



## ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

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

Supervising Priest: Fr Ed Moloney ~ Parish Coordinators: Sue Daly (Moderator), Lin Bowers, Joan Burke  
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**PARISH VISION:** *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Donna Simpson (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Carole Barr, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal)		
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Dana Ronan (Chair), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Therese Winter (Secretary), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Michael Ryan, Lin Bowers (Coordinator Representative)		
<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b>	<b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	<b>St. Michael's Primary School</b>
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### Collections Last Week

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

<b>Loose</b>	Parish: \$179.35	Presbytery: \$250.00
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$496.00	<b>Year to date:</b> \$51,261.10

### News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

This week we welcome back Fr John McKinnon who will celebrate Mass for us here in Ballan and then meet with the coordinators in his mentoring role. We are grateful for the guidance and support Fr John shares with us as we continue our endeavours for the parish. Therese Winter has tendered her resignation from the Parish Finance Committee for Gordon. We thank Therese most sincerely for her dedication and commitment to our Parish. If you would be interested in filling this role, please contact the Parish Secretary or Dana Ronan for more details. Forty young children will be presented to our parish this weekend as they continue their faith journey – please keep them and their families in your prayers.

### Parish Council Report

The parish council met on May 11<sup>th</sup> in the parish house and the following topics were discussed.

\*Welcome packs for the parish have been produced and distributed to each church foyer. These are intended to support new parishioners who have moved into the area.

\*The Pastoral Parish Council Guidelines were reviewed and are now ready to be implemented.

\*Parish contact list was revised and changes made. This list shows the many parishioners who support us all in so many ways.

\*The 140 year celebrations were reviewed and the general consensus was that it was a wonderful day. Thank you letters have been sent as appropriate to priests, members of the organising committee, the choir, Scott Turner for the photos, Parents and Friends at St Pat's for supporting supper etc.

### Dismissal of Ministers taking Communion to the Sick

Any Minister taking Communion from the weekend Mass to the sick is asked to be at the church early, alert the projectionist and the priest, and place your pyx and the number of hosts required on the side table near the altar. Be sure you can recognise your pyx. You will be called forward by the priest after Communion. Stand on the sanctuary while all the people dismiss you. Then return to your seat.

### Confirmation & First Communion Preparation

Family Group Meetings Commence; Ballan: Wed, 11<sup>th</sup> June (7pm).  
Gordon Tues, 16<sup>th</sup> June (4pm).

### Parish Council Meeting

Mon, 15<sup>th</sup> June. 7:30pm. Parish House, Gordon.

### Church Cleaning – June

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

\*Note: St Michael's will be vacuumed on 27<sup>th</sup> May & St Patrick's on 10<sup>th</sup> June

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Sims & Caz Craggill	Therese Winter, Sue Petherick & Debbie Goldie.	Louise O'Neil Cathy Hanrahan



## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarke's Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

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### Collections Last Week

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$119.10	<b>Parish:</b>	\$459.00
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### Planned Giving – End of Quarter Summary

Thanks to the faithfulness and generosity of 61 contributors, \$7,186 was received in the last quarter, making a total of \$33,064 in the last 12 months of the current Planned Giving Program (total pledged over this time: \$36,803). 32 contributors participate electronically, representing about 60% of the amount received. Contact Damian Ryan or Fr Shane if you would like to support our parish by becoming a contributor, or if you would like to switch to electronic contributions from your bank account or credit card.

### Confirmation and First Eucharist

**Information Night** for parents of children celebrating Confirmation and First Eucharist this year (Year 3 or above)

~ Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7.30pm, Bungaree Parish Centre

### Children enrol for the preparation program

~ Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm, St Brendan's, Dunnstown

~ Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 8.45am, St Michael's, Bungaree

### Retreat Day

~ Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, Bungaree Parish Centre

### Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

~ Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 6.30pm, St Brendan's, Dunnstown

~ Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 8.45am, St Michael's, Bungaree



	Ministries for next Weekend 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> June		
	Reader/Prayers	Present Gifts	Comm Minister
<b>Dunnstown 6.30pm</b>	Helen & Bridget Spratling	Spratling Family	Dorothy Sheehan
<b>Gordon 8.45am</b>	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Pat Carey & Caron Whitefield	Carmen Camilleri
<b>Ballan 10.30am</b>	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Patricia Binks

LITURGIES			
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> June	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 (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



**Royal Commission**  
into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

### **Recent Death**

Tom White

### **Anniversaries**

John Egan, James Terris, Heather 'Rose' Marlsen, Angela Teuma, Joan Clifford and Frank Brennan

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

Joe Donegan, Fay Thomas, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Fr Justin Woodford, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith.

### **Welcome**

Congratulations to Archie Kinniburgh (son of Melissa & Adam), Ava Toohey (daughter of Julie & Aaron), Florence Thorley (daughter of Rhian & Christian), and Jamie Jarvis (son of Xiaofang & Jamie), who are being baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

### **Volunteers to Support Refugee Students**

Mercy Connect Ballarat currently supports over 20 students across 7 Ballarat primary and secondary schools. Volunteers needed to support students currently waiting for assistance, approx. 3 hrs/week in school terms. Educational experience preferred. Training in June. RSVP 8 June: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com)

### **eConference: Religion: Catalyst for Violence or Peace?**

Speakers: Mohamad Abdalla (Griffith University), Amy-Jill Levine (Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies), Rev. Prof. Dorothy Lee (New Testament, Trinity College, Melbourne), Terry Lovat (University of Newcastle). **Tues 23 June, 10am–2.30pm.** Free. Registration required. More details & info: [www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference](http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference)

### **Nepal Earthquake**

Caritas Australia, which is supported by Project Compassion, is working with Caritas Nepal to respond to the immediate needs following the earthquake in Kathmandu. Donations: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or ☎ 1800 024 413

### **St Vincent de Paul: Assist a Student**

The 'Assist a Student' program provides for the education needs of a student in Asia or the Pacific, selected by their local St Vincent de Paul society, with no deduction for administration costs. Donors receive certificate with student name, country and course of study for each \$70 donation. (To protect student privacy and dignity, no photographs or addresses are supplied.) ☎ 9895 5800 or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

### **Daily Prayer in St Patrick's Cathedral**

Morning prayer (8am) and evening prayer (5pm) each day of the Royal Commission hearing in Ballarat. All welcome.

### **Royal Commission Hearing in Ballarat**

The Royal Commission will hear from:

- Residents, students and others about the impact of their experiences of child sexual abuse by Catholic clergy and religious associated with Ballarat institutions run by the Catholic Church
- Members of the community about the impact of child sexual abuse on the community
- Catholic Church authorities about the Church's response to the impact of child sexual abuse on survivors, their families and the community of Ballarat; and the Church's response to survivors, their families and the community of Ballarat.

Live streaming: [www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au](http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au)

How to get support:

- Royal Commission ☎ 1800 099 340
- Relationships Australia ☎ 1800 052 674
- Lifeline ☎ 13 11 14
- CrimeStoppers ☎ 1800 333 000
- Towards Healing ☎ 1800 816 030
- Pastoral Letter from Bishop available at church door

### **Code of Conduct for Caring for Children**

The Professional Standards policy for the diocese is available at the Church door.

### **The Quilt of Hope at Mercy**

Mercy Associates will host a visit of the Quilt of Hope to the Mercy Centre in Victoria St, Mon 25–Fri 29 May, 2–6pm. The Quilt is an initiative of Moving Towards Justice Inc., a Ballarat-based group who support those impacted by church-related sexual abuse. It was made by families, friends and supporters as one way to try to show care & compassion for survivors. The exhibition is intended to provide a focus and a quiet place for reflection during the time of the Royal Commission Public Hearing in Ballarat. Entrance from Gent St or the side gate on Victoria St.

### **Prayer**

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong,  
always present, always just: You gave us your only Son.  
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace,  
join to your own suffering the pain of all who have been  
hurt in body, mind or spirit by those  
who betrayed the trust placed in them.  
Hear our cries as we agonize over the harm done  
to our brothers and sisters.  
Breathe wisdom into our prayers, soothe restless hearts  
with hope, steady shaken spirits with faith:  
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,  
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.  
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's  
wounds and transform our brokenness.  
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, so  
that we may act with justice and generosity,  
and so that all may find peace in you. *Amen.*