



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 Natasha Buttigieg (Parish Secretary)

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PARISH VISION: *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

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| 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:

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$300.00 | Parish: \$55.75 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$409.00 | Year to date: \$17,551.50 |

Parish Cemetery Mass this Weekend!

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.

Columban Calendar

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

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

This year, our local branch of St Vincent de Paul have asked for non-perishable Christmas items to make up hampers. Christmas serviettes, bon bons, sweets, savoury items that you would like to find in your hamper.

We appreciate your support of people in our district who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please leave donations in church foyers.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- 7th December Parish Dinner 7.00pm. Donegan's Farm, please RSVP ☎: 5368 9280 or email: gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au
- 8th December Caring Social Group Annual Christmas Afternoon Tea at 2pm, Donegan's Farm. All welcome. For assistance with transport or any other information please contact Kathleen 0438 812 449, Marie 53687255 or Helen 53689314.
- 12th December PPC combined Finance meeting 7.30pm

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 |
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| 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

C/- Post Office, Bungaree Vic 3352

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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

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| Presbytery: \$262.40 | Parish: \$464.00 |
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Thanks: Pootilla Cemetery Mass

Thanks to all those who helped prepare the arrangements for this Mass and to everyone who was so flexible in adapting plans to fit the difficult weather conditions.

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

Bungaree Liturgy Rosters

Rosters for 2017 are being prepared. To add or remove your name, contact Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544 or lg3@optusnet.com.au

Christmas Cake & Port after Mass

Bungaree: Sunday 11th December
Dunnstown: Saturday 17th December

(extra contributions for food are welcome)



Advent Penitential Service

Tuesday 13th December, 7.30pm. Please bring unwrapped gift of food or toys to be distributed by St Vincent de Paul Society.

| LITURGIES | | | |
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| Wed 30 th Nov | Dunnstown | 9.15am | Anointing Mass |
| Thur 1 st Dec | Ballan | 10.00am | Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space |
| Sat 3 rd Dec | Dunnstown | 6.30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 4 th Dec | 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

Mick O'Loughlin, Mary Toohey, Harry Hooker, George Smith, Doreen Conroy, James Conlan, Sarah Franklin, Fr Justin Woodford, Noni Price and Maisie Frawley

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 Austin James Attard (son of Chantavilit and Robert), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We assure him and his family 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.

2018 Year 7 Enrolments Loreto College:

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

Making a Scene at Christmas

Display of 300+ Christmas Nativity scenes from 40+ countries: St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat, Wed 14th Dec (6–8pm), Thurs–Fri (10am–5pm), Sat (10am–8pm), Sun (9am–7pm). To loan a nativity scene, contact the Cathedral office ☎ 5331 2933.

Volunteers to Support Refugee and Asylum Seeker Students

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools, approx. 3 hrs/week. Experience in an educational setting is preferred, but training provided. RSVP 2 Feb 2017: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

30th Anniversary of Pope St John Paul II's Visit



This week, we celebrate the 30th anniversary of Pope St John Paul II's historic visit to Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples. Some excerpts:

'Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear ... Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost.'

'If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bushfire sweeping through the timber. The leaves are scorched and the tough bark is scarred and burned; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have endured the flames, and you still have the power to be reborn. The time for this rebirth is now!'

'You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others.'

'you have lived in this land and fashioned a culture that endures to this day. And during all this time, the spirit of God has been with you.'

'For thousands of years this culture of yours was free to grow without interference by people from other places. You lived your lives in spiritual closeness to the land, with its animals, birds, fishes, waterholes, rivers, hills and mountains. You did not spoil the land, use it up, exhaust it, and then walk away from it. You realised that your land was related to the source of life.'

'You have learned how to survive, whether on your own lands, or scattered among the towns and cities. Though your difficulties are not yet over, you must learn to draw on the endurance which your ancient ceremonies have taught you. Endurance brings with it patience; patience helps you to find the way ahead, and gives you courage for your journey.'

| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 26 th & 27 th Nov | First Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 2:1-5 ~ Romans 13:11-14 ~ Matthew 24:36-44 | | | |
| Clarks 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 A): 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 | |
| 10 th & 11 th Dec | Third Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 ~ James 5:7-11 ~ Matthew 11:2-11 | | | |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm | Vicki Moroney | Brendon Simpson Family | Donna Simpson | |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am | Kevin Hanrahan | Trish O'Donohue | D Ryan / L Jeffrey | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Lin Bowers & John Fabre | James & Alison Eskdale Family | Angela Carr & Winnie Zammit | |