



## 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, 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 <a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Patrick's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495 <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Michael's Primary School	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344 <a href="http://www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au">www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections Last Week

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

Loose	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$116.85
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$600.00	Direct Debit (Mar): \$1065.00
Year to date: \$34,506.60		
Special Collections	Project Compassion (to date): \$703.00	
	Holy Land - Good Friday: \$538.95	
	Easter Offerings (to date): \$940.00	

### Coordinator Discernment Process

This Sunday after Mass at **St Brigid's** at **11:30am** we progress with the discernment of our new Coordinator in the **Ballan Gathering Space**. (Please note the venue). Amanda Smith from the Diocese Office will facilitate the discernment and all parish members are encouraged to participate in this important process for embedding our community led operating model. The shape of our Coordinator team is in your hands. Please come along to participate, show your support and stay for a cuppa & light refreshment.

### Thank you – Easter Masses

For all those who helped with the preparation of the Easter Masses thank you for the time, commitment and support provided by so many, assisting in the various roles that made our Easter celebrations so special – Thank-you!

### ANZAC display

At St Michael's this Saturday & St Patrick's on the following Sunday, a memory book will be provided for our

parishioners to record names to honour & remember soldiers of war.

### Kathleen's Corner

"There are snipers shooting at anyone on the road, and landmines in the fields. Checkpoints stop everything coming in – food, medicine, fuel; everything needed for life. They stop people leaving, even sick children in need of medical help. Homes and schools lie in ruins from bombing. Children are starving and the markets are empty. It's the 21st century but here it's like hundreds of years ago. This is what it means to live under siege." ~ Syrian aid worker, January 2016

### Sr. Veronica Lawson's Book for Sale

"The Blessing of Mercy - Bible perspectives and ecological challenges" Cost: \$12. Contact Kathleen on 0438 812449 or check church porch after Mass.

### Coming Events & Meetings:

- Mon, 11<sup>th</sup> April. PPC meeting. Parish House.
- Wed, 20<sup>th</sup> April. Finance Meeting. Parish House.
- Thurs, 19<sup>th</sup> May. Confirmation & First Eucharist Meeting with Fr Gary Jones at St Patrick's School Hall.

### Church Cleaning – April

\*Note Vacuuming: St Michael's 6<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 13<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 27<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers & Dianne Johnson.	Noelie Carton & Joan Bourke.	Natalie Toohey, Debra Toohey & Loretta Toohey.



## 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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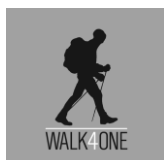
Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh	☎ 5334 5280 <a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh	☎ 5334 7604 <a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>

### Collections Last Week

Presbytery: \$366.00	Parish: \$405.00
Easter Offerings (to date): \$920.00	
Project Compassion (to date): \$808.25	

### Parish Social Lunch with Walk-4-One Guest Speaker

2-course meal with guest speaker: Sam Clear. 15,600 km on foot, 20 countries, 568 days, 11 near-death encounters, one extraordinary story. Sam Clear walked around the world in an effort to urge and inspire all Christians to unite: 'That they may all be one.' He didn't think it would be easy; but he had no idea how hard it was going to be ... His tale is one of



extraordinary courage, challenges and love in action under incredible circumstances (see [www.walk4one.com](http://www.walk4one.com)). Bungaree Community Centre (Bungaree Recreation Reserve), Sunday 19 June, 12.30pm. Adults \$30, secondary students \$20 (drinks @ bar prices). Bookings by 10 June: Amanda Elliott ☎ 0427 713 064 or [amanda@rumerz.com.au](mailto:amanda@rumerz.com.au) or Liz Hanrahan ☎ 0417 347 262.

### Wallace and District Kindergarten

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

### Wallace and District Kindergarten Mothers Day Luncheon

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, Bungaree Community Centre. Bookings essential: Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544.

LITURGIES			
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Gordon	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)	Clarks Hill (Clunes)	Springbank (Blampied)
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

### Recent Deaths

Bishop Ronald Mulkearns, Ian Griffiths

### Anniversaries

Jack Toohey, Bill Molloy, Carmel Fitzgerald, Margaret Trounce, Andrew Sherry & Peter Molloy.

### 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, Gerard Toohey, Dan Toohey, Joe D'arcy, Vanessa Brotto

### Welcome

Welcome to Lola Mae Miles (daughter of Lucinda & Damien), who is being baptised at Clarks Hill this weekend, and to Addilyn Grace Simpson (daughter of Rhiannon & Jamie), who is beginning her preparation for baptism at Springbank. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.



### Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Sophie Claire Dash (2015), Joe Timothy Trigg (2015), Emme Jean Tait (2015), Archer Crawford Pirotta, Jacob Edward Somers & Reina Lilian Borg.

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

### Easter Offerings

Thanks for your generous contributions to Easter Offerings. Along with Christmas Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Easter Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

### Diocesan eNews

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### Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Kew

☎ 9854 8110; email: [secretary@campion.asn.au](mailto:secretary@campion.asn.au)

- Mercy Retreat w/ Iain Radvan SJ & Veronica Lawson RSM Fri–Sun 22–24 April: \$240 (live-in)
- Eight-Day Silent Directed Retreat Wed 11 – Fri 20 May: \$1000 (live-in)
- Come & See Prayer Day with Rolling Stones CLC Group Sunday 22 May: \$25 (lunch inclusive)
- Men's Retreat with Iain Radvan SJ & Paul White Fri–Sun 3–5 Jun: \$240 (live-in)

### Centacare Programs

#### Parenting Skills

- Managing challenging parenting moments
  - Keeping cool when the kids heat up
  - Choosing when to accept, prevent or influence children's difficult behaviour
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am-1.30pm \$45 or \$25 w/ concession**  
**Or Tues 17<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am-1.30pm \$45 or \$25 w/ concession**

#### Bringing up Great Kids

Bringing up Great Kids is a reflective parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation

- Building supportive parent-child relationships
- Exploring messages and beliefs we bring to our experience of parenting
- Understanding the world through our children's eyes

**Tues 3 & 10 May 9.30am-1.30pm \$85 or \$45 w/ concession**

#### Tuning in to Kids

An evidenced based parenting program focused on raising emotionally intelligent children through:

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

**Sat 21 & 28 May 9.30am-1.30pm \$85 or \$45 w/ concession**

More info on these and other programs contact Centacare  
 Ph: 03 5327 7960 or E: [ballaratfrc@centacareballarat.org.au](mailto:ballaratfrc@centacareballarat.org.au)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Third Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 5:27-32,40b-41 ~ Revelation 5:11-14 ~ John 21:1-19			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey Family	Mark Hanrahan Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	Leah Hanrahan	E Clarke / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Bridget Sims Family	Ellen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 13:14,43-52 ~ Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 ~ John 10:27-30			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Helen & Bridget Spratling	Spratling Family	Dorothy Sheehan	Daniel & Cody
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Michael Winter family	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	James & Alison Eskdale family	John Fabre & Judith Hodgson	
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 14:21-27 ~ Apocalypse 21:1-5 ~ John 13:31-35			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Helen Mahar	Jill Prendergast	Helen Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Anita Lidgett family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	