

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) ~ 16th & 17th November, 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 Des FitzGerald CSsR

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

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: \$388.35
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$3,571.00
	Year to date:	\$22,365.08

PPC Update

The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday, November 18 in the Ballan Gathering space commencing at 7pm. If anyone has an item for discussion, please advise any member of the PPC. We are still seeking a parishioner from Springbank to fill a vacant position. Again, if you are interested, please contact a member of the PPC.

Thankyou

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes for my recent surgery. Leon Burville

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick masses at St. Patrick's church, Gordon at 10.30am, Wednesday 20th November and on Thursday 5th December at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.

Parish Dinner

A tentative date has been set for December 9 at Donegan's Farm. More information to come when date is confirmed.

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

Thank you to those who indicated their preferences of the theme for the listening and discernment encounter this Sunday. "A Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community" was clearly the chosen theme which is very relevant for our parish going forward into the future. The discernment will take place at St Patrick's School Hall in Gordon from 12 noon. Please bring a plate to share. We look forward to a very challenging and rewarding discernment process. Again, thank you for your responses.

Church Cleaning - November

St Michael's 8th, St Brigid's 15th & St Patrick's 22nd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Patricia Binks Family	Ann Micallef Monica Eastwood	Sharon Daly Sue Daly



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

Priest in Residence: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR ~ ☎ 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: \$486.60	Parish: \$390.00
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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.

Preparation for Reconciliation

Six children in our parish are preparing with their families to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time: Oscar Britt, Tara Carlson, Lucy Dash, Ahlia Sarra, Sullivan Toose and Patrick Rafter. We assure them of our prayers and support.

Retreat Day: Tuesday 26th November

Reconciliation: Tuesday 26th November, 5.30pm

Children in Year 6 or above are encouraged to reflect again on this sacrament by preparing for individual reconciliation, which they will be able to celebrate during Advent.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
16 th & 17 th November	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Malachi 3:19-20 ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 ~ Luke 21:5-19			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish & Nicole White	White Family	Winnie Leonard	Rose, Tierney & Lyna
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Bridget Sims Family	Simone Foder & Lloyd Lamb	
23 rd & 24 th November	Christ the King (Year C): 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ~ Colossians 1:12-20 ~ Luke 23:35-43			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Julie Moran	Helen Mahar	Kate Bennett	Mowing: Con Powell
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Whytakhe & Rosemary Canavan	Julie Dargan Family	Helen Conlan & Winnie Zammit	
30 th Nov & 1 st Dec	1 st Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 21:5 ~ Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard	Chris Leonard Family	Fran Peterkin	Kiely, Frankie & Bonnie
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian and Kate Carey	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Marie Shanahan	James & Alison Eskdale & Family	Lloyd Lamb & Lorraine Tipple	

LITURGIES			
Wed 20 th Nov	Gordon	10.30am	Anointing Mass
Thur 21 st Nov	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
	Ballan Hostel	1.30pm	Remembrance Service
Fri 22 nd Nov	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 23 rd Nov	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 24 th Nov	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	



Plenary Council 2020
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 22

	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

Margaret McGuigan, Louise Jarvis, Frank Bartaska, Mary Canty, Mary Molloy, Doreen Conroy, Troy Toohey, Joe Fitzpatrick, Matthew Steenhuis, Kath O'Hehir, Vincent Maher, Margaret Tynan, Barry Flynn, Mary Mahar, Carmen Maher, Basil Maher, Kath Murphy, Andrew Lund, Jack Glenane, Frances Maher, Ed McDonald, Tommy McGuane, Kevin Glenane, Peter McDermott, Winnie Leonard

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, Mike Hayward-Brown.

National Prayer Campaign for Drought

The Catholic Bishops of Australia have announced a National Prayer Campaign for Drought to take place during November. People across the country are encouraged to pray for the gift of rain, for people affected by the drought and to provide practical support, where possible. The Bishops note that large parts of the country are directly affected by the drought, but the impact is national – and so should the response be national.

PRAYER FOR DROUGHT

Eternal God,

In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians - Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop - Pray for us.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser

The House of Welcome Ballarat Annual Garden party. 2.00pm Sunday 24 November, 30 Waller Avenue, Newington. Fun for all the family. Lorne Holiday drawn at 4.00pm. Entry \$20 adults, children free. For more information ☎ 0401 175 045.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Iconic Movie morning and High Tea

"White Christmas" starring Bing Crosby. Regent Cinema on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 10.00am. Tickets \$25.00 each, pre-booking essential. More info: Margaret ☎ 0419 003415.

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**

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – November:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

Jillian Hogbin and Felicity Knobel are facilitating Discernment gatherings in the Cathedral parish for each of the six themes of the Plenary Council, Sunday afternoons, 2.30pm– 4.30pm. The discernment process is a prayerful one, commencing with Scripture, silence, spiritual conversations and proposed actions.

Sunday November 17 - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing and merciful

Sunday December 1 - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is inclusive, missionary & synodal

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

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

OLHC Parish are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Transport is available. For bookings or further information ☎ 0419 975 914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com

Year 7 ~ 2021 Enrolment Information

Loreto College: Enrolment applications close on Thursday 6 February 2020. www.loreto.vic.edu.au

Damascus College: Enrolment applications close on Friday 14 February 2020. www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us

St Patrick's College: Applications close 4pm Friday, 6 Dec. <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

A low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. Study over 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle begins January 12. Registrations now open until December 23. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au ☎ 0407 523 424 or e. kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au