



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: Joan Bourke (Moderator), Catherine Green & Michael Ryan

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	Helen Ryan (Chair), Joan Bourke (Moderator), Linden Hall, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Gabe Driscoll (School Principal) ..** A representative is required for Springbank.**		
Finance Committee	Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher		
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: \$205.20
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$1,877.00	Year to date: \$58,355.40
Direct Debit	May: \$1,190.00	

News from the Coordinators (Joan, Catherine and Michael)

This week we had a very busy meeting with Fr Gary and many topics concerning the Parish were discussed. We thank Fr Gary for making himself available over the past couple weeks to celebrate Masses, visiting the sick and for his ongoing support to the coordinators. The end of the Financial Year is upon us and we are struggling to meet the Budget figure for the Planned Giving, this puts pressure on our finances to meet the expense of ongoing maintenance issues. Our upcoming meeting dates with Sr. Karon Donellan are for our Parish to go forward as an independent and sustainable Parish. If you could make yourself available for either meeting, we would be very grateful. Details regarding these meeting are included in the bulletin. *Keep warm!*

Volunteer required for Parish Pastoral Council

There is a vacancy for a Springbank representative on the PPC. Nominations can be given to any of the coordinators.

New Planned Giving Envelopes for 2016/17 year

Available for collection in the foyers of the Churches from this weekend (some have been mailed). Please take yours to avoid postage costs. If there is any parishioner who wishes to join the Parish Planned Giving, please contact the office on 5368 9280.

Kathleen's Corner

... as is the case in every choice we make, elections also offer us a choice between hope and despair. The good spirit always awakens hope. *Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ*

Sing Australia Choir

Gordon Hall, Wed 27th July, 11am. For transport, contact Narelle at the parish office ' 5368 9280.

Our Parish

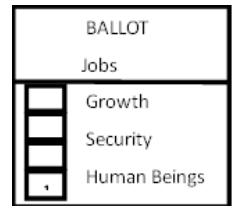
You have two opportunities to join a gathering with Sr. Karon Donnellon, who will facilitate our discussion on two points in particular:

1. **What kind of parish would you like ours to be?**
 2. **How do we make/keep our parish moving in that direction?**
- St. Brigid's gathering space July 3rd after Mass, and July 10th St. Patrick's School, Gordon at 1p.m. A bite to eat afterwards will be supplied. All welcome. If you can't make it to either, your reflections can be written and given to Kathleen Moran. *There will be a follow up for the whole parish later in the year.*

Church Cleaning – July

**Vacuuming: St Michael's 1/6, St Brigid's 8/6. Final cleaning dates til Aug*
Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Cappello, Colleen Ryrie, Julie Dargan & Lyndal Healey.	Ann Micallef, Georgina Wright & Monica Eastwood.	Julie Toohey (Tony), Sharon Daly & Sue Daly.



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: \$394.50	Parish: \$463.00
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Confirmation and First Eucharist

Fifteen children are preparing for these sacraments with their families. We assure them of our prayers and support.

Week 1 ~ Belonging: Initiated in Baptism

- Through our baptism we are initiated into the life of the Catholic Church
- Families celebrate significant occasions in their lives in particular ways

- When we belong we experience welcome, acceptance and a sense of responsibility to others

Week 2 ~ God speaks as we listen

- God speaks to us through the Scriptures
- God is most fully revealed in the person of Jesus
- The Gospels teach us about the life of Jesus

Retreat Day

- Thursday 28th July: Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

- Sunday 31st July, 8.45am: St Michael's, Bungaree
- Saturday 6th August, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown



LITURGIES			
Thur 30 th June	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 2 nd July	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 3 rd July	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	Springbank	Dunnstown	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				

Rcent Deaths

Margot Driscoll (Mother of Gabe & Fr Justin)

Anniversaries

Stan Mullane, Pat Conroy, James Hopkins, Jane Auchettl, Alma Jones, Kevin O'Donohue, Isabella Seserrick, Ellie Mooring, Ken Ludbrook and Mary Walsh

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne Mc Kercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Michelle Hall, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Stan Mahar, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Dan Toohey, Joe D'arcy, Vanessa Brotto, Mary Elliott, Mark Leonard, Gerard Molloy, Melanie Yates, Joe Donegan.

Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Tony Dean CM, an Old Testament lecturer from Catholic Theological College, who is celebrating Masses this weekend, during Fr Shane's annual holidays. Fr Rupert Bowd will celebrate Masses for the next two weekends. If a priest is needed during the week, please contact Fr Gary Jones during June (☎ 5348 2026) or St Patrick's Cathedral during July (☎ 5331 2933).

Victorian Welsh Male Choir @ Buninyong

Sts Peter & Paul's Church, Sun 26th June, 2pm. Tickets \$30, John White ☎ 5341 2675 or 0402 808 299.

PALMS Australia

PALMS is a Catholic agency that coordinates lay volunteers to undertake overseas placements with long-term development partners. (Locally, Frank Hanrahan undertook a 2-year placement in Papua New Guinea through PALMS.) For many years, PALMS was supported by government grants, but these were eliminated some time ago with other reductions to Australia's overseas aid budget. PALMS now relies entirely on donations. To help, visit www.palms.org.au or contact Frank Hanrahan.



A Vote For The Voiceless

From a statement by the Catholic Bishops of Australia on the election (www.catholic.org.au)

"Australians are again going to the polls. We do so thankful that the electoral process will be free of the violence found elsewhere. Our political system may have its problems but we have a stable democracy, which is not to be taken for granted. Nor is the quality of those who put themselves forward for election to the Federal parliament. We are in their debt for their willingness to serve ... The economy of course is important and there does need to be sound management. But, as Pope Francis has pointed out, there is also a danger that the economy can become a kind of false god to which even human beings have to be sacrificed. This leads to what the Pope has called the throwaway culture – a culture of over-consumption where all kinds of things are thrown away, wasted, even human beings ... Among the people discarded in this throwaway culture are these: Refugees and asylum seekers ... Indigenous peoples ... survivors of sexual abuse ... those who suffer family violence ... those in the womb ... the elderly ... those suffering mental illness ... those suffering addiction ... the desperately poor beyond our shores ... any society is ultimately judged not on how well it manages the economy but on how well it treats the thrown-away people.

... Economic decisions have been less and less favourable to families in recent years; and it may be that political decisions in the future will undermine further the dignity and uniqueness of marriage as a lifelong union of man and woman ... Pope Francis has said that the earth too cries out for justice at this time ... Now is the time to act, so that the natural environment is able to meet human needs ... [this] does mean treating it with respect and seeing it as a gift to be received gratefully rather than as a resource to be plundered at will ...

We hope that ... our vote may be a vote in favour of a community where no-one is thrown away, where all the voices are heard and all the faces seen."

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
25 th & 26 th June	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): King 19:16, 19-21 ~ Galatians 5:1, 13-18 ~ Luke 9:51-62			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Margaret Crough	Helen Moran	Mowing: Maurice Mahar & Brian Maher
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja	Peter Donegan family	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammitt	Binks family	Judith Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	
2 nd & 3 rd July	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 66:10-14 ~ Galatians 6:14-18 ~ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Di Cahir & Maggie Sellers	Sellers Family	Margaret Leonard	Charlotte & Will Card
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Tom Paarhammer & Lin Bowers	Leon & Pat Burvill	Helen Conlan & Cathy Mullane	
9 th & 10 th July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Deuteronomy 30:10-14 ~ Colossians 1:15-20 ~ Luke 10:25-37			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Tony & Julie Toohey	Peter Maher Family	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Tom Moloney	D Ryan	N Jeffrey / D Ryan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lesley Morffew & Lloyd Lamb	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	