

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) ~ 16th & 17th 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

Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ~ For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: Contact Narelle Conroy (Parish Secretary)

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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

St. Brigid's Primary School	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll	☎ 5368 1015	www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495	www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au
St. Michael's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344	www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

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

Sunday

Loose	Parish: N/A	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: N/A	Year to date: \$24,837.70

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:

Sun 24th Jan. Children's Liturgy, St Patrick's Mass, Gordon.
Wed 17th Feb, 7.30pm. Finance Committee. Parish House, Gordon.

Parish Festival: 28th February

The Parish Council is planning to hold a special Picnic & Festival at the Springbank Football & Netball oval on

Sunday, 28th February, 11am to 4pm. The Parish received a grant of \$3000 through the Moorabool Shire Council Winter Grants program for a community event which involves the whole Shire. Activities include: jumping castle & climbing wall, Peppa Pig & George Pig for children. Entry by gold coin donation or \$10/family. Expressions of interest are being sought from anyone who would like to have a stall at this event to promote or sell their products. We are also seeking volunteers to help run the event on the day, including setting up & cleaning up and assisting with running activities on the day of the Festival. Info: Margie Quinlan, 0417 587 237. Please keep this date free and come along to this exciting Parish community event.

Church Cleaning – February

***Note: Vacuuming: St Michael's - 3rd, St Brigid's - 17th & St Patrick's - 24th Feb.**
Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Elaine Conlan & Edith Paarhammer.	Therese Winter, Sue Petherick & Debbie Goldie.	Aileen Simpson, Anita Maher, Julie Toohey (David).



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
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh	☎ 5334 7604	www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

Presbytery: \$164.00	Parish: \$430.00
Christmas Offerings:	\$1,490.00 (to date)

Dunnstown Toilets

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

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
www.broomedioocese.org PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

150 Years since Mary MacKillop departed from Portland

Mary MacKillop left Portland Jan 1866. 150th anniversary celebrations in Portland: Sat/Sun 30/31 Jan. Info: ☎ 5523 1645 or pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au

Review, Reimagine, Renew

Mission Making a Difference in a Changing World

Melbourne, 24-26 February

This conference aims to equip leaders, practitioners and supporters to set new directions wisely, make difficult decisions, and build their networks for mission-impact by informing and inspiring around the drivers and directions of change; providing valuable opportunities for reflection and spiritual development; strengthening connections and information sharing; and capacity building to create change for the common good. Leading US writer and journalist on Catholic affairs, John L Allen Jr, is a keynote speaker, and will lead a workshop on media engagement. Other specific content includes Catholic Social Teaching in action, and social investment for mission-impact. Info: www.css.org.au/MissionRenew

Columban Calendar 2016 available at Church door \$9.00

LITURGIES			
Tues 19 th Jan	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 23 rd Jan	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 24 th Jan	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 (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarkes Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Anniversaries

Rae Simpson, James Jarvis, Patrick Green, Gerald Shanahan, Frank McDaid, Christopher Davis, Catherine Butler, Ross Murphy, Lois Britt, Catherine Crough, Patrick Crough, Tom Crough, Heilda Maher, Kevin Lenaghan, Tony O'Halloran, Len Howard, Morrie Holloway, Kathryn Gray and Vin O'Donohue

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.

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.

Volunteers needed to support refugee students

Mercy Connect is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Ballarat Schools, for approx. 3 hrs/week for 4 school terms. Experience in an educational setting preferred; ongoing training & support provided. Initial training in February. RSVP 5th Feb: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy – Opening of the Holy Door Homily of Pope Francis – St Peter's Square, Rome, 8 December 2015



“... To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. It is he who seeks us! It is he who comes to encounter us! This will be a year in which we grow ever more convinced of God's mercy. How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy (cf. Saint Augustine, *De Praedestinatione Sanctorum*,

12, 24)! But that is the truth. We have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event God's judgement will always be in the light of his mercy. In passing through the Holy Door, then, may we feel that we ourselves are part of this mystery of love, of tenderness. Let us set aside all fear and dread, for these do not befit men and women who are loved. Instead, let us experience the joy of encountering that grace which transforms all things.

“Today, here in Rome and in all the dioceses of the world, as we pass through the Holy Door, we also want to remember another door, which fifty years ago the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council opened to the world. This anniversary cannot be remembered only for the legacy of the Council's documents, which testify to a great advance

in faith. Before all else, the Council was an encounter. A genuine encounter between the Church and the men and women of our time. An encounter marked by the power of the Spirit, who impelled the Church to emerge from the shoals which for years had kept her self-enclosed so as to set out once again, with enthusiasm, on her missionary journey. It was the resumption of a journey of encountering people where they live: in their cities and homes, in their workplaces. Wherever there are people, the Church is called to reach out to them and to bring the joy of the Gospel, and the mercy and forgiveness of God. After these decades, we again take up this missionary drive with the same power and enthusiasm. The Jubilee challenges us to this openness, and demands that we not neglect the spirit which emerged from Vatican II, the spirit of the Samaritan, as Blessed Paul VI expressed it at the conclusion of the Council. May our passing through the Holy Door today commit us to making our own the mercy of the Good Samaritan.”

Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

Tues 1st March, Donegan's Farm, led by Sr Veronica Lawson. Theme: “The Blessing of Mercy”. \$20/person includes lunch and a copy of Veronica's book on mercy. Brochure at church door. Bookings: Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812 449 or kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au. Maximum: 30 participants.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
16 th & 17 th Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 62:1-5 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:14-11 ~ 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	
23 rd & 24 th Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 ~ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Mary Prendergast	Tim Bennett	Mowing: Tim Bennett & Maurice Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Pat Carey & Caron Whitefield	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Winnie Zammitt & Judith Hodgson	
30 th & 31 st Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 ~ Luke 4:21-30			
Sprinbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Amanda Elliott	P Elliott	L Hanrahan/ A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	