

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. The Parish is led by a team of Coordinators, one of whom is the Moderator.

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay

Coordinators: Catherine Green (Moderator), Michael Ryan, Angela Carr

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)

For Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals please contact Parish Secretary ~ messages will be forwarded

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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

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

Loose:	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$345.25
Planned Giving:	Envelopes: \$103.00	Year to date:
Direct Debit	October: \$1,280.00	\$18,322.90

Making a Scene at Christmas – Nativity Scenes Exhibition

St Brigid's School Monday, December 1. Nativities from at least 40 different nations from all continents. Nativities that illustrate the key parts of the stories - from Annunciation to the flight into Egypt, nativities with a social justice element and nativities that ask the question – "if Jesus was born here and now, what would it be like". Parishioners welcome 3pm to 4pm. It will be a unique opportunity to visit such an exhibition.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This weekend in Ballan, Laura Parsons formerly begins her journey to become a member of the Catholic Church. Let us show her welcome and support as she commits to follow Jesus more closely as a member of our parish community.

Columban Calendars 2018

Available for purchase in church foyer's, \$9.00each.

Parish Dinner

It's that time again when we all get to celebrate another great year in our parish. We are holding a Parish Dinner at Donegan's Farm on Monday, December 4th at 6.30 pm, All welcome.

Please make bookings through Parish Office : ph 5368 9280.

farewell

The farewell for Carmen & Joe Camilleri is this Sunday, 26th November. Cup of tea following mass at St Patrick's, Gordon. All welcome.

Coming Events & Meetings

- December 13th PFC Meeting Gordon
- February 12th PPC Meeting Gordon

Church Cleaning – December

St Michael's 8th, St Brigid's 15th & St Patrick's 22nd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Tiffany Forde Family	Marie Conroy Beth Calleja	Kath O'Neil Louise O'Neil



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
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$247.00	Parish: \$480.00
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$809.00	

Annual Parish Assembly

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Assembly. Particular thanks to Amanda Elliott, Katrina Griffiths, Craig Jenkins and Jill Prendergast, who have completed their term as members of the Parish Leadership Team (PLT). Welcome to the new members of the PLT: Karen Cahir, Lisa Elliott and Di Reynolds. We appreciate your willingness to contribute to our parish in this way. A new representative is still needed for Clarkes Hill.

Anointing Mass

Mass with anointing for the sick and frail elderly: Dunnstown, Tuesday 28th November, 9.15am.

Bungaree: Christmas/December Church Cleaning

Monday 4th Dec, 7pm. Jobs for both men and women; new cleaners very welcome. Many hands will make light work. Can you join the monthly roster for next year? Contact Debbie Ryan:

☎ 5334 0224 or ryandjr@bigpond.com

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).

Available at Church Door

- Pastoral Letter from Victorian bishops on euthanasia
- Our Diocesan Community – October Edition free

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	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
9 th & 10 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 ~ 2 Peter 3:8-14 ~ Mark 1:1-8			
Springbank -6.30pm	Volunteer Required	Brendan Simpson Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45 am	Tom Moloney	S Steenhuis	D Ryan / L Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Sandra Miller & Marie Shanahan	Binks Family	Lorraine Tipple & Winnie Zammit	

LITURGIES			
Tues 28 th Nov	Dunnstown	9.15am	Anointing Mass
Thur 30 th Nov	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 2 nd Dec	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 3 rd Dec	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	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



Recent Deaths

Sally Begbie

Anniversaries

Mick O'Loughlin, Mary Toohey, Harry Hooker, George Smith, Doreen Conroy, Bob Frawley, Michael Frawley, Maurice Kelly, Bishop James O'Collins, James Conlan, Sarah Franklin, Nonie Price, Fr Justin Woodford

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, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Alice Gardiner, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupoy

Baptism

Congratulations to Scarlett May Tatchell (daughter of Samantha & Darcy) and Cooper Paul Woodroffe (son of Kristy & Shane), who are being baptised this weekend at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We welcome Scarlett and Cooper into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

November Prayers for the Dead

In November, we traditionally place a special emphasis on praying for those who have died.

- A Book of Remembrance is available at each Church. All are welcome to add names of those they wish to be prayed for and remembered.
- Envelopes for November Mass intentions are available at the church door.

Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?

A community forum at the Yarra Theological Union in Box Hill earlier this month heard three respected Church leaders talk about the impact of the child sexual abuse crisis on the Church from the perspective of a Bishop, an educator and the head of the Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council. Listen to their presentations: www.tjhcouncil.org.au/catholic-community

Sharing the Word

A free eLibrary of educational resources for Catholic ministry, collected by Catholic Mission Australia. It includes full texts of over 8,000 open source ebooks, periodicals, podcasts and church documents. Free: <http://sharingtheword.info>

Promote Care, Oppose Euthanasia

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just those terminally ill. The Catholic Church believes that any proposal to introduce legislation

enabling physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia is not in the best interests of the community and will have wide-reaching ramifications. Info: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Mercy Connect Ballarat - Volunteer mentors needed

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools. Approx. 3 hrs/week for 4 school terms. Experience in an educational setting is preferred, but ongoing training and support provided. Initial training in February. Info: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Leadership for Mission 2018-2019

Graduate Program for Young Catholic Women aged 25-35. Combines theological education, faith formation and preparation for mission in a multi-faith world. RSVP: 26th Nov. Info: www.opw.catholic.org.au

Would you like to become a Spiritual Director?

The 'Siloam' Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied over two years at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The Program may be studied as a Grad Dip for those who meet the criteria. Further info: holsc@bigpond.com or ☎: 9890 1101.

Pastoral Care Education

An exciting opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care recognised and accredited towards theological studies through the University of Divinity is now available in regional Victoria. Extended part-time program Feb-Nov 2018. Info and application: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Enrolment for Year 7, 2019

Damascus College: Applications close 16 Feb 2018

Loreto College: Applications close 16 Feb 2018

- Guided tours, 9am: Tues 6 Feb, Fri 9 Feb. RSVP: www.loreto.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College: Applications close 1 Dec 2017

- Guided tours monthly: Friday morning. RSVP: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or ☎ 5331 1688
- Year 7 Scholarships: RSVP 18 Feb www.stpats.vic.edu.au

Christmas Masses		
Sat 23 rd December	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Clarks Hill: 6.30pm	Clarks Hill: 6.00pm	Dunnstown: 9.30am
	Gordon: 6.00pm	
	Springbank: 8.00pm	
	Ballan: 8.00pm	
	Bungaree: 10.00pm	

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25 th & 26 th Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A): Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 ~ Matthew 25:31-46			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Mary Prendergast	Marty Forbes	Mowing: Mark Forbes & Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45 am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Maria Bernadette Donegan	Carmel Mahar	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Matthew Hall	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Angela Carr & Cathy Mullane	
2 nd & 3 rd Dec	First Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ~ Mark 13:33-37			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard / Chris O'Loughlin	Steven Bethune Family	Trish White	Darcy & Joshua
Gordon ~ 8.45 am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	John Fabre & Winnie Zammit	Anita Lidgett Family	Bert Jarvis & Helen Conlan	