



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: \$100.60
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$208.00	Year to date: \$16,786.75

News from the Coordinators

This week the Coordinators met with Father Gary. One of the main topics of conversation was the management of the Parish Assets, including the Parish House (former Gordon Presbytery), Gordon Convent, Springbank School and the block of land at Gordon, known as the Priest's paddock. Major decisions need to be made regarding the future of these areas, with due consideration and consultation, to prevent deterioration, vandalism, etc. These issues emphasize the importance of having a strong leadership team, with representation from the whole Parish. We have been trying to fill a vacant position on the Parish Pastoral Committee for the past year, and again we ask you to seriously consider applicants for the 2017 Parish Coordinator position. This is a very important time for our Parish.

Liturgy/Bereavement Team Meeting

Thursday, 24th November, 7.30pm, at the Parish House. For further information contact Joan Bourke ☎: 0402 111 495.

Parish Cemetery Mass - November

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

End of an Era Celebration:

St Michael's School, Springbank

St Michael's School will close at the end of this year. On Sat 3rd Dec, we will be celebrating the life and times of the school: 4pm afternoon tea, 6.30pm Mass with Bishop Paul Bird, spit roast tea, meeting old friends, colleagues and dance the night away. Recovery brunch (BYO drinks): Sun 4th Dec
RSVP Margie Quinlan quinlanwater@gmail.com or SMS 0417 587 235. Please note that you will not be catered for if your name is not on the guest list.

Parish Dinner

Wednesday, 7th December, 7.00pm at Donegan's Farm. All welcome. Please make a booking through the Parish Office 5368 9280 or email: gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Caring Social Group

Annual Christmas Afternoon Tea will be held at Donegan's Farm on Thursday 8th December commencing at 2pm. All welcome. For assistance with transport or any other information please contact Kathleen 0438 812 449, Marie 53687255 or Helen 53689314.

Columban Calendar

Calendars are now available in the Church foyer. Cost: \$9ea. Please place your payment in the box provided, or clearly labelled in an envelope during collection.

Church Cleaning - December

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

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Tiffany Forde Family	Noelie Carton Joan Bourke	Natalie Toohey Debra Toohey Loretta Toohey



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: \$272.00	Parish: \$600.00
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Farewells @ Clarkes Hill

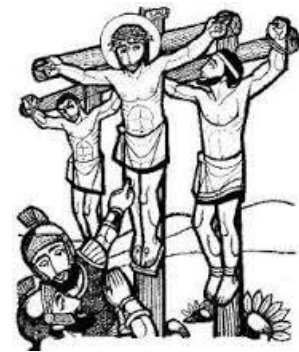
Farewell to Mary Slater and Leo & Margaret Crough. Sat 26th Nov, 6.30pm Mass, followed by meal at Wallace Hotel. RSVP, 23 Nov: Helen Mahar SMS 0409 010 373.

Bungaree Christmas/December Church Cleaning

Monday 5th Dec, 7pm (please note change of date). Jobs available for both men and women and new cleaners are more than welcome. Many hands will make light work. Please let Debbie Ryan know if you are able to join the monthly roster for next year: ☎ 5334 0224 or ryandjr@bigpond.com

LITURGIES			
Thur 24 th Nov	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Fri 25 th Nov	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 26 th Nov	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 27 th Nov	Ballan	10.30am	Sunday Mass at Gordon Cemetery**
	Gordon **	2.00pm	

	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 Deaths

Valerie Buby (Sister of Leon Burvill)

Anniversaries

Mary Molloy, Doreen Conroy, Troy Toohey, Joe Fitzpatrick, Mary O'Leary, Francis O'Loughlin, Basil Maher, Kath Murphy, Andrew Lund, Jack Glenane, Frances Maher, Ed McDonald, Tommy McGuane, Kevin Glenane, Peter McDermott, Winnie Leonard, Bob Frawley, Michael Frawley, Maurice Kelly, Bishop James O'Collins

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, Odile Just, George Roberts, Chelsea Lawler, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner.

Welcome

Welcome to Ollie Roy Rumble (son of Renee & Justin), who is being baptised this Sunday, and to Lucy Catherine Berens (daughter of Susannah & Steven), who at Mass this weekend is beginning her preparation for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

November Prayers for the Dead

In November, we traditionally place a special emphasis on praying for those who have died.

- A Book of Remembrance is available at the front of each Church. All are welcome to add names of those they wish to be prayed for and remembered.
- Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available at the church door.

2017 Holy Land (Israel and Jordan) Pilgrimage

Information evening for those interested in the two week pilgrimage with Fr Justin in June 2017. Cathedral smaller hall, Thursday November 24th 5.30pm - 7.00pm. Expressions of interest to Leonie Spencer at Lifestyle Travel ☎: 5331 8277, email: info@lifestyletravel.com.au

2018 Year 7 Enrolments Loreto College:

Tour: Thurs 1st Dec, 9.30am. RSVP: www.loreto.vic.edu.au.

Pope Francis, 'On Love in the Family'

Excerpts from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, which follows two synods of bishops in 2014 & 2015. Full text: www.vatican.va

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." [57]

"Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'." [231]

"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union." [232]

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street'." [308]

"We have been called to form consciences, not replace them." [37]

"Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort." [130]

"I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye." [39]

"Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope." [219]

"Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else." [212]

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary." [224]

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
19 th & 20 th Nov	Christ the King (Year C): 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ~ Colossians 1 st 12-20 ~ Luke 23:35-43			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Britt	Sheila Britt	Dorothy Sheehan	Charlotte & Will Card
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Mark & Narelle Conroy Family	Kathleen Moran	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Patricia Binks	
26 th & 27 th Nov	First Sunday of Advent (Year C): Isaiah 21:1-5 ~ Romans 13:11-14 ~ Matthew 24:36-44			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Mary Slater	Mary Slater	Margie Moran	Mowing: Mark Forbes & Frank Mahar
Gordon Cemetery ~ 2pm*	Carmen Camilleri, Eddie Davis	Kim Newman Family	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan, Sandra Miller	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre, Lorraine Tipple	
3 rd & 4 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent (Year C): Isaiah 11:1-10 ~ Romans 15:4-9 ~ Matthew 3:1-12			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Katrina Griffiths	Griffiths Family	Trish Ryan	Tara, Cameron & Felicity
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy, Maria Donegan	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale, Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan Family	Cathy Mullane, Simone Fodor	