

Pentecost Sunday (Year C) ~ 14th & 15th May, 2016



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 Narelle Conroy (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 (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Donna Simpson, Marg Quinlan, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal),		
Finance Committee	Michael Ryan (Chair), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher, Lin Bowers (Coordinator Representative)		
Parish Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll	☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
	St. Michael's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344 www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$140.40
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$172.00	Year to date:
Direct Debit	(April): \$945.00	\$38,804.25

Parish of Gordon - Lending Library at St Brigid's, Ballan

A collection of books for current and new parishioners, that will provide information and inspiration about our Catholic faith, presented in an up to date and engaging way. Borrowing is free. A list of books available will be displayed in each church. Sr Kathleen is happy to collect books for Gordon, or Springbank parishioners. This Library is part of a pilot program that will be evaluated after an appropriate time. Feedback is welcome. (Forms are available). Please contact Anne Eskdale 5368 1424 or email anne.eskdale@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Pentecost marks the last formal stage in the RCIA process. Stacey and Rebecca, who were baptised at Easter in Ballan, will be celebrating with the Gordon community this weekend, and staying for morning tea at the Parish House. Please feel free to join them there.

Parish Vision Statement

Sr. Karon Donnellon will facilitate two gatherings in July for us to revisit our vision statement. St. Brigid's, Ballan, gathering space 3rd July, and 10th July at St. Patrick's School, Gordon. Further details to come.

Enrolments for Gordon Parish Schools

St Brigid's School, Ballan & St Patrick's School, Gordon are currently accepting enrolments for the 2017 school year. Please contact the principals, or school office for more details. St Brigid's will be holding an Open Afternoon on Monday, 19 May from 2.30pm for a tour of the school.

Plant Exchange

June 12-19 is Laudato Si Week. (Care of our common home) Parishes have been invited to hold an event. To participate please pot a plant ready to bring to Mass on 12th, or 19th, place it on a table and take another.

Volunteer required at Springbank

For the role of music liturgy & the ministry roster.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Wed, 18th May. 7:30pm. Finance Meeting.
- Thurs, May 19th. Confirmation & First Eucharist Meeting with Fr Gary Jones at St Patrick's School Hall.
- Sun, 5th June. St Brigid's. The three Coordinators will be commissioned by Bishop Paul Bird.
- Refugee Week- Public gathering 25 June, Mechanics Hall, Ballan. Further details to come

Church Cleaning - May

*Note: Vacuuming - St Michael's 4th, St Brigid's 11th & St Patrick's 18th May. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anita Lidgett & Fiona Conroy	Josie Donegan & Karen Tiley	Molly Ronan & Vicki Moroney



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 Fax: 5334 0514

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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: \$180.80	Parish: \$470.00
Easter Offerings (to date): \$1,160.00	

Parish Social Lunch with Walk-4-One Guest Speaker

2-course meal with guest speaker: Sam Clear. 15,600 km on foot, 20 countries, 568 days, 11 near-death encounters, one extraordinary story. Sam Clear walked around the world in an effort to urge and inspire all Christians to unite: 'That they may all be one.' He didn't think it would be easy; but he had no idea how hard it was going to be ... His tale is one of extraordinary courage, challenges and love in action under incredible circumstances (see www.walk4one.com). Bungaree Community Centre



(Bungaree Recreation Reserve), Sunday 19 June, 12.30pm. Adults \$30, secondary students \$20 (drinks @ bar prices). Bookings by 10 June:

Amanda Elliott ☎ 0427 713 064 or amanda@rumerz.com.au or Liz Hanrahan ☎ 0417 347 262.

Parish Centre & Community Centre

The Parish Leadership Team is exploring options for the ongoing use of these facilities, which might be of interest to schools, church groups or commercial tenants. Parishioners are encouraged to discuss this with potential users. Please pass on suggestions to Fr Shane or a member of the Leadership Team (Amanda Elliott, Katrina Griffiths, Leah Hanrahan, Craig Jenkins, Chris Kavanagh, Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, Jill Prendergast, Damian Ryan).

LITURGIES			
Tues 17 th May	Dunnstown	9.15am	St Brendan's Feast Day Mass
Sat 21 st May	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 22 nd 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 (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarkes Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan		(Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)		

Anniversaries

Iala Wise, Albert Jarvis, Keith Holmes, Nell Wise, Jack Murphy, Alice Carey, Angela Teuma, James McDermott, Bryan Frawley, Fr Bill Moroney, Jack Mahar & Pat Moran

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne Mc Kercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Dan Toohey, Joe D'arcy, Vanessa Brotto, Mary Elliott, Mark Leonard, Gerard Molloy.

Annual Mass Count

The annual Mass count is taking place over the first four Sundays in May. Collectors, please take note!

Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns

The proposal for this Mass has been reconsidered in the light of the level of distress that it has prompted. A public gathering for Mass in an environment of protest would raise concerns for public safety, exacerbate the pain and suffering of victim survivors and compromise the occasion as one of prayer. The Mass for Bishop Mulkearns was proposed in line with the Catholic practice of prayer for those who have died. However, the adverse reaction to the proposal must be listened to and the concerns heeded, so it has been decided that the Mass will not proceed.

Public Lecture by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Archbishop Mark Coleridge: "From Wandering to Journeying: Thoughts on a Synodal Church." Presented by Catholic Theological College at the Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Monday 16th May, 7.30pm.

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Kew

☎ 9854 8110; email: secretary@campion.asn.au

- Come & See Prayer Day with Rolling Stones CLC Group
Sunday 22 May: \$25 (lunch inclusive)
- Men's Retreat with Iain Radvan SJ & Paul White
Fri-Sun 3-5 Jun: \$240 (live-in) or \$170 (live out)

Men's Spirituality

There has been recent interest from men in our parishes in gaining support for their spiritual growth. Fr Barry Ryan has agreed to assist; however, we will need numbers before he is invited to come. If you wish to be involved, please contact: Michael Ryan info@michaelryanca.com.au / ☎ 0408 823 184, or Kathleen Moran rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au or 0438 812 449

Pope Francis, 'On Love in the Family'

Samples from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, which follows two synods of bishops in 2014 & 2015. Full text: www.vatican.va

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." [57]

"Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'." [231]

"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union." [232]

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street'." [308]

"We have been called to form consciences, not replace them." [37]

"Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort." [130]

"I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye." [39]

"Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope." [219]

"Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else." [212]

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary." [224]

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
14 th & 15 th May	Pentecost Sunday (Year C): Acts 2:1-11 ~ Romans 8:8-17 ~ John 14:15-16, 23-26			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Diane Reynolds & Leteisha Rinaldi	Rinaldi Family	Winnie Leonard	Darcy, Jade & Kiely
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Patricia Binks	
21 st & 22 nd May	The Most Holy Trinity (Year C): Proverbs 8:22-31 ~ Romans 5:1-5 ~ John 16:12-15			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Tim Bennett	Joan Powell	Margie Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Marie & Frank Conroy	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
28 th & 29 th May	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Year C): Genesis 14:18-20 ~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ~ Luke 9:11-17			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Greg McAloon	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	S Steenhuis	M Frawley/L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan family	Cathy Mullane & Simone Fodor	