Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) $\sim 7^{th}$ & 8^{th} Sept, 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 Shane Mackinlay

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)

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 |
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| Parish Schools | St. Brigid's Primary School | Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll | 🕾 5368 1015 | www.sbballan.catholic.edu.au |
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| | 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: \$232.55 |
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| Planned Giving | Envelopes 2019/20: | \$1,913.00 |
| | Year to date: | \$9,906.13 |

Mary MacKillop Pilgimage

On April 26 2019 a 1278km pilgrimage walk was completed from the birthplace of St Mary MacKillop in Fitzroy to her tomb in North Sydney. On Thursday 3 October the pilgrimage will continue from the Ta Pinu Shrine at Bacchus Marsh to Ballan, then onto Gordon, before continuing to Ballarat on Saturday 5 October. The three men completing the pilgimage have asked if it would be possible to receive accommodation with parishioners on their nights in Ballan and Gordon. If you are able to assist, could you please contact David 🕾 0400 978 938. see David's blog at www.scecclesia.com

Combined Farewell Celebration for Father Shane

Tickets are available at mass this weekend from Beth at Gordon or Judith at Ballan. Cost: \$22.00 Adult & \$10.00 child.

Mercy Place Ballarat Open Day

An Open Day on Saturday 14th September, 11am—2pm. to celebrate the first birthday of Mercy Place. Enjoy a tour, BBQ, live music, free cuppa and meet our friendly staff. To register 5327 1888 or at <u>https://www.mercyhealth.com.au/events</u>

Church Cleaning – September

St Michael's 13th, St Brigid's 20th & St Patrick's 27th

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| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
| Winnie Zammit | Beth Calleja | Julie Toohey |
| Carole Barr | Jodie Donegan | Molly Ronan |



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 (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

Parish Leadership Team

Meeting: Tuesday 10th September, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Nine children are preparing with their families to be confirmed and receive communion for the first time. We assure them of

~ Tuesday 10th September: Bungaree Parish Centre **Celebration** of Confirmation and First Eucharist

~ Saturday 14th September, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

- Week 6 ~ Called and Sent Out: Remember, share, give thanks
 - Jesus calls his disciples to a life of love and service
 - We are called to live out the Eucharist by loving and serving God and others as Jesus showed us
 - We can deepen our relationship with Jesus in prayer, listening to the Word of God and putting it into practice

| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS | |
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| 7 th & 8 th Sept | Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Wisdom 9:13-18 ~ Philemon 9-10,12-17 ~ Luke 14:25-33 | | | | |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm | Louise Haintz | Greg McAloon | Sharon Daly | | |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am | Terry Elliott | C Frawley | A Elliott / Leah Hanrahan | | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Lloyd Lamb & Helen Blazek | Leon and Pat Burvill | Judith Hodgon & Simone Foder | | |
| 14 th & 15 th Sept | Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ~ Luke 15:1-32 | | | | |
| Dunnstown~ 6.30pm | | | | | |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Beth Calleja & Michael Winter | Brian and Kate Carey | Josie Donegan | | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Rosemary Canavan & Anne Eskdale | Mary & Des Conroy | Winnie Zammit & Cathy Mullane | | |
| 21 st & 22 nd Sept | Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 8:4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ~ Luke 16:1-13 | | | | |
| Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm | Margie Moran | Joan Powell | Helen Moran | Mowing: Frank Mahar | |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Joan Bourke & Eily Carey | Pat Barry & Eily Carey | Maria Donegan | | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Julie Dargan & Sandra Miller | Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka | Denise Marshall & Lorraine Tipple | | |



| LITURGIES | | | | |
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| Tues 10 th Sep | Bungaree | 9.00am | Mass | |
| Thur 12 th Sept | Ballan | 10.00am | Prayer Group | |
| Sat 14 th Sept | Dunnstown | 6.30pm | First Communion & Confirm Mass | |
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| Sun 15 th Sept | Ballan | 10.30am | Sunday Mass | |

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| 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) | | | | |

Anniversaries

Elspeth Eastwood, Emily Green, James Cummins, Jack Nunn, Jimmy Winter, Ewen McCarthy, Michael Williams, John McCarthy, Wayne Torpy, Jenoveffa Micallef, Carmen Gatt, Paul Mahar, George Richardson, Jeanette Pearce, Wayne Torpy

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, Tom Hanrahan, Mike Hayward-Brown

<u>Welcome</u>

Welcome to Sage Anoushka Kanti (daughter of Belinda and Sam), who is being baptised at Gordon this weekend, and to

Noah William Buckow (son of Monique & Brent), who is beginning his preparation for baptism at Ballan. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Thomas Patrick Maher (2017), Henry Arthur Montano (2018), Jim Timothy Ryan (2018)

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

Invitation to Fr Shane's Episcopal Ordination

Most Reverend Leslie Tomlinson DD Apostolic Administrator of Sandhurst Diocese Invites Parishioners of the Diocese of Ballarat to the Episcopal Ordination of **Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay** Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo Wednesday 16 October at 12 noon **RSVP** by 16 September www.trybooking.com/BFGIS

The celebration will be streamed on www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Fr Shane's final weekend in our parishes will be on 5/6 October. The weekend prior to this (28/29 September), Fr Tom Brophy will celebrate Masses, while Fr Shane undertakes a retreat in preparation for his ordination.

Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has invited Fr Shane to return to the diocese and celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving after his episcopal ordination: St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, Wednesday 13th November, 7.00pm, followed by supper.

Combined Farewell Celebration for Father Shane

Sunday 15th September, 12.30 pm, Bungaree Community Centre. 2-course meal: adults \$22/children \$10. Tickets (cash or cheque): St Brendan's School, Dunnstown (Mon–Thurs); St Mary's School, Clarkes Hill (Tues–Fri); St Patrick's School, Gordon; St Brigid's School, Ballan; Parish Offices or after Mass. Info: Damian Ryan ryandjr@bigpond.com RSVP: Friday 6th Sept.



<u>Resident Priest: October – January</u>

Bishop Paul has advised that Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR will be resident at St Michael's, Bungaree, providing sacramental ministry in Bungaree and Gordon parishes from 10th October 2019 to 13th January 2020. Bishop Paul is planning to write to parishioners in the next week or so to elaborate on his plans for the parishes.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has announced the following appointments:

- Fr Peter Sherman has concluded his service in priestly ministry
- Administrator of Cathedral & Ballarat East: Fr Justin Driscoll
- Parish Priest of Redan, Sebastopol and Linton: Fr Kevin Maloney VG
- Parish Priest of Ballarat North, Wendouree and Beaufort: Fr Marcello Colasante

Plenary Council – National Themes for Discernment Announced

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

- 1. Missionary and Evangelising
- 2. Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- 3. Prayerful and Eucharistic
 - 4. Humble, Healing and Merciful
 - 5. A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
 - 6. Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform

The discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme. People in faith communities across Australia will be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters.

Plenary Council: Listening & Dialogue Stage Final Report

Listen to what the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

Annual Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund conducted its annual appeal last weekend. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these

commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly \$1.9 million since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$47,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.