



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*

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: \$285.45
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$99.00	Year to date: \$17,935.95

Coordinator Report

Thank you to everyone who helped with the preparation of our Cemetery Mass last Sunday at the Gordon Cemetery. It was a beautiful day and was well attended. A special thanks to Father Gary for celebrating the Mass and Father Shane for his help in setting up our PA System. Everybody pulled together and the result was a very memorable day.

Our thoughts are also with the St Michael's Springbank Community this weekend as they mark the closure of St Michael's School. The celebrations will be an opportunity to reminisce and share stories from the past. It is sad to witness the closure of such a long and productive chapter of the Springbank Community's history.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal

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, 2pm, Donegan's Farm. Info or assistance with transport: Kathleen 0438 812 449, Marie 5368 7255 or Helen 5368 9314.
- 12th December combined PPC Finance meeting 7.30pm

Volunteers needed for Ministries at Christmas Masses

Please contact Springbank: Coordinator needed
 Gordon: Monica Eastwood
 Ballan: Margaret Hillier

Parish Contacts for Communion to the Sick

Springbank: Donna Simpson ☎ 5334 5342
 Gordon: Maria Donegan ☎ 0406 241 240
 Marie Conroy ☎ 5368 9351
 Ballan: Lorraine DeSpirt ☎ 5368 1180

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:	\$278.00	Parish:	\$430.00
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Bungaree Christmas/December Church Cleaning

This Monday (5th Dec), 7pm. 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.

- Individual Confessions: Sat 17th, 11am; Wed 21st, 4pm

Carols by Candlelight at St John's, Bungaree

Sunday 11th December, 8.00pm. All invited.

LITURGIES			
Tues 6 th Dec	Dunnstown	6.30pm	St Brendan's School End of Year Mass
Thur 8 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	St Mary's School End of Year Mass
Sat 10 th Dec	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 11 th Dec	Bungaree	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)				

Anniversaries

Peter Quinlan, Maurice Torpy, Maureen Frawley, Ron Devlin, John Senserrick, Raymond Butler, George Smith, Doreen Conroy.

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

Baptism

Congratulations to Austin James Attard (son of Chanthavilit & Robert) and Lucy Catherine Berens (daughter of Susannah & Steven), who are being baptised this weekend. We welcome Austin and Lucy into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 6.00pm Clarkes Hill
 6.00pm Springbank
 7.30pm Gordon
 8.00pm Ballan
 10.00pm Bungaree
 Christmas Day 9.30am Dunnstown

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.

Domestic Violence: Committing to Prevention and Response

Pope Francis: "... we must always say 'no' to violence in the home"

We, the Catholic Bishops of Victoria, condemn domestic violence in the strongest possible terms, and call on parishes, church organisations and people of faith to play a part in its elimination. Domestic violence is a crisis in Australia – each week a woman dies at the hands of her partner or ex-partner. It is estimated that 1 in 4 children experience the fear and distress of witnessing their mother being abused. In addition to this physical violence, domestic violence can also be emotional, financial or spiritual. The roots are abuse of power and the control of one person over another. While men also suffer

domestic violence, women and children form the great majority of the victims of domestic violence.

This statement is addressed to the whole Church community – we must all work to prevent violence against women and children ... Domestic violence in all its forms offends against a vision of family as a place of safety and love, where children learn to respect and live with others. We hope that this statement will lead people to learn about domestic violence, and seek to do what they can in their relationships, parishes, communities and organisations to eliminate violence and assist survivors to heal from its impact.

Our goal must be a society where all people are safe in their home, families and close relationships; where violence and abuse are not acceptable; and where all relationships respect the equality and dignity of each person. This is part of the Gospel vision of love and respect. Jesus always protected the oppressed and exposed evil. He always respected the human dignity of women, consistently challenging cultural attitudes of oppression and exclusion ... Jesus challenges us to act in favor of the victims and work against anything that would prevent individuals from 'living life to the full' ... A correct reading of scripture leads to an understanding of the equal dignity of men and women and to relationships based on mutuality and love.

Responses to domestic violence are needed, which provide victims with protection and help in rebuilding their lives; which make offenders accountable and assist their rehabilitation; and which change those community attitudes from which violence emerges. We need to look at prevention, intervention, supports for victims, accountability and healing for offenders. We need to confront the causes of this violence, including the unequal position of women and men in our community ... We aim to make all Church communities places of support and healing ... We all need to foster in our families and communities alternatives to violence. In particular we need to lead boys and young men to treat girls and women with respect and teach them how to develop positive and violence-free relationships. In Victoria we have benefitted from the insight of the Royal Commission into Family Violence ... We welcome this report, and the Victorian Government's prompt and positive response to its recommendations. Our hope is that the implementation of these recommendations brings about very positive change within the Victorian community ... (See www.css.org.au/dv)

Advice or support: ☎ 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	Volunteer needed	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	
17 th & 18 th Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 35:1-6a,10 ~ James 5:7-11 ~ Matthew 11:2-11			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Helen Spratling & Olivia Sellers	Sellers Family	Winnie Leonard	Callan, Isla & Rose
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter	Margaret Smith	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson, Lloyd Lamb	Bridget Sims Family	Cathy Mullane, Helen Conlan	