

# The Nativity of the Lord (Year A) ~ Christmas Day ~ 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019



## 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 ~ Parish Pastoral Council: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford, Marie Shanahan

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR

Parish Secretary/Parish Office: (☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

**PARISH VISION:** That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

**Parish Finance Council** Anita Lidgett (Chair), Stephen Conroy (Secretary), Tony Lynch, Brendan Maher, Dan Toohey, Tony Paarhammer

**Parish Schools**

**St. Brigid's Primary School**  
**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll  
Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford

☎ 5368 1015  
☎ 5368 9495

[www.sballan.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$326.00
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$379.00
	<b>Year to date:</b>	\$27,332.73

### Christmas Collections

Please note that there will be two collections after communion at all Christmas masses in the Gordon Parish. The first will be for the Bishop's Christmas Appeal (*more detail over page*) and the second will be to help cover the travel expenses of our visiting priests celebrating these masses.

### Plenary 2020 Update

Again, we would like to share more of your thoughts resulting from the recent Plenary Gathering in Gordon. We are also preparing to formulate these into a draft paper for our next step prior to submission. You will notice these themes could apply locally as well as nationally:

- Have church and school communities working closer as one
- Organise school masses 2 to 3 times per year
- Be helpful to people – our best gift to others is time
- Recognise diversity among people and their ideas.
- Respect and understand the differences
- Create opportunities for healing, listening and forgiving.
- Turn criticism into compliments, judgement into appreciation
- Set up Antioch or similar type groups for our youth



## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

Priest in Residence: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR ~ ☎ 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  
Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh

☎ 5334 5280  
☎ 5334 7604

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$283.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$390.00
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### Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year A): Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 ~ Colossians 3:12-21 ~ Matthew 2:13-15,19-23			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Amanda & Olivia Elliott	Frank Hanrahan	M Elliott / L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30pm	Marie Whytakhe & Lloyd Lamb	Bridget Sims Family	Lorraine Tipple & Helen Conlan	
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> January	The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A): Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12			
Dunnstown ~ 6:30pm	Whoever is available over holiday period		Jennifer McKay	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Ballan ~ 10.30pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	

LITURGIES			
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bungaree	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	



	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstown	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



**Anniversaries**

Jack Geary, Jim Toohey, Eddie Mullane, Bill Winter, Charlie Mangion, Joe Mangion, Ted Mulcahy, Annie Prendergast, Roy Tynan, Victoria Everett, Gerald Leonard, Catherine Hanrahan, Neil O’Loughlin, Kevin Jones, Fr Pat Culligan, John Thomas

**We offer our prayerful support for the sick**

Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgon, Kevin Mullane, Christine Hall, John Ryan

**Welcome to Visiting Priest**

Welcome to our visiting Priests, Fr Des FitzGerald, Fr Brian Glasheen and Fr Rupert Bowd, who are celebrating Christmas Masses in our Parishes.

**Parish Secretary Position**

The Gordon and Bungaree Parishes are seeking secretaries to complete Parish administrative work. These roles could be combined into one position – currently a total of 17 hours per week. Tasks include: parish accounting and returns, planned giving program, notice sheet and other admin duties. Remuneration based on Diocesan rates. Suitably skilled applicants with an on-going commitment to their Parish can apply by email to Damian Ryan ([ryandjr@bigpond.com](mailto:ryandjr@bigpond.com)). Applications close at 4.00 pm on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

**Thank you**

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATES GOD’S ENTERING INTO THE WORLD WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES**

**Christmas Offerings**

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

**Bishop’s Christmas Appeal**

A collection will be taken up after communion at Christmas Masses for the Bishop’s annual Christmas Appeal, which is one way by which our Diocese can respond to the many people and communities around the world who turn to us for assistance each year. In many cases, these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the Diocese of Ballarat or who are in regions that are linked with our country. Our response is a practical demonstration of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.

**Funds from last year’s appeal were distributed as follows:**

Flood Appeal Townsville	\$5,000
Catholic Mission	\$5,000
Caristas Australia	\$5,000
Sunraysia Drought Relief Group	\$5,000
OnePlate International Food Programs	\$5,000
3BA Christmas Appeal	\$4,000
Nazareth House, Ballarat	\$4,000
The Soup Bus (Ontrack Foundation)	\$2,000
Uniting Care Meal Program	\$2,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH)	\$2,000
Opening the Doors Education Foundation	\$2,000
Edmund Rice Centre	\$2,000
Exodus Community, Wendouree West	\$2,000
<b>Total donations made in 2019</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>



Merry Christmas