mass) at the Cathedral.

Holy Cross & St Michaels Daylesford Reunion

For all past students who attended on or before 1973 "Christmas in July" on July 22, 2017 at 11.00am for lunch (wear something Christmassy). Old Hepburn Hotel, 236 Main Road Hepburn Springs, 3461 or ph. 03 53482207. Courtesy bus available (must book).

The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS)

Encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*. More information available at: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

xt3 Lenten Calendar – online & free app

Lenten resource, Lenten challenge and the Gospel reading each day. For youth, young adults & everyone: www.xt3.com/lent

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
25 th & 26 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A): 1 Samuel 16:1,6-10-13 ~ Ephesians 5:8-14 ~ John 9:1-41			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Joan Powell	Marty Forbes	Mowing: A Miller-Schmetzer & John Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
1 st & 2 nd April	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A): Ezekiel 37:12-14 ~ Romans 8:8-11 ~ John 11:1-45			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Peter Britt	Chris Leonard Family	Winnie Leonard	Callan & Isla
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja	Mark & Narelle Conroy Family	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	Julie Dargan Family	Simone Fodor & Patricia Binks	
8 th & 9 th April	Palm Sunday (Year A): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Matthew 27:11-54			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Mark Hanrahan Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	S Steenhuis	L Jeffrey/ L Hanrahan	Music: Shelly Ryan
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Angela Carr & Bert Jarvis	



Project Compassion



With Limited support in Vietnam for the education and social inclusion of children with disabilities, young Nguyet lived an isolated life. Then, through a neighbour, her family became involved with a program supported by Caritas Australia, offering her education, creative outlets and community interaction, and strengthening her parents' skills and support networks. Now Nguyet's mother has great hope for her future. Your donation helps give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community: use Project Compassion boxes, envelopes, www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or ☎ 1800 024 413.

Retreat in Everyday Life

Fr Robbie Sian, a Filipino Jesuit priest who is currently in Melbourne as part of the Jesuit Tertian program, will come to Ballarat for a month from 23rd April to lead the Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat in Everyday Life. Doreen Roache, a St Patrick's Cathedral parishioner will lead this with Fr Robbie. RSVP 17th April: St Patrick's Cathedral Office.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2017: Sydney, 7-9 December

Open new horizons for spreading joy

15,000 young people are expected in Sydney from all round Australia for the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival. For Year 9 – 25yos. The diocese will be planning travel and accommodation. Details and links: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Youth and Young Adult or email: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies (10-16 April)

Monday	Cathedral	6.30pm	Mass of the Oils
Tuesday	Bungaree	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Thursday	Bungaree	7.30pm	Holy Thursday Mass
Friday	Springbank	3.00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	Gordon	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Dunnstown	8.45am	Easter Sunday Mass
	Ballan	10.30am	