



## 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: \$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, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7pm. PPC meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Thurs, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7:30pm. Liturgy Meeting. Parish House, Gordon (tentative date).
- Thurs, 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7:30pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Sun, 29<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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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	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: \$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 21<sup>st</sup> November, and will participate in a Retreat Day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

