

The Baptism of the Lord (Year A) ~ 11th & 12th January 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, Bambi Afford, Marie Shanahan

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR

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: 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: \$n/a
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$n/a
	Year to date:	\$26,627.73

Plenary 2020 Update

Again, we would like to share more of your thoughts resulting from the recent Plenary Gathering in Gordon. We are also preparing to formulate these into a draft paper for our next step prior to submission. You will notice these themes could apply locally as well as nationally:

- Have church and school communities working closer as one

- Organise school masses 2 to 3 times per year
- Be helpful to people – our best gift to others is time
- Recognise diversity among people and their ideas.
- Respect and understand the differences
- Create opportunities for healing, listening and forgiving.
- Turn criticism into compliments, judgement into appreciation
- Set up Antioch or similar type groups for our youth

FOUND

A member of the public has advised us that a set of keys found outside St Brigid's Ballan on Saturday 4th January have been handed into the Ballan Police Station.



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:	\$343.50	Parish:	\$390.00
Christmas Offering:	\$715.00 (to date)		

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.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
11th & 12th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord (Year A): Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 ~ Acts: 10:34-38 ~ Matthews: 313;17			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Julie & Sophie Boyd	S Steenhuis	L Jeffrey / D Ryan	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Winnie Zammit & Anne Eskdale	James and Alison Eskdale and Family	Bert Jarvis & Simone Foder	
Ballan ~ 10.30am				
18th & 19th Jan	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 49:3,5-6 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ~ John 1:29-34			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Britt	Nat MacDonald Family	Dorothy Sheehan	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke	Maria and Bernadette Donegan	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Sr Kathleen Moran	Leon and Pat Burvill	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgson	
25th & 26th Jan	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 8:23-9:3; ~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17; Matthew 4:12-23			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Marty Forbes	Tim Bennett	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Bert Jarvis	James & Alison Eskdale & Family	Patricia Binks & Winnie Zammit	

LITURGIES			
Sat 18 th Jan	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 19 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	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



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

Recent Death

May Kirby, Joey Teuma

Anniversaries

Catherine Maher, Jim Crough, John McDermott, John Parkin, Lex Walsh, Henry Parkin, Josie Ryan, Ross Murphy, James Quinlan, Rae Simpson, James Jarvis, Una Toohey, Ted Hanrahan, Margaret Amos, Patrick Green, Sam Borg

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 Hodgson, Kevin Mullane, Christine Hall, John Ryan

Thank you from Fr Des

As St Paul wrote

"Dearly Beloved, I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers."

I feel the same way about you. Thank you all for so many things Thanks so much for making me at home in your wonderful Parishes.

Thank you for your trust, your co-operation and your affection.

Thank you for your faith, and your generosity.

But thanks especially for the wonderful way you welcomed me into your hearts.

Say a prayer for me. You, my people of the Twin Parishes of this Idyllic Locale, have a special place in my heart too.

God bless you all.

Father Des

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Quinn May Slater (2016), Marli Matilda Wilson (2018)

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

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.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul CSsR has recently announced the following appointments:

- Administrator of Bungaree Parish and Visiting Priest to Gordon Parish from 15 January 2020: Fr Sajan Matthew
- Supervising Priest of Cororooke in addition to Parish Priest of Colac: Fr Michael O'Toole
- Assistant Priest East Wimmera Parish: Fr Jim McKay
- Administrator of Robinvale Parish: Fr Peter Jose CMI

Parish Secretary Position

See the attached notice for full details of this position.

Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat

Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. You can read Bishop Paul's letter are www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Nominations to bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au by Friday, Feb 7, 2020.

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic?** 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. www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

"The Year of Matthew" Retreat with Fr Frank Moloney SDB

This retreat will be held at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield from February 3-6, 2020. Cost is \$430.00 which covers the retreat, meals and accommodation. For further information contact the Retreat Centre, ph. 9752 2432 or dbrclysterfield@gmail.com.

St Joseph's Technical School South Melbourne Reunion

A reunion of students, teachers and staff will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 12.00noon to 4.00pm at the old school site, which is now home to Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School. BBQ lunch and light refreshments provided. Memorabilia will be on display. Info: Tony ph. 9580 7344.

A Prayer for Bushfire Regions

Loving Lord, we pray for you for protection during this time of crisis and danger as unprecedented bushfires are ravaging our regions.

We pray for all our communities and individuals who have been affected by the ferocious bushfires. For those who have died, that they may have eternal rest. For those who are still missing and unaccounted for: that they may be found safe and well. For those who have lost homes, livestock and domestic pets: that they may experience the care and practical assistance of their communities and support services, as they face the trauma of loss and grief and begin to rebuild their lives. For those who have evacuated their communities: that they may reach a place of safety.

We give thanks for those who are so courageously fighting the bushfires, for emergency service members and the Australian Defence Forces: may they may be protected and kept safe from harm as they carry out their important work.