



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: \$14.50
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$319.60	
2016/17 Year to date: \$5,462.10		

News from the Coordinators

On behalf of the Parish, we would like to thank Michael Kennedy for his work and commitment he has shown over the years in his role as Principal at St Patrick's and St Michael's Primary Schools. We extend to Michael every best wish in his new role as Principal at St Aloysius, Redan and thank him for his support to the Parish over the years. Over the past few months there has been a vacant position on our Parish Pastoral Council for the Springbank community. If you feel you could contribute to the Parish by becoming a member of the PPC or know of someone who may be interested, please contact one of the coordinators as soon as possible. It is important that the Springbank community is fully represented in the Parish groups. Once again thank you to everyone who contributes to our Parish Life.

Gleeson-Mills Reunion: Sun 25th Sept

A reunion for the descendants of John Mills & Julia Gleeson @ the Gordon Hall. Info: Michael Elkins ☎ 9879 1415

POSITION VACANT: Parish Secretary

Part-time, 10 hours per week. Based in Parish House, Gordon. This position includes a wide range of administrative duties and responsibilities. More information and copies of Position Description available from Parish Coordinators, Joan Bourke, 0402 111 495, Catherine Green, 0400 290 171, Michael Ryan, 0408 823 184.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

RCIA meetings will be held in Gordon on Tuesday mornings 9-10am. Enquiries: Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812 449. If you or someone you know, would like to find out more about becoming a Catholic, contact Lin Bowers: ☎ 0414 782 044. (Leaflets in Church foyer)

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.

Church Cleaning – September

**Vacuuming: St Michael's 6th, St Brigid's 13th, St Patrick's 20th Sept.

Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Winnie Zammit	Marie Conroy & Beth Calleja	Mary Simpson & Donna Simpson



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: \$304.10	Parish: \$494.00
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Music Volunteers for Liturgies

Many thanks to Mary Slater and Terry Elliott who have now concluded their generous contribution over many years to leading music at Clarkes Hill and Bungaree. New volunteers are invited for all our churches. Please contact Helen Mahar (Clarkes Hill) HelenMa@bhs.org.au, Julie Boyd (Bungaree) boydh.1@bigpond.com or Brendan Spratling (Dunnstown) brendansprat@hotmail.com

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on 6th September this year. Local celebrations with Fr Shane:

- Sun 11th Sept, 10.30am Mass, St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate of cakes/slices to share.
- Sun 18th Sept, 10.30am Mass, St Brigid's, Ballan followed by morning tea in the gathering space.



LITURGIES			
Tues 30 th Aug	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 1 st Sep	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 3 rd Sep	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 4 th Sep	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	Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Anniversaries

Molly O'Loughlin, Malcolm McKenzie, Rita Fuller, Jack Mahoney, Peter Cefai, Rommy Sapuri, Tom McTigue, Gerald Clifford, William Bourke, Sylvia Cahir, Elizabeth McDermott, Frank Cass and Dorothy O'Donohue

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne McKercher, Gwen Shanahan, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Mary Elliott, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, Joe D'arcy, Mark Leonard, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just

Ballarat East Parish

Bishop Paul Bird has announced that Fr Adrian McNerney will be retiring at the end of January due to ill health.

Free eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

Speakers: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Mr Phil Glendenning, Sr Veronica Lawson. Tues 20th Sept, 10.30am–2.45pm. Info: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference2016 Registration: <http://creomedia.com.au/clients/bbi/econference2016/>

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Excerpts from Message of Pope Francis

God's love is meant to reach out to each and every person. Those who welcome the Father's embrace, for their part, become so many other open arms and embraces, enabling every person to feel loved like a child and "at home" as part of the one human family. God's fatherly care extends to everyone, like the care of a shepherd for his flock, but it is particularly concerned for the needs of the sheep who are wounded, weary or ill ... In our time, migration is growing worldwide. Refugees and people fleeing from their homes challenge individuals and communities, and their traditional ways of life; at times they upset the cultural and social horizons which they encounter. Increasingly, the victims of violence and poverty, leaving their homelands, are exploited by human traffickers during their journey towards the dream of a better future. If they survive the abuses and hardships of the journey, they then have to face latent suspicions and fear. In the end, they frequently encounter a lack of clear and practical policies regulating the acceptance of migrants and providing for short or long term programmes of integration respectful of the rights and duties of all. Today, more than in the past, the Gospel of mercy troubles our consciences, prevents us from taking the suffering

of others for granted, and points out way of responding ... Migration movements are now a structural reality, and our primary issue must be to deal with the present emergency phase by providing programmes which address the causes of migration and the changes it entails, including its effect on the makeup of societies and peoples. The tragic stories of millions of men and women daily confront the international community as a result of the outbreak of unacceptable humanitarian crises in different parts of the world. Indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence and shipwreck. Whether large or small in scale, these are always tragedies, even when a single human life is lost. Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet's resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all. Don't we all want a better, more decent and prosperous life to share with our loved ones? ... The presence of migrants and refugees seriously challenges the various societies which accept them. Those societies are faced with new situations which could create serious hardship unless they are suitably motivated, managed and regulated. How can we ensure that integration will become mutual enrichment, open up positive perspectives to communities, and prevent the danger of discrimination, racism, extreme nationalism or xenophobia? Biblical revelation urges us to welcome the stranger; it tells us that in so doing, we open our doors to God, and that in the faces of others we see the face of Christ himself ... From this perspective, it is important to view migrants not only on the basis of their status as regular or irregular, but above all as people whose dignity is to be protected and who are capable of contributing to progress and the general welfare. This is especially the case when they responsibly assume their obligations towards those who receive them, gratefully respecting the material and spiritual heritage of the host country, obeying its laws and helping with its needs ... Dear brothers and sisters, migrants and refugees! ... Welcoming others means welcoming God in person! ... I entrust you to the Virgin Mary, Mother of migrants and refugees, and to Saint Joseph, who experienced the bitterness of emigration to Egypt. To their intercession I also commend those who invest so much energy, time and resources to the pastoral and social care of migrants.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
27 th & 28 th Aug	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Sirach 3:17-20,28-29 ~ Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Marty Forbes	Marty Forbes	K Bennett	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy & Maria Donegan	Kim Newman family	Faustina Gallicchio	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit	Binks family	Cathy Mullane & Lloyd Lamb	
3 rd & 4 th Sep	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Wisdom 9:13-18 ~ Philemon 9-10,12-17 ~ Luke 14:25-33			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mick McKay	Nick McKay Family	Winnie Leonard	Daniel & Cody
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Eily Carey & Pat Barry	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Sims Family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	
10 th & 11 th Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 16:1-13 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ~ Luke 16:1-13			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	D Rix	Kevin Hanrahan	L Jeffrey / E Clarke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Winnie Zammit & Judith Hodgson	