



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

Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay ~ For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals: Contact Narelle Conroy (Parish Secretary)

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

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| 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 | Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll | ☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au |
| | St. Patrick's Primary School | Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy | ☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au |
| | St. Michael's Primary School | Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy | ☎ 5334 0344 www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au |

Collections Last Week

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

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| Loose | Parish: \$456.20 | Presbytery: \$300.00 |
| Planned | Envelopes: \$406.00 | Year to date: \$5,799.60 |
| Giving | Direct Debit (July): 935.00 | |

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

We again welcome the following children who will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist this weekend. We also welcome their families and sponsors to our parish celebrations. We congratulate James Black, James Gorman, Bridie Lloyd, Siobhan Sugars, Charlotte Toohey, Sienna Denman, Ainsley McKenzie, Justine Chapman, Gabrielle Toohey, Ethan Boland, Adam Harbright, Hayley Josephs, Ned Loft, Bonnie McGregor, Aussie McIlwaine, Poppy McIlwaine, Natalie Marinovic, Emma Smith, Erykah Van Gaans, Nicholas Winter, Caitlin Vella, Chloe Vella, Emma White, Isabella Brown-Sullivan, Ross Gregory and Joseph Gregory.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Therese Winter and Peter Johnson who assisted with the sacramental program commencing with reconciliation in February. Therese & Peter facilitated regular meetings along with Sunday liturgies which were an integral part of the whole program. We also would like to thank our parishioners who were able to be flexible, accommodating and welcoming with the large number of visitors who attended masses over these last two weekends. These children are the future of our faith community, so please continue to keep them in your prayers.

The card afternoon by all accounts was a resounding success. There were around 30 parishioners who were able to gather at Donegans Farm, where they were warmly welcomed with

afternoon tea and a warm and cosy fire. It is planned to hold another such afternoon in the not too distant future. Bishop Peter Connors will be visiting our parish for anointing masses (see Coming Events). Please spread the word. We are grateful to Bishop Peter for his support of our parish.

Kathleen's Corner:

Discrimination "... social or cultural discrimination in basic personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, colour, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as contrary to God's design." Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes, n 29

Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass & Celebration

- Sat 8th Aug, 6:30pm; St Michael's, Springbank
- Sun 9th Aug, 10:30am; St Brigid's, Ballan

Coming Events & Meetings

- Thurs, 13th Aug, 10am. Anointing Mass. St Brigids, Ballan. Bishop P. Connors.
- Mon, 17th Aug, 7pm. SVDP meeting. 5 Berry St, Ballan.
- Wed, 19th Aug, 10am. Anointing Mass. St Patrick's, Gordon. Bishop P. Connors.
- Thurs, 20th Aug, 7:30pm. Finance Committee Meeting, Parish House, Gordon.

Church Cleaning - August

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

*Cleaning note: St Patrick's & St Michael's cleaner returning late September.

| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
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| Marie Shanahan, Anne Eskdale & Anna Marriampallai | Noelie Carton & Joan Bourke | Molly Ronan & Vicki Moroney |



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 Fax: 5334 0514

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| 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 Week

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| Presbytery: | \$572.20 | Parish: | \$1,589.00 |
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Confirmation and First Eucharist

We congratulate the 17 children from our parish who are celebrating Confirmation and First Eucharist over the next couple of weeks. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist ~ Saturday 15th August, 6.30pm, St Brendan's, Dunnstown



PALMS Overseas Volunteers: Information Session

PALMS is a Catholic organisation that recruits volunteers in various trades and professions for communities across Asia, Africa and the Pacific, and is especially seeking teachers for East Timor and other countries. Informal dinner with PALMS national director to hear more about these needs @ Wallace Hotel, Sun 23rd Aug, 6pm. Info & RSVP: Frank Hanrahan ☎ 0427 051 046

LITURGIES

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| Tue 11 th Aug | Clarks Hill | 9:00am | School Mass |
| Thu 13 th Aug | Ballan | 10:00am | Anointing Mass |
| Sat 15 th Aug | Dunnstown | 6:30pm | Mass and Confirm. & First Eucharist |
| Sun 16 th Aug | Gordon | 8:45am | Sunday Mass |
| | Ballan | 10:30am | Sunday Mass |

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| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th 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) | | | | |

Anniversaries

Con Clifford, Sam Galea, Sylvia Finlayson, Mary Lee, James Donegan, George Hamm, Anne Hamm, Frank Graham, John Graham, John McCormack, Thomas Clifford, Leo Kelly, Sr Lawrence, Tom Parkin, Lorraine Polkinghorne, Margaret Britt, Thomas Torpy and Ken Ludbrook.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

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

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: William Sebastian Steenhuis (2011), Madalyn May Bethune (2013), Emma Rose Bethune (2013).



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

New Website for Diocese

Visit the new diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

'Looking Forward' Regional Workshops

Eight workshops are being held around the diocese for parish leadership groups and all interested parishioners to discuss and reflect on their progress during the last twelve months, as well as discussing the future. OLHC Wendouree, Tues 1 Sept, 7pm. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Bishop's Secretary

Due to retirement of his current secretary, Bishop Paul has invited applications for this position. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Our Diocese | Employment. Info: Cathy Dunbar cdunbar@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or ☎ 5337 7131. Applications Monday 10th Aug, 10am.

Colloquium on Pope Francis' new encyclical

Laudato si': On care for our common home. Rev. Dr Denis Edwards (Flinders University), well-known ecological theology lecturer and author. OLHC Wendouree Mercy Centre, 480A Gillies St; Tues 25th Aug, 9am-4pm. \$15, including morning tea & lunch. RSVP: sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 0409 401 329 or scrowe@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or ☎ 0419 887 274.



Whoever Eats This Bread Will Live Forever

Our Diocesan Community

July edition available at church door

Movie Fundraiser Supporting Alzheimer's & Trek to Nepal

See *Vacation* and support Bess & Mary Slater's trek to Nepal, with proceeds to Alzheimer's Aust. Regent Theatre, Fri 21st Aug, 7pm; \$15. Bookings: Mary 4 East St Sth. or Bess ☎ 0408 334 112. Facebook: Bess & Mary's Trek to Remember

Vatican Information Services

<http://www.vis.va> the web address for Vatican news.

SJOG Ballarat Hospital Pastoral Services Co-ordinator

An opportunity to provide leadership and strategic direction for the provision of holistic pastoral services to in-patients and families. Applications by COB 7th Sept 2015. Enquiries: Maureen Waddington, ☎ (03) 5320 2929 or email Maureen.waddington@sjog.org.au To apply: <http://erecruit1.mercury.com.au/SJOG/> search job no. 12143

Youth Mental Health First Aid – Free Training

Free training for parents with 12–15 y.o. teenagers, 21–22 August. Info: www.tpot.net.au or ☎ Julie Fischer 9035 6770 or 0401 772 648

Centacare Programs – Term 3

Parenting Skills

Managing challenging parenting moments, keeping cool when the kids heat up, choosing when to accept, prevent or influence children's difficult behaviour.

Aug: Tues 11th Sept: Tues 8th

9.30am-1.30pm Cost: \$40 or \$20 conc.

Tuning in to Kids

An evidenced based parenting program focused on raising emotionally intelligent children through understanding the impact of emotions on behaviour; Identifying and understanding your own emotions and enhancing emotional connection within your family

Aug: Tues 18th & 25th 9.30am-1.30pm

Cost: \$80 or \$40 conc.

Register with Centacare: 53 277 960

More info: www.centacareballarat.org.au

| | READER/INTERSESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 8 th & 9 th Aug | Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): 1 Kings 19:4-8 ~ Ephesians 4:30-5:2 ~ John 6:41-55 | | | |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm | Confirmation & First Eucharist | | | |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am | Shelley Ryan | P Ryan | S Ryan / N Jeffrey | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Confirmation & First Eucharist | | | |
| 15 th & 16 th Aug | Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Proverbs 9:1-6 ~ Ephesians 5:15-20 ~ John 6:51-58 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Confirmation & First Eucharist | | Margaret Leonard | Callan & Darcy |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja | Marie & Frank Conroy | Frank Conroy | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Lin Bowers & John Fabre | Julie Dargan family | Peter Johnson & Winnie Zammit | |
| 22 nd & 23 rd Aug | Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b, ~ Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32 ~ John 6:60-69 | | | |
| Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm | Tim Bennett | Marty Forbes | Kate Bennett | |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Angela Kearns & T.B.A | Angela & Frank Kearns | Josie Donegan | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis | Des & Mary Conroy | Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson | |