

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year C) ~ 2nd & 3rd January 2016



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, 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:

Christmas

Loose	\$1,425.05
Christmas Offerings (to date)	\$1,257.40
Bishop's Christmas Appeal	\$898.20

Sunday

Loose	Parish: \$113.15	Presbytery: \$300.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$349.00	Year to date: \$23,267.25

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 for the garden beds at Gordon Church

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

Coming Events:

Mon 11th Jan. P.P.C. Meeting. Parish House, Gordon.
Sun 24th Jan. Children's Liturgy, St Patrick's Mass, Gordon.
Wed 17th Feb, 7.30pm. Finance Committee. Parish House, Gordon.

Parish Festival: 28th February

The Parish Council is planning to hold a special Picnic & Festival at the Springbank Football & Netball oval on Sunday 28th Feb, 11am-4pm. Sponsored by the Moorabool Council; Activities include: jumping castle & climbing wall, Peppa Pig & George Pig for children. Expressions of interest are being sought from anyone who would like to have a stall at this event to promote or sell their products. Info: Margie Quinlan ☎ 0417 587 237. 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

20th December

Presbytery:	\$351.60	Parish:	\$689.00
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Christmas

Presbytery:	\$1,644.00	Parish:	\$440.00
Christmas Offerings	\$1,050.00	(to date)	
Bishop's Christmas Appeal	\$953.50		

27th December

Presbytery:	\$122.70	Parish:	\$400.00
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Dunnstown Toilets

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

Columban Calendar 2016 available at Church door: \$9.00



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LITURGIES			
Sat 9 th Jan	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 10 th Jan	Bungaree	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)				

Recent Death

Nancy Nugent

Anniversaries

Stephen Haintz, Susan McDermott, Maurine Kiely, Joseph Palfi, Katalin & George Dusa, Brian O'Neil, Maisie Carey & Jack Shanahan.

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, Stan Mahar.

Thanks

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

Christmas Offerings

Many thanks for your generous contributions to 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.

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.

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

The Diocese of Broome WA requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning, etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6+ months. Info: Anneliese Rohr ☎ 08 9192 1060 volunteers@broomedioocese.org www.broomedioocese.org PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

150 Years since Mary MacKillop departed from Portland

Mary MacKillop departed Portland in January 1866. 150th anniversary celebrations in Portland: Sat/Sun 30/31 Jan. Info: ☎ 5523 1645 or pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au

A prayer of Pope Francis in union with creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love. Praise be to you!

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

(from *Laudato Si': On the Care of our Common Home*)

	READER/INTERSESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	volunteers
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, 21-22			
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 Zammitt	Binks family	Cathy Mullane & Lloyd Lamb	
16 th & 17 th Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 62:1-5 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ~ John 2:1-11			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Lisa Bower Family	Trish Ryan	Max, Jade & Kiely
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Angela & Frank Kearns	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Kaz & Max Craggill family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	

