



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*

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| 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) | | |
| Parish Schools | St. Brigid's Primary School | Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll | ☎ 5368 1015 www.sballan.catholic.edu.au |
| | St. Patrick's Primary School | Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy | ☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au |
| | St. Michael's Primary School | Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy | ☎ 5334 0344 www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au |

Collections Last Week

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

| Loose | Parish: \$127.95 | Presbytery: \$300.00 |
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| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$324.00 | Year to date: \$21,684.05 |
| Direct Debit | November: \$1,160.00 | |

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

At the Parish Pastoral Council meeting this week, there was the opportunity to say thank you to Donna Simpson for her time as Chair on the council. Donna steps down after her term and will be replaced by Louise Haintz as the Springbank representative. Thank you Donna for your time and commitment to the Parish. Bishop Peter returned to say a mass of anointing at Springbank this week and will visit Ballan next Thursday, December 17 at 9.30am for another mass of anointing, prior to attending an ecumenical service at the Ballan Hostel. 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. Our prayers and thoughts are also very much with Joan and Kevin Bourke at this time – we wish you a speedy recovery, Kevin.

Springbank rosters for 2016/17

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

Kathleen's Corner

International Migrants Day - 18 December - the United Nations. www.un.org/en/events/migrantsday/

On **International Migrants Day**, let us reaffirm our commitment to shape diverse and open societies that provide opportunities and lives of dignity for all migrants.

Choir practice - Gordon

Wed, 16th Dec. at 7.30pm in preparation for Christmas Eve Mass. All welcome.

Café Opening - Gordon

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

Coming Events & Meetings

- Thurs, 17th Dec. 7:30pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
- Sun, 20th Dec. 8:45am. Children's Liturgy. St Patrick's Church, Gordon.
- Sun, 28th Feb. Gordon Parish Community Festival. Wallace Recreational Reserve.

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 |
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| 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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| Parish Schools | St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill | Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh | ☎ 5334 5280 www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au |
| | St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown | Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh | ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au |

Collections Last Week

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| Presbytery: \$353.20 | Parish: \$725.00 |
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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.

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

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

Ministries at Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Volunteers are needed for ministries at Penitential Service and Christmas Masses. Please fill in the sheet at the Church door.



| LITURGIES | | | |
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| Wed 16 th Dec | Bungaree | 7.30pm | Penitential Service |
| Thu 17 th Dec | Ballan | 10:00am | Anointing Mass |
| Fri 18 th Dec | Bungaree | 9.00am | Mass |
| Sat 19 th Dec | Bungaree | 11.00am | Individual Confessions |
| | Dunnstown | 6:30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 20 th Dec | Gordon | 8:45am | Sunday Mass |
| | Ballan | 10:30am | |

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| 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

Dawn Godfrey

Anniversaries

Anne-Maree Block, Anne Griffin, Monica McDermott, Fr Daniel Devane, John McCarthy, Ronald Graham, Roma Barry, Brian Barry, Sheila Gregory & Mary Conroy.

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kevin Bourke, 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 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.

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.

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. 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.

Available at Church door:

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



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 6.00pm ~ Clarks Hill and Springbank
8.00pm ~ Ballan and Gordon
10.00pm ~ Bungaree
Christmas Day 9.30am ~ Dunnstown



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

Mary MacKillop

From Portland to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Sainthood
Mary MacKillop departed Portland in January 1866. 150th anniversary celebrations in Portland: Sat/Sun 30/31 Jan. Info: Portland WorkSkills ☎ 5523 1645 or pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.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 |
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| 12 th & 13 th Dec | Third Sunday of Advent: 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 | |
| 19 th & 20 th Dec | Fourth Sunday of Advent: Micah 5:2-5 ~ Hebrws 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 | |
| 24 th & 25 th Dec | Volunteers for ministries will be called on for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses | | | |
| 26 th & 27 th Dec | The Holy Family: Sirach 3:3-7 ~ Colossians 3:12-21 ~ Luke 2:41-52 | | | |
| Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm | Marty Forbes | Kate Bennett | Margie Moran | Mowing: Mark Forbes & Frank Mahar |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Josie Donegan & Shane Carey | Eily Carey & Pat Barry | Faustina Gallicchio | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb | James & Alison Eskdale family | Bert Jarvis & Lorraine Tipple | |