



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

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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: \$156.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$412.00	Year to date: \$9,037.80
Sick & retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$79,500		

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

Proclaim 2016 – Joan Bourke

Michael Ryan and I were very fortunate to represent the Gordon Parish at the Proclaim 2016 Conference, "On a Mission of Mercy: Evangelising Parishes" The Keynote speakers were Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, Dr Susan Timoney, also from the Archdiocese of Washington, Mr Daniel Ang, Diocese of Broken Bay, Bishop Hudson from Westminster. They all spoke about the role of a Parish, with many references to Pope Francis and Pope John XX111. Three of these references that really made an impact to me were:

Parish is the Village Fountain (Pope John XX111). Oasis of Mercy (Pope Francis). Local Neighbourhoods of Grace (Bishop Peter Comensoli, Bishop of Broken Bay).

There was also an emphasis on Parishes being in Maintenance Mode, needing to move onto more of an outreach role. We both attended 5 very informative and thought provoking workshops and have returned to our Parish with ideas and a new energy to pass on. We thank the Diocese for supporting us to participate in this amazing experience and we would recommend anyone who may have the opportunity to attend a Proclaim Conference in the future to do so.

We also attended three inspiring liturgies; the first celebrated by Bishop Comensoli with the Broken Bag Diocesan was beautiful. The conference was also a great opportunity to meet and network with other parish workers from the Ballarat Diocese. We left the conference feeling tired but energized in what our Parish is doing and what direction we are heading towards, but we could do more.

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.

Kathleen's Corner

A thought from Tuesday's eConference:

Why do we have Religion? It gives us a way of living the Gospel in the World.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- 16th Oct. Parish Assembly. After Mass, St Brigid's gathering space.
- Sun 27th Nov. 2pm. Gordon Cemetery Mass.
(no 8:45am Mass on this day).

Church Cleaning – October

**Vacuuming: St Michael's - 4th, St Brigid's - 11th, St Patrick's - 18th October

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Ken Hillier & Lloyd Lamb	Therese Winter, Sue Petherick & Debbie Goldie.	Aileen Simpson & Anita Maher



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

10/11 Sept	Presbytery: \$412.00	Parish: \$445.00
17/18 Sept	Presbytery: \$280.20	Parish: \$1,539.00
Retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$300.00		

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday, 4th October, 7:30pm, Bungaree Parish Centre, followed by supper. Agenda includes: Annual Reports, Compliance with new Victorian Child Safe Standards, Future use of Bungaree facilities.

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

LITURGIES			
Thurs 29 th Sep	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Fri 30 th Sep	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 1 st Oct	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 2 nd Oct	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)		



Lazarus

The Rich Man and



Recent Death

Mark Leonard and Sr Barbara May CSB

Anniversaries

Emmanuel Barbara, Ag Wheelahan, Kevin Conway, Lorraine Keilar, Joseph Smallman, James Doyle, Jim Field, Andrew Forbes, Eric Jones and Gerald Mullane

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Kerry Mulcahy, Wayne Mc Kercher, 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, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just, George Roberts.

Baptism Welcome

Welcome to Vlyanna Rose McLindon (daughter of Bradley and Anastassia), who at Mass this weekend is beginning her preparation for baptism at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure her and her family of our prayers and support

Silver Jubilee of Ordination

I'm very grateful for the many ways in which parishioners have celebrated my ordination anniversary with me. The gatherings in our two parishes have been wonderful community occasions, which required a great deal of effort and organisation. I've received many cards, gifts and messages of congratulations and good wishes. Sincere thanks to all of you. I appreciate very much the warmth, generosity and encouragement that I have been shown over these weeks. I have located a small number of prayer cards remaining from my ordination, which I will bring to Masses over the coming weeks for those who are interested. ~ Fr Shane



Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Opportunities for formation, support, study and certification for lay pastoral employees and volunteers in the Ballarat Diocese in partnership with the Virtual Learning Community, Dayton University. Begin this October (or next year). Flyers in churches, or more info at: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Palms Australia – Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Samoa and other locations. Teachers, Hairdressers, Plumbers, Builders, Medical Practitioners and more are needed. More info: www.palms.org.au/volunteer/positions/ or email: palms@palms.org.au

Social Justice Sunday – 25th September

A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an Ageing Society

The number of Australians aged 65 and over will more than double by the middle of the century. This has been rightly described as 'the great success story of human development'. Increasing numbers of older people have an excellent chance of enjoying good health and an active life for many years.

This year's Social Justice Statement by Australian bishops celebrates the value, dignity and significant contributions of older people to the life of the community. In solidarity with all generations, older people have a rightful place in the heart of community life. The bishops confront the attitude in our society that values people only for what they produce and contribute economically and that, at worst, can regard older people as burdensome or dispensable.

In a society in which older people are being asked to work beyond the traditional retirement age, the bishops call for the benefits of work to be shared equitably. We must be especially aware of the needs of those who enter retirement in poverty or are particularly vulnerable to economic hardship, social isolation or exploitation.

The bishops consider the circumstances of those who are approaching the end of their lives and warn of the loneliness, ageism and abuse that older people can experience. In particular, the Bishops warn about implications of the current community debate on euthanasia.

The Bishops call for communities of mercy and love – where people reach out and minister to vulnerable older people, where bonds between generations are built up, and where no one is cast as being a burden or as rivals to younger generations.

Full statement: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

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.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
1 st & 2 nd Oct	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4 ~ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ~ Luke 17:5-10			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan & Bonnie Rinaldi	Paul Britt Family	Trish White	Darcy, Jade & Kiely
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	
8 th & 9 th Oct	Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): 2 Kings 5:14-17 ~ 2 Timothy 2:8-13 ~ Luke 17:11-19			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	B Jeffrey	N Jeffrey / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett family	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	