

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy (Year C) ~ 16th & 17th April, 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)

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PARISH VISION: *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

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| 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:

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$300.00 | Parish: \$144.70 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$119.00 | Year to date: \$34,770.30 |
| Special Collections | Project Compassion (to date): \$703.00 | |
| | Easter Offerings (to date): \$985.00 | |

News from the Coordinators (Lin, Joan & Catherine):

Last Sunday at the discernment process undertaken in Ballan and facilitated by Amanda Smith from the Diocesan Pastoral Office, one nomination was put forward and accepted. We are pleased to announce that Michael Ryan will fill the vacancy as from May 01. We would like to thank Michael for accepting this position thus ensuring the continuation and growth of our thriving Parish. Thank you also to all parishioners for your continued support and encouragement of the coordinators. We are indeed a very blessed faith community. Stacey McKercher and Rebecca Smits are new members of our Gordon Catholic Community. If you would like to invite either of them to accompany you in a parish activity of which you are involved in, please do so.

ANZAC display

At St Patrick's this Sunday, a memory book will be provided for our parishioners to record names to honour & remember soldiers of war.

Save the Dates

- Two sessions have been booked with Karon Donnellon RSM to revisit our Parish Vision Statement. Please save the dates: **3rd July** in Ballan & **10th July** in Gordon. Further information to come.
- Wednesday, **20th April** at 2.00 p.m. in the gathering space at St Brigid's, Ballan. All are invited to an ecumenical meeting on the subject of 'A Refugee Welcome Zone', being a Local Government Area which has made a commitment in spirit to welcoming refugees into the community, upholding the human rights of refugees, demonstrating compassion for refugees and enhancing cultural and religious diversity in the community.

Coming Events & Meetings

- Wed, 20th April. Finance Meeting. Parish House.
- Thurs, 19th May. Confirmation & First Eucharist Meeting with Fr Gary Jones at St Patrick's School Hall.

Church Cleaning – May

*Note Vacuuming: St Michael's 4th, St Brigid's 11th & St Patrick's 18th May. Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
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| Lin Bowers | 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 www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au |
| | St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown | Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh | ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au |

Collections Last Week

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| Presbytery: | \$150.60 | Parish: | \$485.00 |
| Easter Offerings (to date): | | \$940.00 | |
| Project Compassion (to date): | | \$858.25 | |

Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Rupert Bowd, who is celebrating Mass in Dunnstown this weekend, while Fr Shane attends a family function.

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). 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 or Liz Hanrahan

☎ 0417 347 262.



| LITURGIES | | | |
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| Tues 19 th Apr | Bungaree | 9.00am | Mass |
| Sat 23 rd Apr | Clarks Hill | 6.30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 24 th Apr | Gordon | 8.45am | |
| | Ballan | 10.30am | |



| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| 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

Laurie Flynn, Brenda Jones, Len Maher, Sheila Fay, Barry McNamara, Mary Duffy, Alice McTigue, Kathleen Toohey, Johanna Corbett & Jessie Baynes.

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, Mary Elliott, Mark Leonard.

Baptism

Congratulations to Tara Audrey Lloyd (daughter of Melissa & Brendan), who is being baptised at Dunnstown this weekend. We welcome Tara into our faith community, and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.



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.

Wallace and District Kindergarten Mothers Day Luncheon

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

Wallace and District Kindergarten

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

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Kew

☎ 9854 8110; email: secretary@campion.asn.au

- Mercy Retreat with 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)

Men's Spirituality

There has been recent interest from men in our parishes in gaining support for their spiritual growth. Fr Barry Ryan has agreed to assist; however, we will need numbers before he is invited to come. If you wish to be involved, please contact: Michael Ryan ☎ 0408 823 184 / info@michaelryanca.com.au or Kathleen Moran 0438 812 449 / rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au

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 19th April 9.30am-1.30pm \$45 or \$25 w concession
Or Tues 17th 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

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| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 16 th & 17 th 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 rd & 24 th 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 | |
| 30 th April & 1 st May | Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C): Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 ~ Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 ~ John 14:23-29 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Fran & Hayley Peterkin | Peterkin Family | Trish Ryan | Gemma & Madalyn |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Kate Carey & Marie Durham | Angela & Frank Kearns | Josie Donegan | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Volunteer req'd & Patrick Hodgson | Binks family | Lorraine Tipple & Lloyd Lamb | |