



## 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*

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	Michael Ryan (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 <a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495 <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Michael's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344 <a href="http://www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au">www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Parish: \$119.60	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$249.00	Dir Debit (Sept): \$1,385.00
Sick & Retired Priests: \$467.90 (to date)	Year to date: \$11,544.30	

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

On **Sunday, October 25** we will conduct our **Parish Assembly**. The venue will be **Gordon** and will commence with a light shared luncheon from **12 noon**. Please bring a plate to share. The three coordinators will present their annual reports to the Parish and will also encourage all parishioners to start thinking about the discernment process for a new volunteer member of the coordination team for our community-led parish of Gordon. Ideally, we would like each member of our parish community to start conversations with people they know, and even those they don't know, to try and identify the gifts and the opportunity to be a coordinator. Time is needed for this process which should take about 6-8 weeks and hopefully will be achieved by Christmas. Names will then be put forward early February for the discernment process. We need to start thinking/talking/praying so we can be better prepared for the future of our growing and vibrant parish.

### Local Children's Art Show:

After mass at **Springbank (this evening)** & at **Gordon** this coming **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**. Art works by the children at St Michael's & St Patrick's Primary Schools are displayed and open for viewing. Please wander over to the school after Mass & enjoy a cuppa, chat & experience some beautiful art works.

### Kathleen's Corner

#### KEEP THE LIGHT SHINING ON REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

The Prime Minister's announcement to accept an extra 12,000 refugees from Syria and Iraq is welcome news. We must continue to shine a light on the many harsh policies which are in place such as offshore processing, the lack of provision of safe arrivals and the mandatory detention of people including children. Rather than treating asylum seekers as the enemy, we should extend a warm heart of compassion to people who have already suffered horrific circumstances. (Sisters of Mercy ISMAPNG)

#### Committee vacancies

New members are required for the Finance Committee from the Springbank community & for the Parish Pastoral Council from the Ballan community. If you are interested, you can contact any member of either committee.

#### Coming Events & Meetings

- Thur 15 Oct 7:30pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House, Gordon
- Sun 18 Oct 8:45am. St Patrick's, Gordon. Childrens Liturgy during Mass.
- Sun 29 Nov 1.30pm. **Gordon Cemetery Mass**; celebrated by Bishop Peter Connors at Gordon Cemetery. BYO chairs or picnic blanket, some chairs supplied.

#### Church Cleaning – October

\*Note - Vacuuming: St Brigid's 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. St Patrick's 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. St Michael's 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Ken Hillier & Lloyd Lamb	Carmel Mahar & Sue Clifford.	Julie Toohey, Sue Daly & Sharon Daly.



## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarke's 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, Clarke's Hill	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh	☎ 5334 5280 <a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh	☎ 5334 7604 <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections Last Week

Presbytery: \$265.50	Parish: \$534.00
Sick & Retired Priests: \$805.00 (to date)	Seminary Building Appeal: \$20.00

### Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. Retreat Day: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Parents

of these children are also asked to attend the Parent Workshop on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

### Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery: Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9.30am. Please advise friends and relations who may be interested. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible.

### Parish Assembly: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Leah Hanrahan, Katrina Griffiths & Andrew Miller-Schmetzer have generously volunteered to replace them. *Please bring a plate to share for supper.*

**LITURGIES**

Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Bungaree</b>	9.00am	Mass
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Ballan</b>	10:00am	Prayer Group
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Dunnstown</b>	6:30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Gordon</b>	8:45am	Sunday Mass
	<b>Ballan</b>	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
<b>Sat 6.30pm</b>	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Springbank (Clunes)	Dunnstown (Blampied)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
<b>Sun 8.45am</b>	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
<b>Sun 10.30am</b>	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



**Recent Death**

John Mullane (Shepparton)

**Anniversaries**

Kevin Mahoney, Jim Wickson & Thomas McKenzie, Kit O’Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Mary Hamm, Connie Edwards, William Mahar, Ellen Doyle, Fr Michael Mulcahy, Arthur Murphy, Bill Flynn, Sheila Boak, Ruth Torpy, Phil Sherry, Gwen Bennett and Des Torpy.

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

Carole Brimson, 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: Jake Danny Cheeseman (2011), Maeve Lilly Slater (2012), Billy Michael Cheeseman (2013), Hamish Thomas Lloyd (2013), Michael David Ash (2013), Indy Olivia Leonard (2014), Violet Ivy Wilson (2104), Adele Maree Leonard (2014), Mitchell Thomas Leonard (2104), Ella Jade Hamm, Logan Hawk Monterosso, Clare Rose Monterosso & Grace Storm Monterosso.



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

**St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy**

Fr Kevin Lenehan presents reflections on St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy. St Patrick’s Cathedral (small hall), Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7.30–9.00pm. Gold coin donation for Caritas Refugee Appeal. Info: ☎ 5337 7154

**Mental Health begins with me!**

World Mental Health Day (10 Oct) is a day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy. This year’s theme is *Mental Health begins with me!*

The theme aims to encourage people to personal ownership of their mental health and well-being.

One in five Australians will experience mental illness this year. We all have a role to play in looking after our own mental health and well-being. When our parishes gather, nearly everyone will know someone who has a mental illness of varying severity and length. As a faith community, we can offer acceptance, comfort and support through our prayerful presence in people’s lives, and by acknowledging their pain and challenges.

**St Martin’s in the Pines 1970–75 40-year Reunion**

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. Info: Robyn Barnett ☎ 5337 2352 or [connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au](mailto:connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au)

**For Those Who’ve Come Across the Seas:**

Full statement: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

**Liturgy of Lament and Hope**

In the context of the Royal Commission hearings on child abuse, this is an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. St Patrick’s Cathedral, Ballarat, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 2pm, followed by cuppa in St Patrick’s Hall.

**Prayer for the Synod on the Family (4–25 Oct)**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, may this month’s Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

**World Youth Day and Australian Catholic Youth Festival**

World Youth Day Registrations now open and Australian Catholic Youth Festival Group Bookings open until Friday, October 23, 2015. All details on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult webpage [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or contact us on [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

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	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Wisdom 7:7-11 ~ Hebrews 4:2-13 ~ Mark 10:17-30</b>			
<b>Springbank ~ 8.45am</b>	Kath O’Neil	Peter Maher Family	Julie Toohey	
<b>Bungaree ~ 8.45am</b>	D Rix	D Rix	N Jeffrey/ M Frawley	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan Family	Dianne Johnson & Simone Fodor	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Isaiah 53:10-11 ~ Hebrews 4:4-16 ~ Mark 10:35-45</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Trish & Nicole White	White Family	Winnie Leonard	Gabby McGannon & Daniel Britt
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Mark & Narelle Conroy Family	Eily Carey	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Lin Bowers & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Judith Hodgson & Winnie Zammit	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Jer 31:7-9 ~ Hebrews 5:1-6 ~ Mark 10:46-52</b>			
<b>Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm</b>	Pat Prendergast	Mary (Peter) Prendergast	Marty Forbes	Mowing: L Robinson / D Prendergast
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Kim Newman Family	Carmen Camilleri	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	Brigid Sims Family	Cathy Mullane & Helen Conlan	