



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: \$74.20
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$264.50	Year to date: \$8,133.20
Sick & retired Priests (BCSF) \$207.00		

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

Congratulations to Father Shane on your 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. We thank you for your wonderful contribution to our Parish community with Weddings, First Eucharist, Confirmation, RCIA and especially for celebrating with us our Sunday masses each week. Always willing to cooperate and support us, our Parish is very fortunate to have Father Shane as our Visiting Priest. Unfortunately last weekend there was another theft of gas bottles from the Gordon Church. Once again we ask all Parishioners to keep watch on all of our Parish Buildings and if you see anything untoward, to contact the police immediately. Good luck to all the Football/Netball teams in this weekend's Grand Finals.

Kathleen's Corner:

Child Protection Sunday - September 11, 2016

The Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday again falls at the end of the national Child Protection Week

campaign, stressing the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia. The focus this year is: 'Stronger Communities, Safer Children'

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 copy of Position Description available from Parish Coordinators, Joan Bourke, 0402 111 495, Catherine Green, 0400 290 171, Michael Ryan, 0408 823 184.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- 12th Sept. 7pm. PPC Meeting. Parish House.
- 21st Sept. 7pm. Finance Committee Meeting. Parish House.
- Sun 25th Sept. Gleeson-Mills reunion (Info. Michael Elkins ☎: 98791415)
- Sun 27th Nov. 2pm. Gordon Cemetery Mass. (**no 8:45am Mass on this day**).

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: \$327.00	Parish: \$430.00
Retired Priests (BCSF): \$20.00	

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

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday, 4th October, 7:30pm, Bungaree Parish Centre, followed by supper.

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

Fr Shane Mackinlay celebrated 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. Please bring a cake or slice to share.



LITURGIES			
Thurs 15 th Sep	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 17 th Sep	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 18 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	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Anniversaries

Wayne Torpy, Corey Fletcher, Eileen McDermott, Bill O'Donohue, Kathleen Sheehan, Jack Frawley, Winifred Walsh, Jimmy Winter, Ewen McCarthy, John McCarthy, Michael Williams, Genoveffa Micallef, Carmen Gatt, Primo Bettolatti, Eileen Davis and Hilda Blakemore.

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, Elizabeth Smith, Margaret Mullane, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, Joe D'arcy, Mark Leonard, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just, George Roberts.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Ahlia Isabelle Sarra (2012), Molly Louise Osborne & Cambrai Anthony Hodge.

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

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Special envelopes are available for this collection. A credit card facility is available, and contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.

*Caring for those who cared for us –
the church community's responsibility*

End of an Era Celebration at St Michael's School, Springbank

St Michael's School will close at the end of the 2016 school year. On December 3, we will be celebrating the life and times of the school. Celebrations will commence with afternoon tea at 4pm. Mass at 6.30pm, then a spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. Recovery brunch, Sunday, December 4 (BYO drinks to this event). RSVP to Margie Quinlan Email: quinlanwater@gmail.com or message

☎: 0417 587 235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

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/>

Child Protection Sunday

The accounts of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to respond appropriately to the victim's needs. At the same time, the Catholic Church is in a unique position to offer much experience and insight in creating stronger communities that are safer for children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, where he encourages families and communities to become stronger, more capable and more resilient, through love strengthened by generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience. Stronger families and communities can then help to keep children safe. As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and close registration for private sessions, Child Protection Sunday invites us to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities: at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies.

A Prayer for Stronger Communities and Safer Children
Gracious God, you said 'let the children come to me.'

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us.

Lord, as your Church we stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.

Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities be strengthened through love, generosity, commitment and patience, so that they are safer for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they need for their life's journey.

May our Catholic communities be resolute in building a community where our children flourish and are safe.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
10 th & 11 th Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Exodus 32:7-11,13-14 ~ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ~ Luke 15:1-32			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 10.30am	D Rix	Kevin Hanrahan	L Jeffrey / E Clarke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Winnie Zammitt & Judith Hodgson	
17 th & 18 th Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 8:4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ~ Luke 16:1-13			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Stephen Leonard Family	Fran Peterkin	Gemma H & Madalyn B
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja	Marie & Frank Conroy	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	
24 th & 25 th Sept	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Amos 6:1,4-7 ~ 1 Timothy 6:11-16 ~ Luke 16:19-31			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Helen Mahar	Helen Mahar	Julie Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor	Angela & Frank Kearns	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	Julie Dargan family	Simone Fodor & Patricia Binks	

