



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: \$185.95
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$879.80	Year to date: \$11,933.50
Direct Debit	Sept: \$1,155.00	
Sick & retired Priests (BCSF) to date : \$955.90		

News from the Coordinators (Joan, Catherine & Michael)

We are looking forward to welcoming Parishioners to our **Parish Assembly** this weekend to be held at the Ballan Gathering Space, commencing with morning tea at 11.15am. The Assembly is to start at 11.45am; and hopefully finish by 2.00pm. **Please bring a plate to share.** We would appreciate your attendance to support and ensure the sustainability of our Parish Model. We thank Fr Adrian McInerney and Fr Gary Jones for donating two Lectionaries to our Parish, from the Clarendon and Clunes churches respectively. We are very grateful. Enjoy the spring weather.

Rite of Welcome 23rd October, Gordon

Next Sunday, we welcome Bianca Flint into the catechumenate, her first public step in her preparation for baptism. As her community we all have a role in accompanying her on this journey. After Mass, we will have morning tea where we can meet Bianca. Food to share would be welcome. Sr. Kathleen would be pleased to hear from anyone prepared to reflect on the readings of the day with our new member during Sunday Mass. Training and assistance available. Ph: 0438812449 or email rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au

Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Information Session

Speaker: Susan Crowe, the diocesan contact person for R.C.I.A., and a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission. St. Patrick's school hall, Gordon, **Thurs 27th Oct, 7pm.** All welcome. Info: Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812 449 or rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au or the Parish Office.

Farewell our School's Principal - Michael Kennedy

St Patrick's Primary School, Gordon & St Michael's Primary School, Springbank warmly invite past & present staff, parents & members of our Parish Communities to join together and help celebrate Michael Kennedy's 10 years as our School's Principal. Friday 4th November, 7pm onwards at Wallace Hotel. Finger food provided, drinks at bar prices. Please come and enjoy a casual evening, an opportunity to celebrate the past 10 years together as a community.

Kathleen's Corner

How can we contribute to the goal of taking mental health out of the shadows, so that people in general feel more confident in tackling the stigma, isolation and discrimination that continues to plague people with mental health conditions, their families and carers?

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

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Presbytery: \$146.00	Parish: \$425.00
Retired Priests (BCSF) to date: \$515.00	

Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop **this Tuesday** (18th October), 7.30pm, Parish Centre. Retreat Day: Friday 18th November, 7.30pm. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Friday 18th November, 5.30pm.

Children in Year 6 or above are encouraged to reflect again on this sacrament by preparing for individual reconciliation,

which they will be able to celebrate during Advent. Parents of these children are also asked to attend the Parent Workshop on Tuesday 18th October.

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			
Tues 18 th Oct	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thurs 20 th Oct	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 22 nd Oct	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 23 rd 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	Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Recent Death

Mary Cooper (O'Meara)

Anniversaries

Mary Hamm, Connie Edwards, William Mahar, Ellen Doyle, William Gleeson, Una Shanahan, Constance Gleeson, Brendan McTigue, Dorothy Conlan, Gwen Bennett, Des Torpy and Joan Auchetti

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, Gerard Molloy, Odile Just, George Roberts, Chelsea Lawler.

Parish Cemetery Masses

Bungaree Parish: Mass at Pootilla Cemetery, Sunday 13th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to people who might be interested.

Gordon Parish: Mass at Gordon Cemetery. Sunday 27th Nov. 2pm. (St Patrick's Church will be the alternative venue in the case of inclement circumstances. **no 8:45am Mass on this day**).

World Mission Day



2016 Focus: Papua New Guinea. Through its partnership with Mercy Works, Catholic Mission supports community leaders like Steven Dude in Papua New Guinea to engage with their communities and be instrument of peace, so they can find consolation, understanding and love, and heal the wounds caused by domestic

violence and broken relationships. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you can help community leaders in Papua New Guinea receive training so they can advocate for their communities and allow them to find peace through mercy. Envelopes available today or ☎ 1800 257 296 or www.catholicmission.org.au

Fundraiser: Books for Timor-Leste

Film: *Queen of Katwe*, followed by high afternoon tea. Supporting Edmund Rice community. Regent Theatre, Sun 4th Dec, 1.45pm, \$25. Tickets: Liz Hanrahan ☎ 0417 347 262.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset: Your Marriage! Couples and a priest present the weekend (no group sharing). Melbourne, Fri 11 Nov, 7pm – Sun 13 Nov, 5pm. Accommodation and meals provided. Info: Marianne & Marcel ☎ 9733 0997 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

2018 Year 7 Enrolments

- **Loreto College:** Open mornings & tours: Mon 17th Oct, 9.30–11.30am. Tours: Thurs 3rd Nov, Thurs 1st Dec, 9.30am. RSVP: www.loreto.vic.edu.au
- **St Patrick's College:** Information evening, tour, Q&A, supper: Wed 26th Oct, 7.30pm, Colledge Chapel. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/MZJN Info: Caitlin Bennett cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au
- **Damascus College:** Information evening for parents & students, Wed 2nd Nov, 6.30pm (6.15pm registration)

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon led by Sr Veronica Lawson, open to all adults, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Sun 30th Oct, 1.30pm, finishing with 5pm Mass. Registrations: Cathedral Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 5331 2933.



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
15 th & 16 th Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Exodus 17:8-13 ~ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 ~ Luke 18:1-8			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish & Nicole White	Brendan White Family	Margaret Leonard	Caleb, Gabby & Josh
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Peter Donegan Family	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	
22 nd & 23 rd Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Sirach 35:12-14,16-18 ~ 2 Timothy 4:6-8 ~ Luke 18:9-14			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Mary (Pat) Prendergast	Marty Forbes	Mowing: Leo Crough & Tim Bennett
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Carmen Camilleri	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Sims Family	Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	
29 th & 30 th Oct	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Wisdom 11:23-12:2 ~ 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 ~ Luke 19:1-10			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	Darren Rix	N Jeffrey / M Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Anita Lidgett Family	Anita Lidgett Family	