

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C) 11th & 12th May, 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: Dan Toohey (Chair), Christine Hall (Secretary),

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Bridget Sims, Mick Winter, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford

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, Reg Haintz, Tony Paarhammer

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	Parish: \$272.80
Planned Giving	Envelopes:	\$256.00
	Year to date:	\$41,770.60
Project Compassion (to date):		\$1,452.70
Easter dues (to date):		\$835.00

Anointing Mass this Thursday

Anointing Mass at Springbank, 11am Thursday 16th May.

St Brigid's Volunteers needed

- St Brigid's are looking for volunteers to be added to the Church Cleaning Roster. You are rostered on for one month a year. In that month you will only need to clean three times as one of the weeks the church is cleaned by professionals. We would appreciate any help. Please call the Parish Office on 5368 9280 and

speak to Natasha.

- Calling for a volunteer from St Brigid's to take over preparation of the parish Ministry Roster. I will give/send you a list of names and every six months all you need to do is rearrange the names and send the new roster to Natasha for her to put into the parish newsletter each week. There may be times when you need to add or remove a name. If you are interested in taking over this job, please contact Angela Carr ☎ 5368 6783 or see me at mass. Thank you.

Church Cleaning - May

St Michael's 10th, St Brigid's 17th & St Patrick's 24th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anita Lidgett	Margaret McTigue Maree Toohey	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: \$222.00	Parish: \$350.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$785.00	
Easter Dues (to date): \$1,000.00	

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

My sheep hear my voice;
I know them and
they follow me.
John 10:27



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
11th & 12th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 13:14,43-52 ~ Apocalipsis 7:9,14-17 ~ John 10:27-30			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Greg McAloon	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	S Steenhuis	L Jeffrey / L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Anne Eskdale	Binks Family	Cathy Mullane & Angela Carr	
18th & 19th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 14:21-27 ~ Apocalipsis 21:1-5 ~ John 13:31-35			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Fran Peterkin	Peterkin Family	Trish White	Kiely & Frankie
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor	Michael & Therese Winter	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Lin Bowers	Leon & Pat Burvill	Judith Hodgson & Bert Jarvis	
25th & 26th May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 15:1-2,22-29 ~ Apocalipsis 21:10-14 ~ John 14:23-29			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Marty Forbes	Kate Bennett	Kate Bennett	Mowing: John Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Mark and Narelle Conroy family	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Bert Jarvis	Mary & Des Conroy	Denise Marshall & Patricia Binks	

LITURGIES including Holy Week

Thu 16 th May	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
	Springbank	11.00am	Anointing Mass
Fri 17 th May	Dunnstown	9.15am	School Mass
Sat 18 th May	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 19 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)			

**Anniversaries**

Mary Smith, Iala Wise, Albert Jarvis, Keith Holmes, Lillian Cullinan, Bill Deveraux, Tom Owens, James McDermott, Bryan Frawley, Fr Bill Moloney

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, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupo, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Kevin Mullane

Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Vincent Pham CSsR who is celebrating parish masses this weekend, during Fr Shane's study leave (March-June). If a priest is needed during the week, please contact Fr Gary Jones ☎ 5301 8161.

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.

Annual Mass Count

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends of May, commencing this Sunday.

Collectors please take note.

Week 1: Dunnstown TBA Gordon 67 Ballan 82

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Lucy Jade Ryan (2015) Harvey Joseph McKay (2016) Ruby Jane Miles, Genevieve Joy Prendergast (2018)

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

Blessing for Mothers

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mothers.



Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we may always honour them,
and that they may be led one day to eternal life with you.
Amen.

Catholic Bishops' Federal Election Statement

The bishops call for respect in public debate, share Catholic social teaching and detail some key issues to reflect on before you vote. "Politics in service of peace: a statement by the Catholic bishops of Australia for the 2019 federal election" can be found at www.catholic.org.au

Today is the World Day of Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood."

Liturgy Formation Session at Camperdown – May 26, 2019

Hosted by Diocesan Liturgical Commission. Begins with Mass at 11.00am celebrated by Bishop Paul followed by formation program from 12.00pm. Lunch supplied. Registration and info www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

2019 Class Reunions: Loreto College Ballarat

Past students and staff are warmly invited to attend the following 2019 Class reunions: Saturday 18 May

- Class of 1979 ~ 11am * Class of 1999 ~ 4pm

Info: <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/events>

Extraordinary Month of Mission October 2019 Song Competition

An opportunity for students, youth groups, individuals up to the age of 19 to compose and submit a song. The diocesan winner will be submitted to the National Office for selection of a nationwide winner, whose song will then be submitted to Rome and be placed on the Vatican website. More info: sue.searls@ballarat.org.au

Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Perth - December 8-10, 2019

The Ballarat Diocese is partnering with the Melbourne Office for Youth to offer all-inclusive packages to the festival including transport, accommodation, festival registration and meals. The event is for those in Year 9 – 30yo and is a great way to partake in celebrating the vitality of the Catholic Church in Australia. More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Youth & Young Adult Ministry or contact Patrick ☎ 5337 7160.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open

Low-cost online study and formation. Many subjects available, completed over 5 weeks. Next study cycle begins June 2. Registration is now open. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Contact us by May 16. Amanda Smith ☎ 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset: your marriage! Couples and a priest present the weekend, with no group sharing. Based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Melbourne weekends: 31 May-2 Jun, 23-25 Aug, 15-17 Nov. 7pm Friday – 5pm Sunday. Accommodation & meals provided. Info: Mercy & James ☎ 0409 183 676 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

Save the Date: RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences - Ballarat

"It takes a village" Diocesan RCIA Conference: Friday Nov 15, 5.30pm-9.00pm. RCIA State Conference: Saturday Nov 16, 9.30am-4.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, Ballarat.