

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B) 28th & 29th April, 2018



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

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 weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$293.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$330.65	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date):	\$988.30	\$39,982.35

Praying Towards 2020

Thank you all for welcoming Fr Sam Kono CSsR to our parish last week. Thank you for your participation in events and discussions regarding the 2020 Plenary Council. Thank you also to the many parishioners who shared their time and generously supported the visit in hosting Fr Sam during his time with us. We look forward to the next stage of preparation for the Plenary Council in 2020.

St Brigid's Primary School 2019 Enrolments

Come and see us in action at Open Days or by appointment:

- Tuesday 1st May, 6.00pm-6.30pm
- Wednesday 9th May, 11.30am-12.30pm

*I will praise you, Lord,
in the assembly
of your people*

Coming Events & Meetings

- Monday 7th May PPC Meeting
- Wednesday 16th May PFC Meeting

Church Cleaning - May

St Michael's 11th, St Brigid's 18th & St Patrick's 25th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anita Lidgett	Eily Carey Kate Carey Leisa Carey	Mary Simpson Donna Simpson



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 weekend

Presbytery:	\$193.00	Parish:	\$985.00
Project Compassion (to date):		\$1,318.50	
Easter Offerings (to date):		\$1,425.00	

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.)

Parish Leadership Team

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th May, 7.30pm



LITURGIES			
Tues 1 st May	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 3 rd May	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 5 th May	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 6 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	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)				



Plenary Council 2020
 "Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."

Recent Deaths

Sr Paula Fleming SJG

Anniversaries

Jack McGuigan, Carmel McAloon, Arthur Gore, Mary & Mervyn Howard, Patrick Leonard, Kathleen Gleeson, Helen Ronan

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupo, Noel Craven

Easter Offerings

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

Baptism

Congratulations to Charlie Isaac Hocking (son of Lauren and Branton), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We welcome Charlie into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

No interest, fees or charges. Available from Good Shepherd Microfinance through Centacare Ballarat to eligible people living on low incomes for household goods and other necessities, such as: furniture, white goods, education items, medical expenses, school uniforms, car repairs. Info: ☎ 5337 8999.

Spreading Joy: Young Adult Gathering

A new series of informal gatherings for young adults (18–35 y.o.) in the Ballarat area, an opportunity to socialise and talk: short presentation from a guest speaker and Q&A as well as socialising. Friday 25th May, from 6pm, Lake View Hotel, no charge: Amanda Smith, *Being Catholic, a Multiple Choice Banquet*. Amanda works with the Ballarat diocese and is working on a doctorate exploring aspects of Catholic faith in the future in Australia. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 5337 7160

Praying Towards 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. A Plenary Council provides an occasion for the whole Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church at this time. For this to happen, processes for wide consultation and listening across the entire Australian Church will be needed. Everyone is invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

The synodal process has three stages: preparation, celebration and implementation. The Ballarat Diocese will commence the preparation stage after Easter with *Praying towards 2020*. Over 3 weeks, the whole Diocese, its parishes, faith communities, schools, institutions and agencies will be invited to participate in prayer to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us. Twelve Redemptorist priests are leading something of a mini mission in the Diocese, from 21 April – 6 May.

Wed 2 May: 'What is a Plenary Council?' Forum and presentation, Cathedral Hall, 10am & 7pm

Draft Plan for Parishes and Deployment of Priests

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has prepared a draft plan for parishes and deployment of priests over the next six years: *Looking Forward from 2018*. The plan does not set a fixed timeline, and is most likely to function as a guide for future clergy appointments. The draft plan proposes that over the coming six years, the Bungaree and Gordon parishes would work towards becoming a single parish, served by a single priest, who may be available only on weekends. Bishop Paul has invited responses to this draft plan. In our parishes, comments can be directed to the Gordon Parish Coordinators, or to members of the Bungaree Parish Leadership Team and the Gordon Parish Council.

Wallace and District Kindergarten 35th Mothers Day Luncheon

Friday 11th May, Bungaree Community Centre. Bookings: Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
28 th & 29 th April	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 9:26-31 ~ 1 John 3:18-24 ~ John 15:1-8			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Brendan Simpson Family	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	D Rix	A Elliott / M Frawley	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Sandra Miller	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgson	
5 th & 6 th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 ~ 1 John 4:7-10 ~ John 15:9-17			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Diane Reynolds & Chris O'Loughlin	Mark Howard Family	Trish Ryan	Cameron J & Lyna B
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Volunteer Required	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Matthew Hall & Anne Eskdale	Mary & Des Conroy	Angela Carr & Patricia Binks	
	The Ascension of the Lord (Year B): Acts 1:1-11 ! Ephesians 4:1-13 ~ Mark 16:15-20			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Greg McAloon	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	S Steenhuis	L Jeffrey/ L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	TBA	TBA	TBA	