



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones ~ Parish Coordinators: Joan Bourke (Moderator), Catherine Green & Michael Ryan

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*

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| Parish Pastoral Council | Helen Ryan (Chair), Joan Bourke (Moderator), Linden Hall, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Gabe Driscoll (School Principal) ..** A representative is required for Springbank.** | | |
| Finance Committee | Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher | | |
| 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:

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$300.00 | Parish: \$13.00 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$173.60 | Year to date: \$8,319.80 |
| Sick & retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$372.00 | | |

News from the Coordinators (Joan, Catherine & Michael):

Congratulations to Father Shane on your 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. We thank you for your wonderful contribution to our Parish community with Weddings, First Eucharist, Confirmation, RCIA and especially for celebrating with us our Sunday masses each week. Always willing to cooperate and support us, our Parish is very fortunate to have Father Shane as our Visiting Priest.

POSITION VACANT: Parish Secretary

Part-time, 10 hours per week. Based in Parish House, Gordon. This position includes a wide range of administrative duties and responsibilities. More information and copy of Position Description available from Parish Coordinators, Joan Bourke, 0402 111 495, Catherine Green, 0400 290 171, Michael Ryan, 0408 823 184.

Kathleen's Corner

There is one week left of an exhibition at the Ballarat Art Gallery (showing September 3-25 in Ballarat. The Exhibition is entitled WARM. It is a community textile art project sponsored by SEAM Inc (Sustainable Environment Arts Movement). It unreservedly is evidence of community

concern for the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. The keynote speaker at the opening was Melanie Robertson, scientist & engineer, formerly Manager of the Waubra Wind Farm and now CEO of the Ballarat Committee. You may like to Google SEAM, WARM, Melanie Robertson and Lars Stenberg for further information.

With Appreciation

The Sullivan Family is very grateful for the kindness and support given to them by the funeral ministry members, Fr. Tom Brophy, and the Gordon parishioners, at the celebration of the life of the late Ethel at St. Patrick's Church, Gordon on 22nd August.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- 21st Sept. 7pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House.
- Sun 25th Sept. Gleeson-Mills reunion (Info. Michael Elkins ☎: 98791415)
- 16th Oct. Parish Assembly. After Mass, St Brigid's gathering space.
- Sun 27th Nov. 2pm. Gordon Cemetery Mass. **(no 8:45am Mass on this day).**

Church Cleaning – October

**Vacuuming: St Michael's - 4th, St Brigid's - 11th, St Patrick's - 18th October
Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
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| Ken Hillier & Lloyd Lamb | Therese Winter, Sue Petherick & Debbie Goldie. | Aileen Simpson & Anita Maher |



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

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| Presbytery: \$412.00 | Parish: \$445.00 |
| Retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$300.00 | |

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

I'm very grateful for the many ways in which parishioners are celebrating my ordination anniversary with me. The gatherings in our two parishes are wonderful community occasions, which require a great deal of effort and organisation. I've received many cards, gifts and messages of congratulations and good wishes. I appreciate very much the warmth, generosity and encouragement that I have been shown over these weeks.



Music Volunteers for Liturgies

Many thanks to Mary Slater and Terry Elliott who have now concluded their generous contribution over many years to leading music at Clarkes Hill and Bungaree. New volunteers are invited for all our churches. Please contact Helen Mahar (Clarkes Hill) HelenMa@bhs.org.au, Julie Boyd (Bungaree) boydh.1@bigpond.com or Brendan Spratling (Dunnstown) brendansprat@hotmail.com

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday, 4th October, 7.30pm, Bungaree Parish Centre, followed by supper.

| LITURGIES | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|--|
| Thurs 22 nd Sep | Ballan | 10.00am | Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space |
| Sat 24 th Sep | Clarkes Hill | 6.30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 25 th Sep | Gordon | 8.45am | |
| | Ballan | 10.30am | |

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| Sat 6.30pm | Dunnstown | Springbank | Dunnstown | Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied) | Springbank |
| Sun 8.45am | Gordon | Bungaree | Gordon | Gordon | Bungaree |
| Sun 10.30am | Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am) | | | | |



Anniversaries

Vera Winter, Kevin O'Brien, Margaret Mahar, Catherine Graham, Mollie Sullivan, Des Lee, Bill Moroney, Kevin Jeffrey and Jean Leonard

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne Mc Kercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, Joe D'arcy, Mark Leonard, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just, George Roberts.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Marcia Carey and Simon Powell, who were married this Saturday in St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. This collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Special envelopes are available for this collection. A credit card facility is available, and contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible. **Caring for those who cared for us – the church community's responsibility.**

Social Justice Sunday – 25th September

'A PLACE AT THE TABLE: Social Justice in an Ageing Society'.

The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises that this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499

Day of Prayer for Peace – Tuesday 20th September

Pope Francis has asked to join with him in prayer for peace this Tuesday, as he presides over an Interreligious Meeting in Assisi:

*O God, by your Spirit you move human hearts
that enemies may speak to each other again,
adversaries join hands,
and peoples seek to meet together.*

By the working of your power

It comes about, O Lord,

That hatred is overcome by love,

revenge gives way to forgiveness,

and discord is changed to mutual respect.

(Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II)

Free eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

Speakers: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Mr Phil Glendenning, Sr Veroncia Lawson. Tues 20th Sept, 10.30am–2.45pm. Info: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference2016 Registration: <http://creomedia.com.au/clients/bbi/econference2016/>

Also available at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat small hall, cuppa from 9.30am. BYO lunch. RSVP: Cathedral Office, ☎ 5331 2933 or ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Opportunities for formation, support, study and certification for lay pastoral employees and volunteers in the Ballarat Diocese in partnership with the Virtual Learning Community, Dayton University. Begin this October (or next year). Flyers in churches, or more info at: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening

Wed 26 Oct, 7.30pm, College Chapel, followed by College tour, supper and question time with teaching staff. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/MZJN Info: Caitlin Bennett cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank

St Michael's School will close at the end of the 2016 school year. On December 3, we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with afternoon tea at 4pm. Mass at 6.30pm, then a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. Recovery brunch, Sunday, December 4 (BYO drinks to this event). RSVP to Margie Quinlan Email: quinlanwater@gmail.com or message ☎: 0417 587 235. *Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.*

| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 17 th & 18 th Sept | Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 8:4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ~ Luke 16:1-13 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Liz Hanrahan | Stephen Leonard Family | Fran Peterkin | Gemma H & Madalyn B |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja | Marie & Frank Conroy | Josie Donegan | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis | Helen & Anthony Blazek | John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple | |
| 24 th & 25 th Sept | Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 6:1,4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 6:11-16 ~ Luke 16:19-31 | | | |
| Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm | Helen Mahar | Helen Mahar | Julie Moran | |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor | Angela & Frank Kearns | Joan Bourke | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Patrick Hodgon & Lloyd Lamb | Julie Dargan family | Simone Fodor & Patricia Binks | |
| 1 st & 2 nd Oct | Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4 ~ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ~ Luke 17:5-10 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Dorothy Sheehan & Bonnie Rinaldi | Paul Britt Family | Trish White | Darcy, Jade & Kiely |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Joan Bourke & Eily Carey | Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield | Eddie Davis | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Julie Dargan & John Fabre | James & Alison Eskdale Family | Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis | |

