



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: Lin Bowers (Moderator), Joan Bourke & Catherine Green
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PARISH VISION: *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

Parish Pastoral Council Donna Simpson (Chair), Joan Bourke (Coordinator representative), Linden Hall, Carole Barr, Helen Ryan, Marg Quinlan, Sr Kathleen Moran, Michael Kennedy (School Principal)
Finance Committee Dana Ronan (Chair), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Michael Ryan, Stephen Conroy, Lin Bowers (Coordinator Representative)

Parish Schools	St. Brigid's Primary School	St. Patrick's Primary School	St. Michael's Primary School
	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015 Fax: 5368 2068 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy ☎ 5368 9495 Fax: 5368 9198 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy ☎ 5334 0344 Fax: 5334 0533 www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

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

2015/16	Loose	Parish: \$78.95	Presbytery: \$300.00
	Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$244	Year to date: \$322.95
	Popes Collection	\$321.25	
2014/15	Planned Giving Envelopes:		Direct Debit June:
	\$1,790.00		\$3,415.00
Year to Date: \$72,646.80			

Coming Events & Meetings:

- Mon, 13th July. 7:30pm. P.P.C. Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Thurs, 16th July. 7:30pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.

Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass & Celebration

- Sun 2nd Aug, 8:45am; St Patrick's, Gordon
- Sun 2nd & 9th Aug, 10:30am; St Brigid's, Ballan
- Sat 8th Aug, 6:30pm; St Michael's, Springbank

Card/Social afternoon, Thursday 30th July:

The Gordon Parish PPC are holding a Card/Social afternoon on Thursday 30th July. At this stage the venue is undecided, depending on numbers. There is transport available if required. If you are interested in attending please phone Margie Quinlan on 5334 0339 or 0417 587237.



Church Cleaning – July

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

***Note: St Patrick's & St Michael's will be vacuumed on 10th July.**

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Cappello, Colleen Ryrie, Julie Dargan & Lyndal Healey.	Margaret McTigue & Carmen Camilleri.	Natalie Toohey, Debra Toohey & Loretta Toohey.



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree
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Collections Last Week

Presbytery:	\$255.50	Parish:	\$1,972.00
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Confirmation and First Eucharist

17 children from our parish are preparing with their families for Confirmation and First Eucharist. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

The fourth week of the program is entitled **Remembering Jesus**. This week, children and their families will be reflecting on the Mass as a 'special meal' that helps us remember and give thanks. The Mass is like a family meal: a time when we share, talk, listen and are nourished. At Mass we do these things as God's family, in the presence of Jesus.



Retreat Day

~ Friday 31st July, Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

- ~ Saturday 1st August, 6.30pm, St Brendan's, Dunnstown
- ~ Saturday 15th August, 6.30pm, St Brendan's, Dunnstown
(NB. Change of date)

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery
 Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery again this year:
Sunday 8th November, 9.30am.
 Please advise friends and relations who may be interested.

LITURGIES			
Sat 18 th July	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 19 th July	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 (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarkes Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Anniversaries

Laurie McCarthy, John Duffy, John Graham, Alice McCarthy, Neil Carey, Leonie Burzacott, Paul Hanrahan, Luke Moran, Robert Cahir, Michael Flynn and Kevin Maher

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Gwen Shanahan, Fred May, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Fr Justin Woodford, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith.

Welcome to visiting priest

Welcome to Fr Rupert Bowd who is celebrating weekend masses while Fr Shane is on his annual holidays (returning Sat 25 July). Fr Gary Jones will be available if a priest is needed during the week (☎ 5348 3911).

New Website for Diocese

Visit the new diocesan website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Flynn Noah Boyd (2012), Jack Patrick Lenaghan (2014), Eliza Margaret Hanrahan (2014)

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



Laudato si' (Praise be): On the care of our common home

Full text: www.vatican.va

“Praise be to you, my Lord” in Saint Francis of Assisi’s Canticle of the Creatures reminds us that the earth, our common home “is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us” (1). We ourselves “are dust of the earth; our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters” (2). “This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her” (2). Her cry, united with that of the poor, stirs our conscience to “acknowledge our sins against creation” (8). “For human beings ... to destroy the biological diversity ... by causing changes in its climate ...; to contaminate the earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins”(8). The appropriate response is a “global ecological conversion” (5). In this, St Francis of Assisi is “the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral

ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. [...] He shows us just how inseparable is the bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace” (10).

The central concept is *integral ecology*, which expresses the fundamental relationships of the person: with God, with one’s self, with other human beings, with creation. This movement starts (chap. 1) by listening spiritually to the results of the best scientific research on environmental matters available today, “letting them touch us deeply and provide a concrete foundation for the ethical and spiritual itinerary that follows”. Science is the best tool by which we can listen to the cry of the earth. The next step (chap. 2) draws on the wealth of Judeo-Christian tradition, particularly in biblical texts and in theological reflection on them. The analysis is then directed (chap. 3) towards “the roots of the present situation, so as to consider not only its symptoms but also its deepest causes”. The objective is to develop an integral ecological profile (chap. 4) which, in its various dimensions, includes “our unique place as human beings in this world and our relationship to our surroundings”. Insisting on transparent and inclusive dialogue, Pope Francis proposes (chap. 5) a series of guidelines for the renewal of international, national and local policies, for decision-making processes in the public and business sector, for the relationship between politics and economy and that between religion and science. Finally, based on the conviction that “change is impossible without motivation and a process of education”, chap. 6 proposes “some inspired guidelines for human development to be found in the treasure of Christian spiritual experience”.

Key themes: the intimate relationship between the poor and the fragility of the planet, the conviction that everything in the world is connected, the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology, the call to seek other ways of understanding the economy and progress, the value proper to each creature, the human meaning of ecology, the need for forthright and honest debate, the serious responsibility of international and local policy, the throwaway culture and the proposal of a new lifestyle (16).

Disaster Relief in Nepal

Loreto College movie night fundraiser: *Paper Towns*, Fri 17 July 7pm, Regent Cinema. Tickets: \$15/\$10. Phone 5329137

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
11 th & 12 th July	Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Amos 7:12-15 ~ Ephesians 1:3-14 (3-10) ~ Mark 6:7-13			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Vicki Moroney	Mark Hanrahan Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	S Steenhuis	M Elliott / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Shaun Conroy family	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	
18 th & 19 th July	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Jeremiah 23: 1-6 ~ Ephesians 2:13-16 ~ Mark 6:30-34			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Ash & Brad Simpson	Terry Simpson Family	Fran Peterkin	Tara, Felicity & Amy
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Lorraine Tipple & Peter Johnson	
26 th & 27 th July	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): 2 Kings 4: 42-44 ~ Ephesians 4:1-6 ~ John 6:1-15			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Mary (Peter) Prendergast	Marty Forbes	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy & Maria Donegan	Kim Grimes family	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan family	Peter Johnson & Winnie Zammit	