



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ GORDON

St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones ~ 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:

Loose	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$136.60
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$133.00	Year to date: \$25,844.60
Christmas offerings:	\$1,332.40	(to date)

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

We would like to acknowledge and thank Bishop Peter Connors, Frs Shane Mackinlay, Gary Jones and John McKinnon for their support of our parish and the coordinators during this past year. We are grateful that they are so readily available to assist when and where they can. As we are a lay-led community, we are periodically faced with some challenges which we are able to overcome with their spiritual and practical assistance and guidance. There is still a vacancy on the Parish Pastoral Council for a member from the Ballan community. This is an ideal opportunity to contribute in a very positive manner to the overall current and future direction of our parish. It is an extremely rewarding experience, so please give it some thought. If you are interested, you can contact any member of the PPC (members' names are listed on the parish bulletin). As we journey into the new year, the coordinators seek your support with the selection of a member from our parish community at the discernment process scheduled for mid February. Hopefully, you have given this matter careful and prayerful thought – our parish future is in your hands.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Next weekend at St Brigid's Mass, Stacey McKercher and Rebecca Smits will celebrate the Rite of Enrolment of Names, in preparation for the Rite of Election at the Cathedral at 12.30pm on the following Saturday. Catechumens and candidates from around the diocese will attend the Rite of Election, where Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will call Stacie and Rebecca to be baptised at Easter. All are invited and numbers are required for

catering. For further information, please phone Lin Bowers at St. Brigid's School.

Coming Events ~ to be held at Parish House, Gordon

Mon, 1st Feb. 7:30pm. PPC meeting.

Wed, 3rd Feb. 7:30pm. Liturgy Group/Bereavement Team mtg.

Wed, 17th Feb. 7:30pm. Finance C'tee meeting.

Change to Mass Times: Sunday 20th March

The Ballan Autumn Festival will be held on Sunday 20th March. To avoid disruption, Sunday Masses will be swapped on that day only:

- Ballan: 8.45am
- Gordon: 10.30am

Parish Festival: Sunday 28th February

Picnic & Festival, Springbank Football & Netball oval, 11am–4pm. Supported by \$3000 from Moorabool Shire Council Winter Grants program for a community event which involves the whole shire. Activities include: jumping castle & climbing wall, Peppa Pig & George Pig for children. Entry: gold coin donation or \$10/family. Expressions of interest are being sought from anyone who would like to have a stall at this event to promote or sell their products. We are also seeking volunteers to help run the event on the day, including: setting up, cleaning up, assisting with running activities. Info: Margie Quinlan ☎ 0417 587 237. Please keep this date free and come along to this exciting Parish community event.

Church Cleaning – February

*Note: Vacuuming: St Michael's - 3rd, St Brigid's - 17th & St Patrick's - 24th Feb.

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Elaine Conlan & Edith Paarhammer.	Therese Winter, Sue Petherick & Debbie Goldie.	Aileen Simpson, Anita Maher, Julie Toohey (David).



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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St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections Last Week

Presbytery: n/a	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

LITURGIES			
Tue 2 nd Feb	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 6 th Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 7 th Feb	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	
Tues 9 th Feb	Gordon	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday
Wed 10 th Feb	Dunnstown	9.15am	
	Ballan	11.00am	
	Cathedral	10.00am, 12.05pm & 7pm ~ Ash Wednesday	



	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

Gerard Winter, Anthony Jarvis, Ron Spedding, Olive Andrews, Nina Cassar, Kathleen Ryan, Trish Ford, Kevin Johnson, James Baynes, Ray Frawley, Frank Frawley, Greg Arnel, Margaret Ryan and Fr James Ryan.

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.

Welcome

Welcome to Harrison James Wise (son of Allison and Darren), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

Recycle your old Palms

Each year, the ashes for Ash Wednesday (10th Feb) are made by burning the palms from the previous Palm Sunday. Please bring any palms you have from last year to Mass next weekend.

World Interfaith Harmony Week

Flag-raising ceremony, Thu 4th Feb, 11am, attended by Bishop Paul Bird CSSR: Sturt Street, opposite the Town Hall.

Volunteers needed to support refugee students

Mercy Connect is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Ballarat Schools, for approx. 3 hrs/week for 4 school terms. Experience in an educational setting preferred; ongoing training & support provided. Initial training in February. RSVP 5th Feb: Paulene Barton

☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

YEAR OF MERCY ~ Pope Francis' Message for Young People ~ 6 January 2016



"... There are no walls or distances which can prevent the Father's mercy from reaching and embracing us ... I encourage you to take an active part in this celebration and to realise that each of you is a child of God. I would like to invite you, one by one, calling you by name, as Jesus does each day. For you know that your names are written in heaven, in the heart of the Father, that Merciful Heart which is the source of all reconciliation and kindness.

The Jubilee is ... a time when we can discover that life together as brothers and sisters is like a great party, perhaps the most beautiful party we can imagine, the endless party that Jesus has taught us to celebrate by his Spirit. The Jubilee is the party to which Jesus invites us all, without excluding anyone ...

Yours is a time of life which is full of amazing changes. Everything seems possible and impossible all at once. I

repeat what I said to some of your friends: 'Remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey! He gives us the courage to swim against the tide. Pay attention, my young friends: to go against the current; this is good for the heart, but we need courage to swim against the tide. Jesus gives us this courage! ... With Him we can do great things; He will give us the joy of being His disciples, His witnesses. Commit yourselves to great ideals, to the most important things. We Christians were not chosen by the Lord for little things; push onwards toward the highest principles. Stake your lives on noble ideals'.

... Don't ever lose hope! The Lord has a great dream which, with your help, He wants to come true! ... Don't be taken in by the messages of hatred or terror all around us. Instead, make new friends. Give of your time and always show concern for those who ask your help. Be brave and go against the tide; be friends of Jesus, Who is the Prince of Peace."

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
30 th & 31 st Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13 ~ Luke 4:21-30			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Amanda Elliott	P Elliott	L Hanrahan/ A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
6 th & 7 th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 61:8 ~ 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ~ Luke 5:1-11			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Meegan Jenkins	Craig Jenkins Family	Winnie Leonard	Gabby, Josh & Daniel
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Peter Donegan family	Carmel Mahar	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	Julie Dargan family	Simone Fodor & Patricia Binks	
13 th & 14 th Feb	First Sunday of Lent (Year C): Deuteronomy 26:4-10 ~ Romans 10:8-13 ~ Luke 4: 1-13			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Darren Rix	Darren Rix Family	D Ryan/A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	