

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Passion Sunday (Year A): ~ 28th & 29th March 2020



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, Tim Delaney, Marie Shanahan

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162

✉ 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: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 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: \$159.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$95.00
	Year to date:	\$41,784.58

Vacancy on Parish Pastoral Council

There is still a vacancy for a member from the Springbank community to join the Parish Pastoral Council. If you would like more information, please contact a current member.

Earth Hour

The world's biggest switch off event. People are asked to switch off their lights from 8.30pm-9.30pm on Saturday 28th March.

Church Collections

When masses return to normal the Parish will be running two separate collections. The move to two collections is under the advisement of the Vicar General to bring us in line with the remainder of the Parishes in our Diocese. You will find the

breakdown of the disbursement of funds for the two collections on the website. The Presbytery account will be the first collection which is for the support of the priest. The second collection is for the running of the Parish which also includes your sacrificial giving envelopes.

When masses are back to normal, there will be a member of the Parish Financial Council, who, prior to mass starting, will make a small presentation of explanation.

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night	Thursday 21 st May 7pm St. Brigid's School
--	--

Church Cleaning - April

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Therese Winter and Debbie Goldie	Kath and Louise O'Neil



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

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

Parish Administrator: Fr Sajan Mathew ~ ☎ 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 Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 5280 www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$519.00
-----------------------------	-------------------------

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.

St Brendan's School News

Congratulation to Shelley Ryan on her appointment as Foundation Principal at St. Joseph's – a new primary school in Werribee. Inez French will be Interim Principal from next term with Sue Prendergast as Religious Education Leader

READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
There will be no masses until further notice			

LITURGIES

There will be no masses until further notice



	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)			

Recent Death

Henry (Harry) Strik

Anniversaries

Kathleen Mc Giffin, Monica Ramsay, Monica Hrynycyszyn, Reg Hainz, Laurie O’Neil, Martin Wheelahan, Peter Torpy, Maurice Frawley, Lars Drendel, Nora Frawley, Sr Presentation Marnell, Greg Slater, Eileen Sedunary, Mathew Cahir, Jim Flood, Ellen Murphy and Allen Payne

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, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgon, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Reg Haintz, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary

A LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

(this is a section of the letter sent out by the Victorian Bishops advising of the immediate suspension of public liturgies)

18 March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria, This morning, the Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, and outdoor events of more than 500 people will be disallowed, effective today. Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully. The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions: • Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice. • All other gatherings are suspended. For clarification of any concerns, please contact your local diocesan authority. We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation. Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families. In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass).

Updates, information, resources and links to online Masses, in light of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

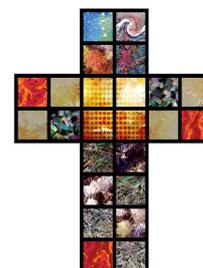
- Updates from Bishop Paul, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and other agencies is available from the diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au
- Resources are being added to this page for people to access during this time of social isolation, including links on online Masses.
- LiturgyHelp have provided a site for the people of the Ballarat diocese to access resources - links on diocesan website

Lent Resources

Lent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the “Liturgy Resource” tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Our Diocesan Community

The latest edition of ODC and eNews is now available to read online at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au under "News and Events"



“I am the resurrection and the life.”

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – March:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a joyful, hope-filled and servant community? 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.

In line with government directives aimed at slowing the spread of the coronavirus and safety measures being undertaken throughout our communities, all places of worship remain closed, including chapels.

What the difference between the Parish and Presbytery accounts?

It is a long-standing practice within church administration that a parish operates 2 separate and distinct bank accounts. They are titled -

- Parish account
- Presbytery account

The Presbytery Account:

The Presbytery is generally the first collection (cash) taken up at Mass and this is **fundamentally for the upkeep of the priest**. This collections funds the priests –

- Stipend
- Motor vehicle
- Health Insurance
- Retirement allowance (in lieu of superannuation)
- Recurrent travel expenses eg. fuel, insurance, tyres, servicing, registration etc
- Household expenses such as food and drink
- Payment to a housekeeper, although this is not common
- Fixed presbytery costs such as telephone, household requisites, heat, light and power, minor repairs, garden etc.
- Levies to the Ballarat Clergy Assistance Fund
- Other priests “supplying”
- Support for the Diocesan Bishop in running his home and like costs

Average presbytery running costs for a fully stipend priest generally average between \$53k - \$58k

Average Presbytery running costs effective from 1/7/19

Presbytery Expenses	PRIEST
Stipend	24000
Motor Vehicle	5760
Health Ins	2200
Retirement	900
Supply	500
Travel	5000
Levies	6500
House Expenses @\$225pw	11700
TOTAL	\$ 56,560

Ballarat Priests operate a cooperative scheme whereby all priests are paid the same stipend, irrespective of where they are posted or the capacity of the presbytery account to fund the costs. These parishes are subsidised by the larger parishes who collect more than the average amount.

There are currently 13 parishes being subsidised by the surplus from 14 of the larger parishes.

The Presbytery account does **NOT** fund capital works. Major repairs and building upkeep are paid by the parish.

The Parish Account:

The parish account is usually the second collections and is commonly referred to as the envelopes or sacrificial program.

This account is used to fund –

- Liturgical costs
- Pastoral programs including the engagement of pastoral associates
- Repairs and maintenance of ALL parish properties
- Administrative costs eg phone, photocopier, printing etc plus any staff employed
- Diocesan Levies that fund diocesan operations as well as special costs like seminary education, group insurances etc
- Insurance and recurrent property costs such as utilities, rates etc
- Subsidies to schools (if any)
- Loan repayments
- Funding capital projects such as major refurbishments or acquisitions