

# The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C) ~ 2nd & 3rd January 2016



## ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank  
 Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney ~ Parish Coordinators: Lin Bowers (Moderator), Joan Bourke & Catherine Green  
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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** Donna Simpson (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, 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**  
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**St. Michael's Primary School** Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy ☎ 5334 0344 [www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections Last Week

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

#### Christmas

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Loose                         | \$1,425.05 |
| Christmas Offerings (to date) | \$1,257.40 |
| Bishop's Christmas Appeal     | \$898.20   |

#### Sunday

|                |                     |                           |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Loose          | Parish: \$113.15    | Presbytery: \$300.00      |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$349.00 | Year to date: \$23,267.25 |

#### Fire Ban Alert

All Parish Churches will be pre-emptively closed on the Code Red Days declared for the Central Fire Ban District.



#### Volunteer/s for the garden beds at Gordon Church

The roses need maintaining and the beds need watering. Please phone the parish office if you can help.

#### Coming Events:

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. P.P.C. Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.  
 Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. Children's Liturgy, St Patrick's Mass, Gordon.  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm. Finance Committee. Parish House, Gordon.

### Parish Festival: 28<sup>th</sup> February

The Parish Council is planning to hold a special Picnic & Festival at the Springbank Football & Netball oval on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11am-4pm. Sponsored by the Moorabool Council; Activities include: jumping castle & climbing wall, Peppa Pig & George Pig for children. Expressions of interest are being sought from anyone who would like to have a stall at this event to promote or sell their products. Info: Margie Quinlan ☎ 0417 587 237. Please keep this date free and come along to this exciting Parish community event.

#### Parish Contacts for Communion to the Sick

**Springbank:** Donna Simpson..... ☎ 5334 5342  
**Gordon:** Maria Donegan..... ☎ 0406 241 240  
 Marie Conroy..... ☎ 5368 9351  
**Ballan:** Lorraine DeSpirt ..... ☎ 5368 1180

#### Church Cleaning – January

\*Note: Vacuuming: St Michael's 7<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 14<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

| BALLAN  | GORDON                         | SPRINGBANK                      |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Anne Mullane,<br>Helen Conlan<br>& Sue Conlan | Marie Conroy &<br>Beth Calleja | Mary Simpson &<br>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 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](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections

#### 20<sup>th</sup> December

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Presbytery: \$351.60 | Parish: \$689.00 |
|----------------------|------------------|

#### Christmas

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Presbytery: \$1,644.00    | Parish: \$440.00     |
| Christmas Offerings       | \$1,050.00 (to date) |
| Bishop's Christmas Appeal | \$953.50             |

#### 27<sup>th</sup> December

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Presbytery: \$122.70 | Parish: \$400.00 |
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#### Dunnstown Toilets

The new toilets in the school foyer are open and available for use when Mass is celebrated at Dunnstown.

**Columban Calendar 2016 available at Church door: \$9.00**



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| LITURGIES                |            |         |             |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|
| Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | Springbank | 6.30pm  | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Bungaree   | 8:45am  |             |
|                          | Ballan     | 10:30am |             |



|             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday |
|-------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Sat 6.30pm  | Dunnstown (Blampied)                          | Springbank (Clunes)    | Dunnstown (Blampied)   | Clarks Hill (Clunes)   | Springbank (Blampied)  |
| Sun 8.45am  | Gordon  | Bungaree               | Gordon                 | Gordon                 | Bungaree               |
| Sun 10.30am | Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am) |                        |                        |                        |                        |

### Recent Death

Nancy Nugent

### Anniversaries

Stephen Haintz, Susan McDermott, Maurine Kiely, Joseph Palfi, Katalin & George Dusa, Brian O'Neil, Maisie Carey & Jack Shanahan.

### We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Carole Brimson, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Fred May, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar.

### Thanks

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during the Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

### Christmas Offerings

Many thanks for your generous contributions to Christmas Offerings. Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

### Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, Donegan's Farm, led by Sr Veronica Lawson. Theme: "The Blessing of Mercy" (Veronica's book of that title will be available). Expressions of interest would be helpful at this stage: Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812 449 or [kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au](mailto:kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au). Maximum: 30 participants.

### Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

The Diocese of Broome WA requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6+ months. Info: Anneliese Rohr ☎ 08 9192 1060 [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org) [www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org) PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

### 150 Years since Mary MacKillop departed from Portland

Mary MacKillop departed Portland in January 1866. 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in Portland: Sat/Sun 30/31 Jan. Info: ☎ 5523 1645 or [pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au](mailto:pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au)

### A prayer of Pope Francis in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

(from *Laudato Si': On the Care of our Common Home*)

|   | READER/INTERSESSIONS   | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS     | COMMUNION MINISTER                | ALTAR SERVERS     |
|---|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan   | The Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12             |                           |                                   |                   |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm                      | Whoever is available of the holiday period   |                           | Dorothy Sheehan                   | volunteers        |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am                         | Marie Conroy & Michael Winter  | Marie & Frank Conroy      | Marie Conroy & Michael Winter     |                   |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am                        | Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan  | Anita Lidgett family      | Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan |                   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan  | The Baptism of the Lord: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 ~ Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 ~ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22    |                           |                                   |                   |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm                     | Louise Haintz  | Greg McAloon              | Julie Toohey                      |                   |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am                       | K Hanrahan   | K Hanrahan                | M Frawley / L Jeffrey             |                   |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am                        | Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammitt  | Binks family              | Cathy Mullane & Lloyd Lamb        |                   |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 62:1-5 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ~ John 2:1-11 |                           |                                   |                   |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm                      | Liz Hanrahan   | Lisa Bower Family         | Trish Ryan                        | Max, Jade & Kiely |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am                         | Kate Carey & Marie Durham  | Angela & Frank Kearns     | Josie Donegan                     |                   |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am                        | Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan   | Kaz & Max Craggill family | Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis       |                   |