

# The Feast of the Holy Family (Year A) ~ 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019



## 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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Patrick's Primary School** Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495 [www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$499.35
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$379.00
	<b>Year to date:</b>	\$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



## 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

✉ 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](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$172.50	<b>Parish:</b>	\$440.00
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### 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A):</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Whoever is available over the holiday season		Jennifer McKay	
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30pm</b>	TBA	TBA	TBA	

LITURGIES			
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Gordon	8.45am	
	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	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

### **Anniversaries**

Kevin Jones, Fr Pat Culligan, John Thomas, Joseph Maher, Tess Dridan, Stephen Haintz

### **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 Hodgon, Kevin Mullane, Christine Hall, John Ryan

### **Parish Secretary Position**

The Gordon and Bungaree Parishes are seeking secretaries to complete Parish administrative work. These roles could be combined into one position – currently 17 hours per week. Tasks include: parish accounting and returns, planned giving program and notice sheet. Remuneration based on Diocesan rates. Suitably skilled applicants with an on-going commitment to their Parish can apply by email to Damian Ryan ([ryandjr@bigpond.com](mailto:ryandjr@bigpond.com)). Applications close at 4.00 pm on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

### **Baptism**

Congratulations to Oliver Mason Donegan (son of Jacob and Emma) and Henry Leo Wolfe (son of Stephen and Carli) who are being baptised at St. Patrick's, Gordon this weekend. We welcome Oliver and Henry into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

### **Thank you**

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

### **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

### **Pastoral Care Education**

The South West Victoria CPE Centre is offering the opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care. More info contact Clinical Pastoral Supervisor and CPE Centre Director, Bernadette Wurlod ☎0455 033 321 or email [bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au](mailto:bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au).

### **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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) Nominations to [bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.