



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)		
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: \$154.45	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$640.20	Year to date: \$22,805.10

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we would like to acknowledge the fantastic support that we have had this past year from so many of you in so many ways. THANK YOU to each of the individuals who play a huge part in pulling things together to make our parish the vibrant place that it is. Being a lay led community, we do have our challenges from time to time, but with your support and ownership of our parish, we celebrate many wonderful occasions. A very special THANK YOU to Fr Shane who takes such a caring approach to our regular weekend celebrations of Mass. We are truly grateful for your time and commitment to our parish! We also acknowledge the very special contribution from Sr Kathleen who works quietly and consistently to support the development of faith in our community. THANK YOU for your commitment to formation of faith in our parish. As we celebrate this very special event in our church calendar we wish you all a blessed Christmas, special time with family and friends and safe travels as we journey into the year ahead!

Fire Ban Alert

All Parish Churches will be pre-emptively closed on the Code Red Days declared for the Central Fire Ban District.



Volunteer/s required to maintain the garden beds at Gordon Church.

The roses need maintaining and the beds need watering. Please phone the parish office if you can help. Ph: 53689280.

Parish Festival February 28th, 2016.

The Parish Council is planning to hold a special Picnic & Festival which will be held at the Wallace Recreation Reserve on Sunday February 28th. The Moorabool council will be sponsoring the event and there will be a number of activities provided like a jumping castle & climbing wall, Peppa Pig & George Pig for children. Expressions of interest are being sort from anyone who would like to have a stall at this event to promote, or sell their products. To arrange a stall booking; please contact Margie Quinlan on 0417587237. Please keep this date free and come along to this exciting Parish community event.

Parish Contacts for Communion to the Sick

Springbank:	Donna Simpson..... ☎ 5334 5342
Gordon:	Maria Donegan..... ☎ 0406 241 240 Marie Conroy..... ☎ 5368 9351
Ballan:	Lorraine DeSpirt ☎ 5368 1180

Church Cleaning - January

*Note: Vacuuming: St Michael's 7th, St Brigid's 14th, St Patrick's 28th Jan.

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anne Mullane, Helen Conlan & Sue Conlan	Marie Conroy & Beth Calleja.	Mary Simpson & Donna Simpson



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

Presbytery: \$189.10	Parish: \$400.00
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Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Rupert Bowd, who is celebrating Mass at Clarkes Hill this Saturday 26th December.

Dunnstown Toilets

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



LITURGIES			
Sat 2 nd Jan	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 3 rd Jan	Gordon	8:45am	
	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)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Anniversaries

Leonard Adams, Annie Graham, Frank Fuller, Fr Patrick Culligan, Catherine Hanrahan, Neil O'Loughlin & Kevin Jones

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.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

Welcome

Welcome to Quinn May Slater (daughter of Rebecca and Mark), who at Mass this weekend is beginning her preparation for baptism at St. Peter's, Clarks Hill. We assure her and her family of our prayers and support

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.

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

Christmas Offerings

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

A collection will be taken up after communion at Christmas Masses for the Bishop's annual Christmas Appeal, which is one way by which our Diocese can respond to the many people and communities around the world who turn to us for assistance each year. In many cases, these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the Diocese of Ballarat or who are in regions that are linked with our country. Our response is a practical demonstration of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.



Available at Church door:

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

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
2 nd & 3 rd Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Whoever is available of the holiday period		Dorothy Sheehan	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Marie & Frank Conroy	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Anita Lidgett family	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	
9 th & 10 th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 ~ Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 ~ Luke 3:15-16,22-22			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	K Hanrahan	K Hanrahan	M Frawley / L Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit	Binks family	Cathy Mullane & Lloyd Lamb	