



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): Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0423 217 556
 ✉ 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: \$284.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$271.00
	Year to date:	\$16,119.58

Parish of Gordon Finance Committee Report

Financial Year to date 1st July - 15th October 2019

Where does my support go? To maintenance of our churches and parish facilities. Your sacrificial giving pledge meets the basic operating costs of the parish. Eg: Insurance, utility bills, staff wages, visiting clergy wages, cleaning, levies to the Diocese, grounds & garden maintenance, liturgical supplies.

Income: Planned Giving: Envelopes \$ 13,128, Presbytery \$3,339, Other Income \$ 680 **Total Income:** \$ 17,147

Expenses: Administration \$5,417, Diocesan Levies \$2,821, Insurance \$Nil, Property Costs \$13,610, Liturgical Costs \$938,
Total Expenses: \$ 22,786

Loss \$ 5,639

Plenary Council 2020 – “Listen to what the Spirit is saying.....”

You will have noticed on the parish bulletin over the past few months, the six National Themes for Discernment inviting parishioners to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling us to be a Christ centered Church in Australia. This weekend a flyer will be handed out regarding the meeting on Sunday, November 17. Please take time to reflect and consider one of the themes which could be relevant in the listening and discernment encounter. A link to the web address is also printed which may assist. If you would like any more information, please see one of the leaders. This is a wonderful opportunity to have our voices heard.

October Mission Month

Envelopes for donations are available in church foyers.

Maintenance Work from 28 Oct – 6 Nov 2019.

Due to Occupational Health and Safety issues the pathway/driveway to the front of St Patrick's church will be replaced. Please be aware of tripping hazards during this time.



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

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$262.00	Parish: \$390.00
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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 (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 10th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to other people who may be interested.

Preparation for Reconciliation

Grade 2 students in our parish are preparing with their families to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time. They will be enrolling for this preparation at parish masses in the coming weeks. We assure them of our prayers and support.

Retreat Day: Tuesday 26th November

Reconciliation: Tuesday 26th November, 5.30pm

Children in Year 6 or above are encouraged to reflect again on this sacrament by preparing for individual reconciliation, which they will be able to celebrate during Advent.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
26th & 27th October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19 ~ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 ~ Luke 18:9-14			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Helen Moran	Margie Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	TBA	Julie Dargan Family	Helen Conlan & Winnie Zammit	
2nd & 3rd November	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Wisdom 11:22-12:2 ~ 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 ~ Luke 19:1-10			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish & Nicole White	White Family	Margaret Leonard	Rose, Tierney & Lena
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Monica Eastwood	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Sandra Miller	Leon & Pat Burvill	Cathy Mullane & Lorraine Tipple	
9th * 10th November				
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Molly Ronan	Brendan Simpson Family	Donna Simpson	
Pootilla ~ 9.30am	N Jeffrey	C Frawley	N Jeffrey / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vicki Boka	Patricia Binks & Bert Jarvis	

LITURGIES			
Thur 31 st Oct	Ballan	10.30am	Prayer Group @ Ballan Hostel
Fri 1 st Nov	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 2 nd Nov	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 3 rd Nov	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	Clarkes 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 27

Anniversaries

Bronislaw Blazek, Martin Seiger, Richard Keating, Catherine Brown, Henry Nolan, Mary Donegan, Eileen Ryan, Patrick Elliott, Alma Holloway, Allan Dixon, Noel Torpy, Ronnie Spratling, Hughie O'Halloran, Mollie Maher

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, Tom Hanrahan, Mike Hayward-Brown, Leon Burvill.

Welcome to Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR

A warm welcome to Fr Des, who is in resident at St Michael's, Bungaree, providing sacramental ministry in Bungaree and Gordon parishes until 13th January 2020. We hope you are settling in well.

Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has invited Fr Shane to return to the diocese and celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving after his episcopal ordination: St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, Wednesday 13th November, 7.00pm, followed by supper.

Music Group for Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the Ordination of Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass. Practice times to be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest ph: 5337 7159 or julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences, "It takes a Village" Registrations Now Open

"It takes a village" is the theme of both the Diocesan and State RCIA conferences this year. The Diocesan Conference will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct on Friday, November 15 5.30pm - 9.00pm followed by the State Conference on Saturday, November 16 8.30am - 4.30pm. For more info and to register go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Those attending the Diocesan Conference are welcome and encouraged to attend the State Conference.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete

The Annual Fete will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 10.00am. Cake and produce stalls, plants, spinning wheel and raffles, morning tea, sausage sizzle, horse rides and much more. More info contact Margaret, ph. 0419 003 415

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **15-17 November.** Starts 7pm Friday - 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment

Jillian Hogbin and Felicity Knobel are facilitating Discernment gatherings in the Cathedral parish for each of the six themes of the Plenary Council, Sunday afternoons, 2.30pm- 4.30pm. The discernment process is a prayerful one, commencing with Scripture, silence, spiritual conversations and proposed actions.

Sunday October 27 - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is Missionary & Evangelising

Sunday November 17 - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing and merciful

Sunday December 1 - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is inclusive, missionary & synodal

Plenary Council: Listening & Dialogue Stage Final Report

Listen to what the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

Plenary Council - National Themes for Discernment Announced

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

1. Missionary and Evangelising
2. Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
3. Prayerful and Eucharistic
4. Humble, Healing and Merciful
5. A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
6. Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform

Catholic Theological College Open Day

Wednesday, November 6, 4.30pm - 6.30pm. Includes Study Options, Building and Library Tour, Refreshments. RSVP by Friday, November 1 to Jenny Delahunt ph:9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

Loreto College Ballarat Past Pupils

The Past Pupils High Tea & Annual Mass of Remembrance. High Tea will be held in the Loreto Café on Wednesday 6 November from 2pm and will be followed by the Past Pupils Association AGM. The annual Mass of Remembrance will then follow the AGM, in the Chapel. RSVP by 25 October. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/BEGUB> or ph: 5329 6137 or email development@loreto.vic.edu.au

Year 7 ~ 2021 Enrolment Information

Loreto College: Info www.loreto.vic.edu.au

Damascus College

- Open morning: October 29 from 9.00am - 10.30am.

Register: <https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us>

St Patrick's College

- Open Mornings: Friday mornings 9.00am. Please book.

For further information cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or

<http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>.

Applications close 4pm Friday, 6 Dec.