



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: \$120.25	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$1,829.00	Year to date: \$18,396.85
	Direct debit (Oct): \$935.00	

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

Thank you to the parishioners who were able to attend the Parish Assembly 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.

Parish Workshop

At the Parish Assembly in 'Nov. 2013', ideas and comments were put forward and are listed on the sheets placed in our church foyers. Please take one, reflect on what has, or has not been achieved. If you would like to do this with fellow parishioners you are welcome to meet at the **Parish House, 9.30a.m. on Friday, 20th Nov** for a group discussion.

Committee vacancies

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

Kathleen's Corner: Megan Graham reflected in 'Eureka Street'

Serious issues such as climate change, asylum seekers, and mental illness should engage us deeply. This will help us find creative and just solutions that go beyond surface thinking and knee-jerk reactions. Advocates of mindfulness, prayer, yoga, fitness and meditation encourage us to pay closer attention to what is actually happening, to take control of our pace, to recognise that it is possible to choose to slow down. We need to switch off devices, breathe, and ponder. Taking this time will help us have deeper friendships, make better decisions, and take wiser actions.

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. 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.
- Tues, 1st Dec. 6pm onwards. **Parish Christmas Dinner.** Donegan's Farm.

Church Cleaning - November

*Note: Vacuuming: **St Michael's 4 Nov, St Brigid's 11 Nov, St Patrick's 25 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

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Presbytery: \$247.50	Parish: \$435.00
Sick & Retired Priests: \$925.00 (to date)	

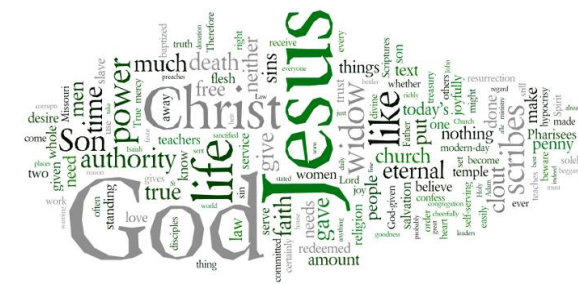
Preparation for First Reconciliation

15 children from our parish are preparing for First Reconciliation. They will formally enrol in the program on

Saturday 21st November, and will participate in a Retreat Day on Friday 27th November, before celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation that evening at 5.30pm. We assure these children and their families of our prayers and support as they prepare to celebrate this sacrament of God's forgiveness.

LITURGIES			
Thu 12 th Nov	Ballan	10:00am	Prayer Group
Sat 14 th Nov	Dunnstown	6:30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 15 th Nov	Gordon	8:45am	Sunday Mass
	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)	Clarkes Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Anniversaries

Valerie Adams, Dorothea Toohey, Matthew George, Frank Teuma, Catherine Keating, William Barry, Richard Butler, Maudie Smallman, Joe Fitzpatrick, Danny Hanrahan, Harold Cahir, Agnes Leonard, Robert Britt, Ted Holloway & Geraldine Nihill.

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.

Visiting Priests

Welcome to Fr John McKinnon, who is celebrating Mass at Ballan this weekend, and meeting again as mentor with the Gordon parish coordinators. Next weekend, Fr Rupert Bowd will celebrate masses, as Fr Shane has commitments in Melbourne.

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.



Welcome

Welcome to Liam Michael Hermans (son of Clare and Matthew), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We assure him and his 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.

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.

"The Blessing of Mercy" by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm has published this book to help Catholics and other Christians celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope. Copies available from <http://morningstarpublishing.net.au/product/the-blessing-of-mercy/>

Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete

The Annual Fete will be held on Saturday, November 21 at 10.00am. Stalls, BBQ, Face Painting, Spinning Wheel, Devonshire Tea and more.

2017 Year 7 Enrolments

- Damascus College: Open mornings: Thurs 12th & 19th Nov, 9–10.30am.
- Enrolments for 2017 Year 7 close on 12th Feb 2016.

PALMS Australia Overseas Volunteer Opportunities



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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

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	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	T Hanrahan	Leah Hanrahan	L Jeffrey/S Ryan	
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	Jenny McKay & Lauren Murphy	Greg Murphy Family	Trish White	Charlotte, Caleb & Madalyn
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	
21 st & 22 nd Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: Daniel 7:13-14 ~ Apocalypse 1:5-8 ~ John 18:33-37			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Mary Slater	Jeanette Maher	Helen Moran	Mowing: Leo Crough & Peter Prendergast
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja	Michael Winter Family	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Shaun Conroy Family	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	

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