



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: \$27.60	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$340.00	Year to date: \$19,090.85

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

Dates to put on your diary – Masses of Anointing – Wednesday, December 2 at **Gordon** (10am), Thursday, December 10 at **Springbank** (10am), Thursday December 17 at **Ballan** (10am) Spread the word to any who may be interested in attending. Home visits can also be arranged.

Hopefully by now, you are giving some thought to the discernment process and have spoken with other members of the parish whom you may identify as possessing the gifts/talents/availability to offer their time as coordinator. It would be ideal if we could have some names by Christmas. These names would all be people who are comfortable and available to undertake the role. The names would then be put forward in early February 2016. You are invited to submit any items for discussion to the Parish Pastoral Council or the Finance Committee prior to their monthly meetings. Dates are advertised in the parish bulletin and items can be given to any member of either committee.

Candle pieces

Any donations of white/off-white candle butts can be left at the church to be melted into next Easter's Candles. These need to be gathered up and sent to the candle-maker before Christmas. You can bring light into the darkness.

Kathleen's Corner

White Ribbon Day 2015 is on **Wednesday 25 November**. This is an awareness raising event to help stop violence against women. Let's help to break the silence around violence.

Coming Events & Meetings

- **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.
- **Sun, 20th Nov.** 2-3:20pm. Farewell to Dr Anthony & Anna Marriampillai. Ballan Mechanics Institute Hall. Info: Ph: 53681100
- **Tues, 1st Dec.** 6pm onwards. **Parish Christmas Dinner.** Donegan's Farm. \$25/pp. Please RSVP; Parish Office: 53689280, or Lin Bowers: 53681
- **Thurs, 10th Dec.** 2pm. Gordon Parish PPC Social Afternoon; 'Christmas Theme'. Donegan's Farm. All welcome.

Columban Calendar

Available in Church foyer. \$7 each. Payment in box provided, or clearly labelled in envelope during collection.

Church Cleaning – December

***Note: Vacuuming:** St Michael's 2nd, St Brigid's 9th, St Patrick's 23rd Dec. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Tiffany Forde family.	Eily Carey, Kate Carey & Leisa Carey.	Ann Rix, Pat Ronan & Faye Toohey.



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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Collections Last Week

Presbytery: \$317.50	Parish: \$562.00
Parish Collection @ Pootilla: \$401.00	

Preparation for First Reconciliation

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

Anointing Mass for Frail Elderly and Sick

Mass with the sacrament of anointing of the sick for Advent: Dunnstown, 1st Dec, 9.15am.

5 th & 6 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent (Year B): Baruch 5:1-9 ~ Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 ~ Luke: 3:1-6			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Britt	Sheila Britt	Margaret Leonard	Callan, Isla & Darcy
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Brigid Sims Family	Winnie Zammitt & Lloyd Lamb	

LITURGIES			
Thu 26 th Nov	Ballan	10:00am	Prayer Group
Fri 27 th Nov	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 28 th Nov	Clarkes Hill	6:30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 29 th Nov	Springbank	8:45am	Sunday Mass
	Bungaree	10:30am	
	Gordon Cemetery	1.30pm	Cemetery Mass



	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

Troy Toohey, Mary O'Leary, Francis O'Loughlin, Mick O'Loughlin, Mary Toohey, Harry Hooker, Kevin Glenane, Peter McDermott, Winnie Leonard, Bob Frawley, Michael Frawley, Maurice Kelly, Bishop James O'Collins, James Conlan and Sarah Franklin.

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 is being baptised this weekend at Gordon, and to Patrick Alexander Prendergast (son of Melinda and Ben), who is beginning his preparation for baptism at Clarkes Hill. We assure them and their families 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.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird, CSsR, has announced the following appointments, effective from January 2016:

- Fr Ed Moloney: Formation staff, Corpus Christi College, Melbourne
- Fr John Monaghan: Parish Priest, Maryborough
- Fr Eugene McKinnon: Parish Priest of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake, Wycheproof (in addition to his current parishes of Donald and Birchip)
- Fr Peter Jose: Assistant Priest of Ouyen, Quambatook, Sea Lake, Wycheproof
- Fr Damian Styles (Military Ordinariate): Assistant Priest, Mildura (2016 only)
- Fr Gary Jones: Supervising Priest, Gordon (while remaining as Parish Priest of Daylesford and Creswick)

"The Blessing of Mercy" by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

A book to help celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. Copies available from <http://morningstarpublishing.net.au/product/the-blessing-of-mercy/>

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.

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 951

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. This Holy Year of Mercy will commence on 8th Dec. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will open the Door of Mercy at the 10.30am Mass, Sun 13th Dec, at St Patrick's Cathedral, followed by refreshments.

Advent – free resources available online

- Columban Mission Institute: "Pathways: Hope for the Journey" www.columban.org.au/resources
- Archdiocese of Brisbane: "Families Living God's Glory" <http://bne.catholic.net.au/faithlife/>
- Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulbourn: free daily advent reflections by email www.thefaceofmercy.org.au

Praying for our young people

113 young people and their leaders are preparing to travel to Adelaide from our diocese to participate in the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, 3–5 Dec. Please pray for them:

God of all,

you gently call us each by name.

We give thanks for the young people who are preparing to go to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide.

Continue to call them, O God,

in a world where complexity and busyness can cloud and distort our way.

As they gather from across this land of the Holy Spirit may their hearts yearn for you,

who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Available at Church door: * Columban Calendar 2016: \$9.00
* Our Diocesan Community: Free

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
28 th & 29 th Nov	First Sunday of Advent (Year B): Jeremiah 33:14-16 ~ 1 Thessalonians 3:2-4:2 ~ Luke 21:25-8, 34-6			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Vicki Moroney	Brendan Simpson family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Clem Reidy	B Jeffrey	D Ryan / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan family	Simone Fodor & John Fabre	

