

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B) 7th & 8th 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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

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	Year to date: \$37,014.20
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$169.00	
Project Compassion (to date):	\$950.15	
Holy Land Appeal (to date)	\$597.35	
Parish: \$495.35		

Discernment of Coordinators

The annual process of renewing the Parish Coordination team has commenced. Bishop Paul Bird wishes to advise parishioners that both Angela Carr and Michael Ryan have separately confirmed that they are not in a position to undertake a further commission as Coordinator after this current term. Moderator Catherine Green completes her third year as a Coordinator this term. Therefore all three will finish on 30 April 2018. As the process of discernment commenced last week after the Parish Meeting, Bishop Paul feels it is appropriate to continue the discernment until the scheduled closing date of 15 April. Parishioners are now asked to consider those who might be one of the new volunteer Coordinators. Information about the

discernment process and nomination forms are available in each church. Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant, Ballarat Diocese, ☎ 5337 7125

St Brigid's Primary School 2019 Enrolments

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

- Friday 20th April, 10.30am-11.00am
- Monday 23rd April, 2.30pm-3.00pm
- Tuesday 1st May, 6.00pm-6.30pm
- Wednesday 9th May, 11.30am-12.30pm

Coming Events & Meetings

- Monday 9th April PPC Meeting
- Wednesday 18th April PFC Meeting 7.00pm

Church Cleaning - April

St Michael's 6th, St Brigid's 13th & St Patrick's 20th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Anne Micallef Georgina Wright Monica Eastwood	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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

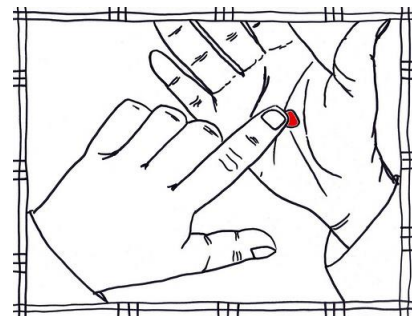
www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery:	\$443.00	Parish:	\$455.00
Project Compassion (to date):		\$688.50	
Easter Offerings (to date):		\$885.00	

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.)



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
7 th & 8 th April	Second Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 4:32-35 ~ 1 John 5:1-6 ~ John 20: 19-31			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Mark Hanrahan Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	D Rix	Frank Hanrahan	D Ryan / M Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Helen Blazek	Anita Lidgett Family	Lloyd Lamb & Helen Conlan	
14 th & 15 th April	Third Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 3:13-15,17-19 ~ John 2:1-5 ~ Luke 24:35-48			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Peter Britt	Steve Bethune Family	Dorothy Sheehan	Isla & Paddy
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Angela Carr	Binks Family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	
21 st & 22 nd Apr				
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Kate Bennett	Kate Bennett	Mowing: Mark Forbes & Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Maria Durham	Kim Newman Family	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Simone Foder & Lorraine Tipple	

LITURGIES

Tues 10th Apr	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 12th Apr	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 14th Apr	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 15th Apr	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	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

Allen Payne (Debbie Ryan's father)

Anniversaries

Jack Toohey, Bill Molloy, Sr Maureen Connelly RSM, Sr Margaret Houlihan RSM, Carmel Fitzgerald, Margaret Trounce, Andrew Sherry, Peter Molloy

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, Frank Conroy

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.

New Vicar General

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has appointed Fr Kevin Maloney as Vicar General, replacing Fr Justin Driscoll at the conclusion of his 5-year term of office. Fr Kevin and Fr Justin will continue in their current parishes.

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.

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 will lead something of a mini mission in the Diocese, with one of them spending a week in the Bungaree/Gordon parishes: 21–27 April.

Volunteer Opportunities with Palms Australia**Palms Australia**

PALMS Australia is a Catholic lay missionary organisation. Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. PALMS volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can share them with our global family.

Info Session, Melbourne, Saturday 5th May, 10:30am.

RSVP: ☎ 02 9560 5333 or www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

*Blessed
are those who have not
seen
and yet believe
John 20:29*

Loreto College Reunions: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 & 50-year March–April
<https://loreto.vic.edu.au/loreto-community/past-pupils/>

Sacred Heart College: 1966 Reunion

Sat 14th April, 11.30am–4pm, Golden City Hotel. RSVP: 30th March email: barbara.ford1@bigpond.com or ☎ 0424 503 244

Irish Heritage Exhibition: Sat 14th – Sun 15th April

Presented by Diocesan Archives and Historical Commission. St Patrick's Hall, Dawson St Sth, 9.30am–4.30pm. Admission: gold coin. Archivist available to advise on photos or artefacts.

Wallace and District Kindergarten 35th Mothers Day Luncheon

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

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop

2018 National Pilgrimage: From Melbourne 23rd Oct, through Victoria & South Australia, concluding Sydney 3rd Nov. Cost: \$3,230 (includes airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees, and meals). Info: ☎ 0417 683 123 or 02 8912 4818 or national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Villa Maria Catholic Homes – Home Care Packages

Do you or your loved one need care at home? Villa Maria Catholic Homes offers government-funded Home Care Packages designed to support you living independently in your home for longer. Info: Marianne ☎ 5330 3899 or www.vmch.com.au

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