



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, 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: \$413.40 | Presbytery: \$300.00 |
| Planned | Envelopes: \$51.00 | Year to date: \$6,264.50 |
| Giving | Direct Debit (July): 935.00 | |

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

We again acknowledge the many children who participated in the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation over the last two weekends. Please continue to keep them and their families in your prayers.

The coordinators met with Fr Ed on Wednesday evening and passed onto him our very best wishes for his future and assured him of our prayerful support in the coming years in his new journey.

RITE OF WELCOME: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Next weekend at St. Brigid's, we welcome Rebecca Smits and Stacey McKercher who are currently participating in the RCIA program and who will begin their formal preparation for being baptised next Easter. We, as a faith community, are blessed to receive these women. Let us help them feel at

home among us. Thanks to them for their challenge and inspiration to us in the parish, and thanks to those who have offered to help them on their journey of faith.

Kathleen's Corner: World Humanitarian Day

World Humanitarian Day Wednesday, 19th Aug. is a day dedicated to recognize humanitarian personnel and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Mon, 17th Aug, 7pm. SVDP meeting. 5 Berry St, Ballan.
- 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: | \$184.00 | Parish: | \$670.00 |
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Confirmation and First Eucharist

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

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.

Parish Assembly: Tuesday 20th October

Bungaree Parish Centre, 7:30pm (preceded by Parish Leadership Team meeting, 7pm). Frank Hanrahan, Trish Ryan and Julie Moran will be concluding their 3-year membership. Katrina Griffiths has volunteered from Dunnstown and new representatives from Bungaree and Clarkes Hill will also be needed. Interested parishioners should contact Frank, Trish, Julie, Fr Shane or one of the other members of the Leadership Team: Amanda Elliott, Craig Jenkins, Chris Kavanagh, Jill Prendergast, Damian Ryan.

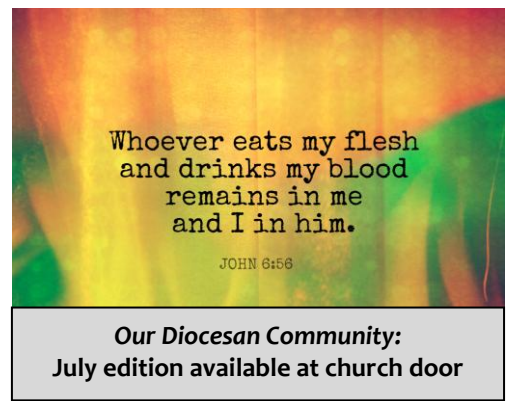
Mass at Pootilla

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery again this year: Sunday 8th November, 9:30am. Please advise friends and relations who may be interested.

| 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 | | |
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| Clarkes 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 |

| LITURGIES | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| Tue 18 th Aug | Bungaree | 9:00am | Mass |
| Wed 19 th Aug | Gordon | 10.00am | Anointing Mass |
| Thu 20 th Aug | Ballan | 10:00am | Prayer Group |
| Sat 22 nd Aug | Clarks Hill | 6:30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 23 rd Aug | Gordon | 8:45am | Sunday Mass |
| | Ballan | 10:30am | |

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

George Dusa, Merle Blizzard, Michael Ronan, Jim Conroy, Joseph Camilleri, William Gleeson, Velia McFall, William Nunn, Kathleen Ledwidge, Brian O'Regan, Con Toohey, John McCormack, Margaret Spence, Stan Slater, & Martin Gleeson

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.

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

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.

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.

Pastoral Services Coordinator, St John of God Hospital

This permanent, full time position provides leadership and strategic direction for the provision of holistic pastoral services to in-patients and families of St John of God Ballarat Hospital. Applications close 7th Sept. Info: <http://erecruit1.mercury.com.au/SJOG/job#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

Pope Francis' Three Social Priorities

The first task is to put the economy at the service of peoples. Human beings and nature must not be at the service of money. Let us say NO to an economy of exclusion and inequality, where money rules, rather than service. That economy kills. That economy excludes. That economy destroys Mother Earth ... The economy should not be a mechanism for accumulating goods, but rather the proper administration of our common home. This entails a commitment to care for that home and to the fitting distribution of its goods among all ... A just economy must create the conditions for everyone to be able to enjoy a childhood without want, to develop their talents when young, to work with full rights during their active years and to enjoy a dignified retirement as they grow older. It is an economy where human beings, in harmony with nature, structure the entire system of production and distribution in such a way that the abilities and needs of each individual find suitable expression in social life ... Welfare programs geared to certain emergencies can only be considered temporary responses. They will never be able to replace true inclusion, an inclusion which provides worthy, free, creative, participatory and solidary work.

The second task is to unite our peoples on the path of peace and justice. The world's peoples want to be artisans of their own destiny. They want to advance peacefully towards justice. They do not want forms of tutelage or interference by which those with greater power subordinate those with less. They want their culture, their language, their social processes and their religious traditions to be respected ... Colonialism, both old and new, which reduces poor countries to mere providers of raw material and cheap labour, engenders violence, poverty, forced migrations and all the evils which go hand in hand with these ...

The third task, perhaps the most important facing us today, is to defend Mother Earth. Our common home is being pillaged, laid waste and harmed with impunity. Cowardice in defending it is a grave sin. We see with growing disappointment how one international summit after another takes place without any significant result. There exists a clear, definite and pressing ethical imperative to implement what has not yet been done. We cannot allow certain interests – interests which are global but not universal – to take over, to dominate states and international organizations, and to continue destroying creation. People and their movements are called to cry out, to mobilize and to demand – peacefully, but firmly – that appropriate and urgently-needed measures be taken. I ask you, in the name of God, to defend Mother Earth. I have duly addressed this issue in my Encyclical Letter *Laudato si'*. (World Meeting of Popular Movements, Bolivia, 9 July 2015)

| | READER/INTERSESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 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 | |
| ←← See over page for next week's ministries | | | | |