# The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Year B) $23^{rd}$ & $24^{th}$ June, 2018



# 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.

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay

Parish Secretary/Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): Natasha Buttigieg 🕾 5368 9280 or 0423 217 556

🖂 gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🖰 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

For Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals please contact Parish Secretary ~ messages will be forwarded

PARISH VISION: That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ

www.sbballan.catholic.edu.au St. Brigid's Primary School Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll **2** 5368 1015 Parish Schools St. Patrick's Primary School **2** 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford

# Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$412.00	
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$1,032.00	Year to date:	
	Envelopes: \$1,032.00	\$62,317.75	

# Parish of Gordon: Review Commission Update

As reported last week, Vin Dillon and Sue Daly met recently with Bishop Paul, Fr Kevin Maloney and Amanda Smith to progress the approach to be used for the Commission. It is intended that the process will include a review of the past 5 years, exploration of potential options for a future governance structure and discernment of an agreed way forward for the parish. The process is expected to take approximately 6 months and will include opportunities for parish members to contribute to each of these themes. Next steps include attendance by Sue and Vin at the June Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Committee meetings. There will be a report here next week.

# Volunteer Needed Gordon Parish Safeguarding Officer

The Parish needs a volunteer to fill the role of Safeguarding Officer. The role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer is to provide support, advice and information on all matters concerning the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in the parish. Training in safeguarding and child protection will be provided. The appointee will require a Working with Children Check Card and a Police Check. The position is voluntary and is supported by the Coordinator for Professional Standards. The position does not require a person to undertake investigations. The appointment is for a period of two years. This position needs to be filled as a matter of urgency as per the Parishes under the Victorian Safeguarding legislation that came into effect at the start of 2017. If you are interested in the position please contact the Parish Office for a position description or it is also available on the Parish Website.

# **Coming Events & Meetings**

• 19<sup>th</sup> August children's mass Gordon

# Parish Directory

Please find a new updated parish directory in the foyer of all the churches.

# Help wanted!

Would you like to welcome people to Sunday liturgies at St Brigid's, Ballan? This role could be shared between multiple people. If you are interested please speak with Ken Hillier.

# Church Cleaning - July

St Michael's 13th, St Brigid's 20th & St Patrick's 27th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK		
Margaret Ryan	Kim Newman	Faye Toohey		
Colleen Ryrie	Michelle Barnes	Julie Toohey		
Julie Dargan	Bianca Flint			



# 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 ~ 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

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: \$354.90 Parish: \$390.00

#### 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.

# **Confirmation and First Eucharist**

Eight children from our parish are preparing with their families for Confirmation and First Eucharist: Emma Dash, Jonah Hall, Thomas Howard, Casey Leonard, Tierney Leonard, Frankie Macdonald, Tess Rafter, Bethany Toose. We assure them and their families of our prayerful support during this time of preparation.

# **Retreat Day**

~ Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August: Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist ~ Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

# Week 1 ~ Belonging: Initiated in Baptism

- Through our baptism we are initiated into the life of the Catholic Church
- Families celebrate significant occasions in their lives in particular ways
- When we belong we experience welcome, acceptance and a sense of responsibility to others

#### No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

Provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society to assist low income earners in the Ballarat region to purchase essential goods and services up to the value of \$1500. Volunteers needed to assist, Thurs 9am-1pm fortnightly. No experience required. Info: Richard Francis 🕾 5331 3907

LITURGIES				
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group	
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Dunnstown	6.30pm		
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Jul	Gordon	8.45am	Sunday Mass	
	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	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarkes Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	n Ballan (Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)				



#### **Anniversaries**

Vera McGuigan, Stan Mullane, Ken Tipple, Patricia Conroy, Daniel Toohey, James Hopkins, Laurie Maher, Jane Auchettl, Alma Jones, Kevin O'Donohue, Isabella Senserrick, Ellie Mooring, Phil Collins

#### We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupo, Noel Craven

# Fr Shane's Holidays

Fr Shane commences his annual holidays after masses this weekend. While he is away, Fr Tom Brophy will celebrate weekend masses, and Fr Gary Jones will be available if needed during the week \$\mathbb{T}\$ 5348 2026

#### <u>Baptism</u>

Congratulations to Kiara Rose & Bridget Eliza Grigg (daughters of Kate & Stuart), who are being baptised this weekend in Ballan. We welcome Kiara and Bridget into our faith community, and assure them and their family of our prayers and support.

### **Baptism Anniversaries**

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Jackson James Davidge (2013), Brady E. J. Davidge (2013), Gus Kellan Fenwick (2013)

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

#### **Sharing the Word**

An eLibrary of Catholic resources has been made available with the support of Catholic Mission Australia. The initiative is called *Sharing the Word Project*. It can be accessed at <a href="http://sharingtheword.info">http://sharingtheword.info</a>

# Mentors for Refugee & Asylum Seeker Children

Volunteers needed to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools through Mercy Connect, to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. 3 hours/week (school time). Experience in education preferred; on-going training and support provided. Initial training, third term. Info: Donna Stewart © 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

# Listen to what the Spirit is saying

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" Find out more and register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

# "See My Humanity - Dreams of a Life After Detention"

ContainART Mobile Gallery on display at Pearce's Park, Barkly Street, til 27 June. Supported by Rural Australians for Refugees.

# <u>Year of Youth: Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy!</u> Joy Spreading with guest speaker Sam Clear (Walk4One)

Opportunity for young Catholic adults (18–30yo) to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Lake View Hotel, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30–9pm. Info: <a href="https://www.walk4one.com">www.walk4one.com</a> or <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au">www.ballarat.catholic.org.au</a> or <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au">27<sup>th</sup></a> 5337 7125.

# Joy+ Diocesan Youth Festival

Day-long festival for youth and young adults 15–30yo. Ballarat, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. Genevieve Bryant & band and special guests. Free registration: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/WHVU">www.trybooking.com/WHVU</a> Info: youth ministry pages <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au">www.ballarat.catholic.org.au</a> or <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au">youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au</a>

# eConference: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

Engaging Australian communities in discussion around the future vision & direction for the Catholic Church. Participate at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Wed 8<sup>th</sup> August, 10am–3pm. BYO lunch. Info: <a href="https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice--listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change">https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice--listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change</a>

#### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - now open

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the July/August cycle close July 4. Info <a href="https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au">www.ballarat.catholic.org.au</a> or Amanda <a href="mailto:s3377125">s3377125</a> or email: <a href="mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au">amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au</a>

# St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship

Scholarships to enable lay people to further their skills in leadership/ministry or specialised activities such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 23 July. Details and application: <a href="http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html">http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html</a>

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER		ALTAR SERVERS
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Year B): Isaiah 49:1-6 ~ Acts 13:22-26 ~ Luke 1:57-66,80				
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Marty Forbes	Julie Moran	Marty Forbes Mowing:		: Con Powell & Pat Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Maria Donegan		
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Angela Carr & Julie Dargan	Helen and Anthony Blazek	Bert Jarvis & Lorraine Tipple		
30 <sup>th</sup> June & 1 <sup>st</sup> July	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Wisdom 1:13-15 ~ 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15 ~ Mark 5:21-43				
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Ash & Brad Simpson	Tery Simpson Family	Trish White		Amy, Cody & Matilda
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Brian & Kate Carey	Eily Carey		
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Mark Conlan	Mary and Des Conroy	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgon		
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> July	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Ezekiel 2:2-5 ~ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ~ Mark 6:1-6				
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Tony & Julie Toohey	Peter Maher Family	Sharon Daly		
Bun garee ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	D Ryan	E Clark / L Jeffrey		
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Sandra Miller	Lorraine DeSpirit and Vikki Boka	Helen Conlan & Lloyd Lamb		