



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)												
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Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Parish: \$96.25	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$583.55	Year to date: \$14,298.60

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

We look forward to meeting with parishioners this Sunday afternoon at our **Parish Assembly** in **Gordon** from **12 noon**. It would be wonderful if as many of you could come along to share a quick bite to eat before we commence. We will endeavour to conclude around 2pm, so that we can all enjoy the rest of our Sunday afternoon. Reports will be presented from the three coordinators highlighting reflections and the many achievements from the past twelve months and also some of the challenges which we face as we venture into the future.

Kathleen's Corner

Caritas Australia; at the following web address:

<http://www.caritas.org.au/act/walk-as-one-indigenous-peoples-campaign/watch-film> has a Feature Film 'Walk As One' showing a meeting of our First Australians with the Indigenous people of the Bolivian Amazon. The meeting and exchange which occurs between these two cultures is both inspiring and transformational, bringing to life the true meaning of solidarity and community led development. The film also explores the much bigger and shockingly similar challenges facing Indigenous communities all over the world, and challenges us to consider our own role in addressing this injustice.

Bushfire season 2015/16

All Parish churches will be pre-emptively closed on all Code Red Days declared for the Central Fire Ban District. This decision has been taken in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of our parishioners.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Mon 2nd Nov. 7pm. PPC meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Thurs, 5th Nov. 11:15am. **St Brigid's Oaks Day Lunch**, Ballan Golf Club. \$25/head. Contact the school office for bookings on 53681015.
- Thurs, 19th Nov. 7:30pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Sun, 29th Nov. 1.30pm. **The Gordon Cemetery Mass**; celebrated by Bishop Peter Connors. Please feel free to BYO chairs, or picnic blanket, some chairs supplied. This is an extra Mass for this weekend. Regular Masses will be celebrated as scheduled.

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.

Church Cleaning – November

*Note: Vacuuming: St Patrick's 28 Oct, St Michael's 4 Nov, St Brigid's 11 Nov. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Patricia Binks Family	Ann Micallef, Georgina Wright & Monica Eastwood.	Kath O'Neil, Jenny Everard & Renae Robson.



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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Seminary Building Appeal: \$130.00 (to date)	Parish: \$426.00
Sick & Retired Priests: \$905.00 (to date)	Presbytery: \$269.10

Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. Retreat Day: Friday 27th November. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Friday 27th November, 5.30pm.

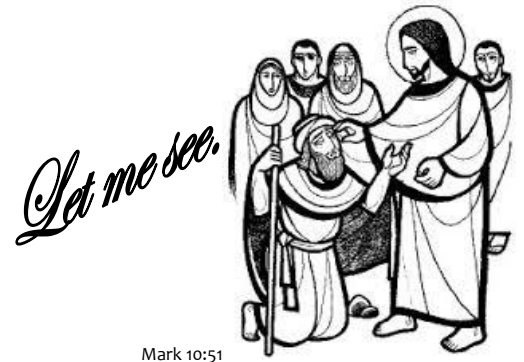
Children in Year 6 or above are encouraged to reflect again on this sacrament by preparing for individual reconciliation, which they will be able to celebrate during Advent. Parents of these children are also asked to attend the Parent Workshop on Tuesday 3rd November.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

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

LITURGIES			
Thu 29 th Oct	Ballan	10:00am	Prayer Group
Sat 31 st Oct	Dunnstown	6:30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 1 st Nov	Gordon	8:45am	Sunday Mass
	Ballan	10:30am	
	Cathedral	2.00pm	Liturgy of lament & hope

	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)				



Mark 10:51

Recent Death

Pricilla Dittman

Anniversaries

Bronislaw Blazek, Desmond Kane, Philip Calilleri, Martain Seiger, Richard Keating, Eileen Ryan, Patrick Elliott, Alma Holloway, Allan Dixon, Noel Torpy and Ronnie Spratling.

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.

Welcome

Welcome to Ned Reginald Kersley (son of Brooke and Michael), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure him and his family of our prayers and support

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Melanie Gatens and Tim Menz, who were married this Saturday in St. Peter's, Clarks Hill. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

Nov-Dec 2016 Study Tour of Biblical Lands

Catholic Theological College study tour info session: Sat 31st Oct, 2-4pm. RSVP: 28th Oct jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au or ☎ 9412 3314

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 1st Nov, 2pm, followed by cuppa in St Patrick's Hall.

Loreto Mass of Remembrance

Past pupils are invited to pray for deceased past pupils, Loreto Sisters and friends of Loreto College: Loreto College Chapel, Wed 4th Nov, 5pm, followed by light refreshments and Past Pupils AGM. RSVP: Catherine ☎ 5329 6137.

Sacred Heart College Reunion – Class of 1965

All welcome from year 7, 1960, to matriculation in 1965. The Barkly, Main Rd, 7th Nov, 12 noon. Info: Jan Mullaly (Favaloro): janmull65@gmail.com or ☎ 0418 522 180 or Carmel Frost (Frith): carmel@frost.net.au

Lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey

Presented by Catholic Women's League, Sat 7th Nov. Mass: St Patrick's Cathedral, 10am, followed by lecture in St Patrick's Hall.

Mercy Connect Ballarat – Volunteers needed

Mercy Works is recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Ballarat Schools in 2016. Commitment: approx. 3 hrs/week for 4 school terms. Experience working in an educational setting preferred. Training Feb 2016. Info: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com.

2017 Year 7 Enrolments

- St Patrick's College: Information evening, Wed 28th Oct, 7.30pm, College Chapel. RSVP: 26 Oct www.trybooking.com/JBEX. For prospectus: Mrs Lorrie Liston ☎ 5322 4449 or liliston@stpats.vic.edu.au
- Damascus College: Information evening, Wed 4th Nov, 6.30pm (Registration: 6.15pm). Open mornings, Thurs 12th & 19th Nov, 9-10.30am.
- Enrolments for 2017 Year 7 close on 12th Feb 2016.

PALMS Australia Overseas Volunteer Opportunities



PALMS Australia is a Catholic organisation that sponsors volunteers to communities in East Timor, Ethiopia, Kenya, Kiribati, PNG, Samoa and elsewhere, to assist mentor local workers and so assist poverty reduction. 2016 positions close soon. Info: palms@palms.org.au or ☎ 02 9518 9551

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.

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
24 th & 25 th Oct	Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Jer 31:7-9 ~ Hebrews: 5:1-6 ~ Mark 10:46-52			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Mary (Peter) Prendergast	Marty Forbes	Mowing: L Robinson / D Prendergast
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Kim Newman Family	Carmen Camilleri	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	Brigid Sims Family	Cathy Mullane & Helen Conlan	
31 st Oct & 1 st Nov	All Saints (Year B): Revelation 7:2-4,9-14 ~ 1 John 3:1-3 ~ Matthew 5:1-12a			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Hugh Ryan & Louis Spratling	Danny O'Loughlin Family	Fran Peterkin	Tara J, Felicity G & Amy O'L
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy & Maria Donegan	Maria & Bern Donegan	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre & Bert Jarvis	

8 th & 9 th November	Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): 1 Kings 17:10-16 ~ Hebrews 9:24-28 ~ Mark 12:38-44		
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Tony & Julie Toohey	Mark Hanrahan Family	Sharon Daly
Pootilla Cemetery ~ 9.30am			
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit	Binks Family	Judith Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb