



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: \$183.00	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$583.55	Year to date: \$15,512.60
Sick & Retired Priests: \$517.90 to date		

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

Thank you to the parishioners who were able to attend the Parish Assembly last Sunday to be informed of the current state of our vibrant and active parish. Reports were presented, received and discussed with an opportunity for those present to express their ideas/thoughts/challenges in an open forum. Copies of Catherine's report will be available at the back of the Church over the next two weekends, so please take the time to collect one. Your thoughts/ideas/comments are also welcome. Discussion took place around the discernment process for our lay-led community and the appointment of a new coordinator in 2016. Names will need to be submitted prior to Christmas. When we commenced on this journey in 2012, there were a number of parishioners whose names were put forward. They indicated that it was not the right time for them at that point in their lives. Perhaps, now would be good to reflect back and reconsider - now that you can see how the model operates - maybe now is the time? There is an understandable tendency for us to think "it's all going well, so I don't need to do anything" or "the coordinators seem to be managing quite well so far" The last thing we desire is to be complacent, so please give this matter some prayerful thought - we need you for the future sustainability of our parish.

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.

Kathleen's Corner - The Synod on the Family Closed

"There has been a genuine step forward on a long and complex journey to try to deal with people in a way that respects the truth ... but at the same time accompany people. Don't just hurl doctrine in their general direction. If there was any word that came to dominate the language of the Synod, it was accompaniment. In other words, you have to walk with people." *Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane*

Coming Events & Meetings

- Mon 9th Nov. 7pm. PPC meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Thurs, 12th Nov. 7:30pm. Liturgy Meeting. Parish House, Gordon (tentative date).
- 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. BYO chairs, or picnic blanket, some chairs supplied. This is an extra Mass for this weekend. **Regular Masses will be celebrated as scheduled.**
- Thurs, 5th Nov. 11:15am. **St Brigid's Oaks Day Lunch**, Ballan Golf Club. \$25/head. Contact the school office for bookings on 53681015.

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: \$400.00
Sick & Retired Priests: \$905.00 (to date)	Presbytery: \$218.70

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			
Tues 3 rd Nov	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thu 5 th Nov	Ballan	10:00am	Prayer Group
Sat 7 th Nov	Springbank	6:30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 8 th Nov	Gordon	8:45am	Sunday Mass * <i>byo chair if possible</i>
	Pootilla Cemetery	9.30am*	
	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)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Recent Death

Jim Leahy (snr) & Fr Michael Dargan (Newcastle, NSW)

Anniversaries

Henry Nolan, Jack Molloy, John Ronan, Bart Fuller, Paul Wheelahan, Joseph Toohey, Grace Bartaska, Hughie O'Halloran, Mollie Maher, William Kennedy & Daniel Jones

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: Lola Belle Card (2011), Mia Grace Mahar (2013), Beau Francis Davidge (2014), Grace Ava Conlan.

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



Baptism

Congratulations to Sadie Kathleen Lloyd (daughter of Kathleen and David), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We welcome Sadie into our faith community, and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.

November Prayers for the Dead

In November, we traditionally place a special emphasis on praying for those who have died.

- A Book of Remembrance is available at the front of each Church. All are welcome to add names of those they wish to be prayed for and remembered.
- Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available at the church door.

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

- 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

Columban Calendar 2016

Available at Church door: \$9.00

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
7 th & 8 th Nov	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 Zammitt	Binks Family	Judith Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	
14 th & 15 th Nov	Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year B): Daniel 12:1-3 ~ Hebrews 10:11-14,18 ~ Mark 13:24-32			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm				
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Kathleen Moran	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Tom Paarhammer & Lin Bowers	Leon & Pat Burvill	Helen Conlan & Cathy Mullane	

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