



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: \$149.05
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$179.00	Year to date: \$25,844.60
Direct Debit (Jan):	\$935.00	

Kathleen's Corner

Plastic: Local and State Governments around Australia spend more than \$200 million per year picking up litter. If plastic bags continue to be used, the number of bags littering the environment will increase over time.

Loss of resources: Plastic bags are typically used for a short period of time but take hundreds of years to break down in landfill. While plastic bags can be recycled, only a tiny proportion of plastic bags are collected and reprocessed.

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

Coming Events

Mon, 8th Feb. 7:30pm. PPC meeting. Parish House Gordon
Wed, 17th Feb. 7:30pm. Finance C'tee meeting. Parish House Gordon
Sun, 21st Feb. Children's Liturgy, at St Patrick's Mass.
Tues, 1st Mar. Bungaree/Gordon Retreat. **Details over page**
Mon 7th Mar. 7pm. SVDP meeting. St Brigid's gather space.

Anniversary celebration

We congratulate Bert & Norma Jarvis of Ballan for their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this week. We pray they enjoy health and happiness.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This 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.

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

Collections Last Week

Presbytery: 177.50	Parish: \$509.00
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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 the Church door \$9.00**

LITURGIES			
Tues 9 th Feb	Clarkes Hill	9.15am	Opening Mass for Parish School
	Gordon	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday
Wed 10 th Feb	Dunnstown	9.15am	Ash Wednesday
	Ballan	11.00am	Ash Wednesday
	Cathedral	10.00am, 12.05pm & 7pm ~ Ash Wednesday	
Sat 6 th Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 7 th Feb	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)	Clarkes Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Anniversaries

Tom Mullane, Nina Cassar, John Trounce, Reg Hayes, John Ronan, Terry O'Keefe, Peter Bretherton, Frank Leonard, Patrick Mahar, Kathleen Rix and Betty Martin.

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, Margaret Mullane.

Welcome

Welcome to Aiden Antonio Sarra (son of Tiffany and Anthony), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Brendan's, Dunnstown. We assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Sadie Maree Wilson (2012), Isabella Maree Leonard (2012), Billy James Prendergast (2013), Nellie Kate Cheeseman (2015)

Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them,
so they may walk in newness of life.

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



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season as we celebrate 50 years of Project Compassion. You will be helping to empower the world's poorest children, women and men with vital learning and renewed hope. Donations: www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413

Review, Reimagine, Renew: Mission Making a Difference in a Changing World (Melbourne, 24-26 February)

This conference aims to equip leaders, practitioners and supporters to set new directions wisely, make difficult decisions, and build their networks for mission-impact by informing and inspiring around the drivers and directions of change; providing valuable opportunities for reflection and spiritual development; strengthening connections and information sharing; and capacity building to create change for the common good. Leading US writer and journalist on Catholic affairs, John L Allen Jr, is a keynote speaker, and will lead a workshop on media engagement. Other specific content includes Catholic Social Teaching in action, and social investment for mission-impact. Info: www.css.org.au/MissionRenew

Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

Tues 1st March, Donegan's Farm, led by Sr Veronica Lawson. Theme: "The Blessing of Mercy". \$20/person includes lunch and a copy of Veronica's book on mercy. Brochure at church door. Bookings: Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812 449 or kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au. Maximum: 30 participants.

Secondary Enrolments & Scholarships 2017

Applications close: 12 February 2016

- Damascus: Open mornings – Thurs 4 & 11 Feb, 9–10.30am
- St Patrick's: Scholarships for entry in years 7, 10 and 11

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has invited expressions of interest for membership in this Commission, which was established in 2011. Applications due: 15th Feb. Info: vindillon@gmail.com

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

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

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
6 th & 7 th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 61:8 ~ 1 Corinthians 15:11-11 ~ 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	
20 th & 21 st Feb	Second Sunday of Lent (Year C): Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 ~ Philippians 3:17-4:1 ~ Luke 9:28-36			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Karen Cahir Family	Fran Peterkin	Gabby, Josh & Daniel
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy & Maria Donegan	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammitt & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	