



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, Brendan Maher, Lin Bowers (Coordinator Representative)												
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Collections Last Week

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

Loose	Parish: \$610.00	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$119.15	Year to date: \$21,232.10
Direct Debit	November: \$1,160.00	

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

What a wonderful afternoon at Gordon last Sunday. Approximately 200 people, including many families with young children, were present to celebrate mass with Bishop Peter in the beautiful bushland setting of the Gordon cemetery. St Patrick's school choir, along with Monica, added to the atmosphere with their music echoing through the trees and surrounds. As the families arrived and left, there were the sombre sounds of the lone bagpipes on the hillside. Special thanks to the many parishioners who assisted with organising this event so that everything ran so very smoothly. Thank you again to Bishop Peter for being such a support to our Parish community. A short history of the Gordon Cemetery written by J. Donegan is available in the foyer; please pick one up on your way out. Welcome to Brendan Maher who has joined the Parish Finance Committee as a Springbank representative. Thank you Brendan for your commitment to our parish. We still have a vacancy on the Parish Pastoral Council for a person from the Ballan community. The parish dinner last Tuesday evening was an enjoyable one with a chance to mingle with members from the three communities at Donegan's Farm. Fr Gary Jones was able to join us and take the opportunity to meet many of our parishioners. As we approach the end of the year, it is

hoped that you are giving lots of prayerful thought to the upcoming discernment process for a new coordinator who will be appointed in the new year replacing Lin Bowers as she retires. Role descriptions are available to assist with your deliberation. Please contact any of the coordinators for more details.

Choir practice – Gordon All Welcome

Tues, 8th Dec, 7.30pm preparing for Christmas Eve Mass.

Springbank rosters for 2016/17

Contact Vicki Moroney for any changes to your availability. New ministry & cleaning rosters are being completed.

Café Opening – Gordon

The Chapel. 66 Main St. Gordon. Trading hours: Friday: 9am-9pm. Saturday: 9am-9pm. Sunday: 9am-4pm.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Mon, 7th Dec. 7pm. PPC Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Thurs, 10th Dec. **2pm**. Gordon Parish PPC Social Afternoon; 'Christmas Theme'. Donegan's Farm. All welcome.
- Thurs, Dec 17th. 10am. St Brigid's, Ballan. Anointing Mass. Home visits can also be arranged.
- Thurs, 17th Dec. 7:30pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.

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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Presbytery: \$125.00	Parish: \$450.00
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Bungaree Liturgy Rosters

These were previously arranged by Joan Kennedy. Please advise Leah Hanrahan or Fr Shane if you have taken this over, or if you would like to be added to the list of volunteers.

Church Cleaning for Christmas

Dunnstown, **this** Mon 7th Dec, 7.00pm
 Bungaree, Thurs 10th Dec, 7.00pm
 BYO cleaning equipment. Equal opportunity activities: Men & women welcome. *Many hands make light work!*



Dunnstown Toilets

The new toilets in the school foyer are open and available for use when Mass is celebrated at Dunnstown.

Christmas Cake and Port after Mass

Bungaree: Sunday 13th December
 Dunnstown: Saturday 19th December
 (extra contributions for food are welcome)

Advent Penitential Service

Wednesday 16th December, 7.30pm. Please bring unwrapped gift of food or toys to be distributed by St Vincent de Paul.



LITURGIES			
Wed 9 th Dec	Dunnstown	6.30pm	St Brendan's School Mass
Thu 10 th Dec	Springbank	10.00am	Anointing Mass
	Ballan	10:00am	Prayer Group
	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	St Mary's School Mass
Sat 12 th Dec	Springbank	6:30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 13 th Dec	Bungaree	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)				



Recent Death

Fr Justin Woodford

Anniversaries

Bill Mahar, Margaret Fuller, Ronald Graham, Brian Shanahan, Margaret Toohey, Jeanette Delbridge, Peter Quinlan, Maurice Torpy, Maureen Frawley, Ron Devlin, John Senserrick, Raymond Butler, Jessie Robinson & Fred Begbie

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Carole Brimson, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Fred May, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith.

Baptism

Congratulations to Patrick Alexander Prendergast (son of Melinda and Ben), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Peter's, Clarkes Hill. We welcome Patrick into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Oscar Robert Trigg (2012), Scarlett Elizabeth Foote (2012), Leon Harry Sheehan (2014) & Katie May Bayard.

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



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 6.00pm ~ Clarkes Hill and Springbank
8.00pm ~ Ballan and Gordon
10.00pm ~ Bungaree

Christmas Day 9.30am ~ Dunnstown



Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

Tues 1st March 2016, Donegan's Farm, led by Sr Veronica Lawson. Theme: "The Blessing of Mercy" (Veronica's book of that title will be available). Expressions of interest would be helpful at this stage: Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812 449 or kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au. Maximum: 30 participants.

Available at Church door:

- Columban Calendar 2016: \$9.00
- Our Diocesan Community: Free

Care for Our Common Home: Advent Reflection Group

Weekly reflection on the Sunday Gospel and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Wednesdays, 5.15–6.15pm, smaller Cathedral Hall. Or one Sunday reflection: 6th Dec, 6.30–8.30pm. RSVP: Cathedral Office: ☎ 5331 2933 or ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

Prayer during Royal Commission

God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong,
always present, always just: You gave us your only Son.
Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering
the pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind or spirit
by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.
Hear our cries as we agonize
over the harm done to our brothers and sisters.
Breathe wisdom into our prayers,
soothe restless hearts with hope,
steady shaken spirits with faith:
Show us the way to justice and wholeness,
enlightened by truth and enfolded in your mercy.
Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts,
heal your people's wounds and transform our brokenness.
Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace,
so that we may act with justice and generosity,
and so that all may find peace in you. Amen.

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
5th & 6th 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 Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	
12th & 13th Dec				
Third Sunday of Advent (Year B): Zephaniah 3:14-18 ~ Philippians 4:4-7 ~ Luke 3:10-18				
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey family	David Toohey family	David Toohey family	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	S Steenhuis	M Elliott / N Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Kaz & Maz Craggill family	Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	
19th & 20th Dec				
Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B): Micah 5:2-5 ~ Hebrews 10:5-10 ~ Luke 1:39-45				
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Helen Spratling & Olivia Sellers	Sellers Family	Jennifer McKay	Zach, Gemma & Cody
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Kim Grimes family	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & John Fabre	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Cathy Mullane & Simone Fodor	