

# The Baptism of the Lord (Year C) ~ 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Patrick's Primary School** Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy ☎ 5368 9495 [www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Michael's Primary School** Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy ☎ 5334 0344 [www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au](http://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) | \$1,307.40 |
| Bishop's Christmas Appeal     | \$898.20   |

#### Sunday

|                |                     |                           |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Loose          | Parish: \$110.45    | Presbytery: \$300.00      |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$325.00 | Year to date: \$24,837.70 |
|                | Direct Debit (Dec): | \$1,135.00                |

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

### Parish Festival: 28<sup>th</sup> February

The Parish Council is planning to hold a special Picnic & Festival at the Springbank Football & Netball oval on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 14<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

| BALLAN  | GORDON                         | SPRINGBANK                      |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Anne Mullane,<br>Helen Conlan<br>& Sue Conlan | Marie Conroy &<br>Beth Calleja | Mary Simpson &<br>Donna Simpson |



## ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarke's 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, Clarke's Hill** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280 [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Christmas Collections

|                           |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Presbytery: \$1,644.00    | Parish: \$440.00     |
| Christmas Offerings       | \$1,490.00 (to date) |
| Bishop's Christmas Appeal | \$953.50             |

### Sunday Collections

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Presbytery: \$311.00 | Parish: \$1,185.00 |
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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.

### Bungaree Liturgy Roster

New rosters available for collection after Mass today.

**Columban Calendar 2016 available at Church door: \$9.00**

Visit the new diocesan website: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### 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

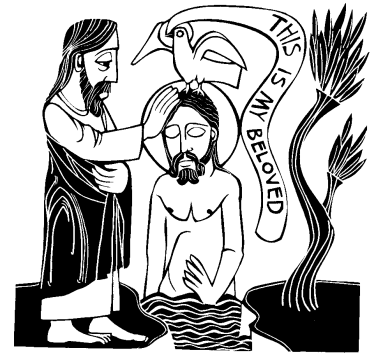
☎ 08 9192 1060 [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org)  
[www.broomedioocese.org](http://www.broomedioocese.org) PO Box 76, Broome WA 6725.

### 150 Years since Mary MacKillop departed from Portland

Mary MacKillop left Portland Jan 1866. 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in Portland: Sat/Sun 30/31 Jan. Info: ☎ 5523 1645 or [pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au](mailto:pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au)

| LITURGIES                |            |         |             |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|-------------|
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Bungaree   | 9.00am  | Mass        |
| Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Springbank | 6.30pm  | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Bungaree   | 8.45am  |             |
|                          | Ballan     | 10.30am |             |

|             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | 5 <sup>th</sup> 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

Catherine Maher, Jim Crough, John McDermott, Lex Walsh, Henry Parkin, Josie Ryan, Shane Everard, William Greaves, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada & James Quinlan.

### 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.

### We offer our prayerful support for the sick

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

### Diocesan eNews

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## Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy – Opening of the Holy Door Homily of Pope Francis – St Peter's Square, Rome, 8 December 2015



“... To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. It is he who seeks us! It is he who comes to encounter us! This will be a year in which we grow ever more convinced of God's mercy. How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy (cf. Saint Augustine, *De Praedestinatione Sanctorum*, 12, 24)! But that is the truth. We have to put mercy before judgment, and in any event God's judgement will always be in the light of his mercy. In passing through the Holy Door, then, may we feel that *we ourselves are part of this mystery of love, of tenderness*. Let us set aside all fear and dread, for these do not befit men and women who are loved. Instead, let us experience *the joy of encountering that grace which transforms all things*.

“Today, here in Rome and in all the dioceses of the world, as we pass through the Holy Door, we also want to remember another door, which fifty years ago the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council opened to the world. This anniversary cannot be remembered only for the legacy of the Council's documents, which testify to a great advance

in faith. Before all else, the Council was an encounter. A genuine encounter between the Church and the men and women of our time. An encounter marked by the power of the Spirit, who impelled the Church to emerge from the shoals which for years had kept her self-enclosed so as to set out once again, with enthusiasm, on her missionary journey. It was the resumption of a journey of encountering people where they live: in their cities and homes, in their workplaces. Wherever there are people, the Church is called to reach out to them and to bring the joy of the Gospel, and the mercy and forgiveness of God. After these decades, we again take up this missionary drive with the same power and enthusiasm. The Jubilee challenges us to this openness, and demands that we not neglect *the spirit which emerged from Vatican II, the spirit of the Samaritan*, as Blessed Paul VI expressed it at the conclusion of the Council. May our passing through the Holy Door today commit us to making our own the mercy of the Good Samaritan.”

### Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au). Maximum: 30 participants.

|   | READER/INTERCESSIONS  | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS          | COMMUNION MINISTER              | ALTAR SERVERS                       |
|---|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> 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                       | Kevin Hanrahan  | Kevin Hanrahan                 | Marg Frawley / Lorraine Jeffrey |                                     |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am                        | Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit  | Binks family                   | Cathy Mullane & Lloyd Lamb      |                                     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> 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     |                                     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 ~ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 |                                |                                 |                                     |
| Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm                   | Margie Moran  | Mary Prendergast               | Tim Bennett                     | Mowing: Tim Bennett & Maurice Mahar |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am                         | Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield  | Pat Carey & Caron Whitefield   | Joan Bourke                     |                                     |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am                        | Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan   | Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka | Winnie Zammit & Judith Hodgson  |                                     |