



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: \$170.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$252	Year to date: \$28,367.90
Project Compassion (to date): \$262.10		

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine)

We are now initiating a call for nominations for a new Coordinator to be determined at a discernment process scheduled for **Sunday, April 10 at Ballan**. The challenge of identifying available and gifted candidates should be 'owned' by the whole community. Our model incorporates a rotational pattern with one of our three coordinators being replaced each year. Lin Bowers will complete her current appointment at the end of April and Bishop Paul Bird will commission Joan and Catherine, along with our new Coordinator in June. Please consider this important next step carefully in consolidating our model by completing a nomination form which will now be available in each church foyer for the next few weeks. Nomination forms need to be completed and returned for collating no later than March 28, 2016. We ask that you give these nominations careful and prayerful consideration as our parish future viability is in your hands. If you would like some more information regarding a coordinator's role, please talk to Lin, Joan, or Catherine.

First Reconciliation Ceremony

Congratulations to the students who have commenced their Reconciliation journey, our prayers are with them during this time. The First Reconciliation Ceremony will take place **Thurs, 17th March; 4pm at St Brigid's & 6pm at St Patrick's.**

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 4th, 10am. St Pauls Uniting Church, Inglis Street, Ballan. **All welcome.** Morning Tea to follow.

Penitential Service

'For what I have done and for what I have failed to do.'
 On **Tuesday, 15th March, 7.30p.m.** St. Brigid's Ballan are holding a Penitential Service for the whole Parish. There will be no priest present. As a community we come together in prayer to recognise our need for forgiveness, and to celebrate God's Mercy.

Children Behind Bars

Can we influence governments to act now to establish genuine alternatives to detention and ensure that children who must be detained are held in humane conditions and benefit from schooling, health services, recreational opportunities, and contact with the outside world?

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

- Tues, 1st Mar. Bungaree/Gordon Retreat. **Details over page**
- Mon 7th Mar. 7pm. SVDP meeting. St Brigid's gather space
- Mon, 7th March. PPC Meeting.
- Wed, 16th March. Finance Committee meeting.

Church Cleaning – March

*Note: St Patrick's will be cleaned 9th, St Michael's 16th, St Brigid's 16th March. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris & Cathy Mullane.	Margaret McTigue & Carmen Camilleri.	Faye Toohey & Cathy Hanrahan.



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: \$320.00	Parish: \$400.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$50.00	

Wallace and District Kindergarten

Places available in 3-year-old program: Mondays, 9am-12pm. Info: call in or ☎ 5334 0268

St Brendan's School – Mountain of Fun Run

Once again the Parents & Friends of St Brendan's School, Dunnstown are holding their Annual Fundraising Event – 'The Mountain of Fun Run' on **next Sunday 6th March**. \$1 from each entry will be donated to the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners. **Register online at: www.mountainoffunrun.com** Registrations are accepted on the day and will incur an additional fee of \$5.00. See you there!

LITURGIES			
Tues 1 st Mar	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 3 rd Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 5 th Mar	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 6 th Mar	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

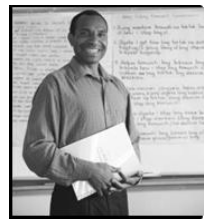
Bill Wheelahan, Gert Cummins, Antal Boka, Matt Jamieson, Maurice Conlan, Gabrielle Johnson, Maureen O'Donohue, Anne Quinn and Fr Henry Nikel

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Robert Eskdale, Gerard Toohey, Tom Simpson

Welcome

Welcome to Tannor Lynch (son of Brooke & Matthew) and Jack Quinlan (son of Lee & Simon), who at Mass this weekend are beginning their preparation for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.



Generational poverty has led to many challenges in communities in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures: www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413

Cyclone Winston (Fiji)

Caritas Australia is coordinating with its partners in Fiji, Tonga, and New Zealand to assist meet the needs of the survivors of this devastating natural disaster. Project Compassion funds help support emergency responses like this. For more information or to make a direct donation, visit www.caritas.org.au

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees

State Library, Melb, 20th March, 2pm. Info: www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk

Year of Mercy Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

The one day retreat for Bungaree and Gordon parishioners is to be held at Donegan's Farm on Tues., 1st March. Sr. Veronica who has written a book: "The Blessing of Mercy", will lead the retreat. Some places still available. Please contact Kathleen Moran ☎: 0438 812449 or email: kathleen.moran@mercy.org.au as soon as you are able.



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset ... your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, sharing your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other (no group sharing). Couples and a priest present the weekend, based around Catholic values but open to all. 2016 Melbourne dates: 8–10 April, 17–19 June, 19–21 Aug, 11–13 Nov. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info: Marianne & Marcel ☎ 9733 0997 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

Parish Picnic & Festival: This Sunday 28th February

At Springbank Football & Netball Club oval (Wallace Rec.Res) 11am-4pm. Activities include jumping castle, climbing wall, Peppa & George Pig. Entry: Gold coin donation or \$10/family. **No BYO Alcohol or Glass.** Info: Margie Quinlan ☎ 0417 587 237

Centacare Family Support Programs

Tuning in to Kids – An evidence based parenting program focused on raising emotionally intelligent children through:

- Understanding the impact of emotions or behaviour
- Identifying and understanding your own emotions
- Enhancing emotional connection within your family

Tues 1st & 8th March 9.30am-1.30pm. \$85 or \$45 w concession

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
27 th & 28 th Feb	Third Sunday of Lent (Year C): Exodus 3:1-8 ~ 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 ~ Luke 13:1-9			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Mary Slater	Julie Moran	Mowing: Con Powell & Pat Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	
5 th & 6 th Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C): Joshua 5:9-12 ~ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ~ Luke 15:1-3,11-22			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mary & Declan Hanrahan	Dominic Hanrahan Family	Trish White	Tara Jenkins & Felicity Griffiths
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja	Mark & Narelle Conroy family	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Margaret Hillier & Marie Shanahan	Kaz & Max Craggill family	Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	
12 th & 13 th Mar	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C): Isaiah 43:16-21 ~ Philippians 3:8-14 ~ John 8:1-11			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Vicki Moroney	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	C Frawley	S Ryan/N Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Patricia Binks	