

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) ~ 12th & 13th March, 2016



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)

☎ 5368 9280 Fax: 5368 9664 ~ C/- Post Office, Gordon Vic 3345

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, 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: \$83.85
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$449.00	Year to date: \$31,071.35
Project Compassion (to date): \$321.35		

Community Festival Committee

A diverse crowd of people, from families with young children, to older visitors, enjoyed all the activities and entertainment of the festival in perfect weather. Buskers provided music to tap along to during the day, and visitors enjoyed browsing the craft and plant stalls and a display from the Wombat Regional Arts Network. There were some colourful entries in the Art Show depicting views of Gordon and surrounding areas, on the theme of "Our Community". The beautiful sunny day made it the perfect day for ice cream, and there was a steady supply of food and drink, from local sporting and community groups and schools, and other stall holders. Young children loved the pony rides and lucky dips, and thronged around to dance and sing along with Peppa Pig and George Pig, Elsa of Frozen movies fame, another favourite was the rock climbing wall. The organising committee received fantastic support from many sponsors, volunteers, family and friends who worked together to make an enjoyable day for all. The planning for 2017 is now underway. If you are interested in joining the Festival committee, please contact Margie Quinlan on 0417 587237 or quinlanwater@gmail.com

Red Cross Ballan

Exhibition of Red Cross Signature Quilts at Millrose Quilting and Gallery, 92 Inglis Street, Ballan, 18th-20th March, 10am-4pm. ☎ Jacinta Davie 0403 040 533. All welcome.

International Women's Day

HERE'S TO GOOD WOMEN
 MAY WE KNOW THEM
 MAY WE BE THEM
 MAY WE RAISE THEM

Make Your Easter Chocolate Slavery Free



Slavery-free chocolate carries one of these three labels - FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ certified. This

shows that the cocoa beans used in the chocolate's production have been sourced ethically, from farmers who engage in good labour practices. Go to www.acrath.org.au to find out more about the campaign and slavery free chocolate. Thank the managers of stores that are stocking slavery-free chocolate this Easter.

Coming Events

- Tues, 15th March. 7:30pm. Penitential Service. St Brigid's, Ballan. **All Welcome!**
- Wed, 16th March. Finance Committee meeting.
- Thurs, 17th March. 10:30am. **St Patrick's Day Mass.** Fr Gary Jones. St Brigid's.
- Thurs, 17th March. First Reconciliation Ceremony.
 ~ **St Brigid's 4pm & St Patrick's 6pm.**

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

C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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: \$319.60	Parish: \$956.00
Easter Offerings (to date):	\$50.00
Project Compassion (to date):	\$210.00

Wallace and District Kindergarten

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

Lenten Anointing Mass: Tues 15th March

Mass of Anointing for the frail elderly and sick: Tuesday 15th March, Dunnstown, 9.15am

Assistance in Holy Week

- Parish representative to receive oils from the Bishop at Mass of the Oils, Monday 21st March
- Coordinator for Penitential Service and Holy Thursday Mass at Bungaree

Please contact Fr Shane if you can help.

LITURGIES			
Tues 15 th Mar	Dunnstown	9.15am	Anointing Mass
Thur 17 th Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 19 th Mar	Bungaree	11.00am	Individual Confession
	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 20 th Mar	**Ballan	8.45am	(note change of mass times for Ballan and Gordon)
	**Gordon	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

Peter De Spirt, Harry Wise, Joseph Micallef, Mary Winter, Joseph & Antonia Spiteri, Renee & Agostina Barbara, Helen Kuczynski, Jack Ford, Joseph Cini, Mona Nihill, Des Frichot, Joan Shanahan, Pat Kennedy, Leo Davies and Peter Torpy

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, Dan Toohey, Joe D'arcy

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Sullivan James Toose (2012), Lucy Louise Dash (2013), Ethan John Butler, Felicity Claire Ryan (2014), Samuel Benjamin Roberts (2015), Summer Maree Watson. Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.



Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Natalie Carey and Gerard Maher, who were married this Saturday in St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

Diocesan RCIA and Sacrament Coordinator

New part-time position (3 days/week) to provide formation, resourcing and support for adults in parishes whose ministry is the RCIA or sacramental preparation for children. Details www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Applications close: 15th March.

Nazareth House St Patrick's Day Coffee Party

Thurs 17th March, 1.30pm. Nazareth House Hall.

Mass of the Oils: Monday 21st March, 6.30pm

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly the unity of the Diocesan Church.



Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom (pictured) lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region. Please donate to Project Compassion and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children: 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

St Mary's College, University of Melbourne

Jubilee Mass to mark 50 years on Swanston St, celebrated by Archbishop Hart, Newman College, Sunday 13th March, 3pm, followed by a Garden Party. RSVP: ☎ 9349 9555 or secretary@stmarys.unimelb.edu.au

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees

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

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies			
Sat 19 th	Individual Confession	Bungaree	11.00am
Mon 21 st	Mass of the Oils	Cathedral	6.30pm
Wed 23 rd	Individual Confession	Bungaree	4.00pm
	Penitential Service	Bungaree	7.30pm
Thu 24 th	Holy Thursday Mass	Bungaree	7.30pm
Fri 25 th	Stations of the Cross	Ballan	10.00am
	Way of the Cross to Black Hill	Ballarat Nth	10.00am
	Good Friday Service	Springbank	3.00pm
Sat 26 th	Easter Vigil	Gordon	7.30pm
Sun 27 th	Easter Sunday Mass	Dunnstown	8.45am
		Ballan	10.30am

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
19 th & 20 th Mar	Palm Sunday (Year C): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Luke 22 22:15-23:56			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard & Maddi Peterkin	Chris Leonard Family	Margaret Leonard	Callan & Isla McKay
**** Ballan ~ 8.45am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
*** Gordon ~ 10.30am	Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor	Kim Newman family	Carmen Camilleri	
26 th & 27 th Mar	Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord (Year C): Acts 10:34,37-43 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 ~ John 10:1-9			
Gordon ~ 7.30pm	Volunteers required for all Holy Week and Easter Liturgies			
Dunnstown ~ 8.45am				
Ballan ~ 10.30am				