

## Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) ~ 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016



### 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*

<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	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.**		
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Tony Lynch, Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher		
<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll	☎ 5368 1015 <a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5368 9495 <a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Michael's Primary School</b>	Principal: Mr Michael Kennedy	☎ 5334 0344 <a href="http://www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au">www.smspringbank.catholic.edu.au</a>

#### Collections last week

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$300.00	Parish: \$868.35
<b>Planned</b>	Envelopes: \$257.00	<b>Year to date:</b>
<b>Giving</b>	Direct Deb (Nov): \$1,230.00	

#### Coordinator Report

Congratulations to the Organizers of last week's celebration of an End of Era at St. Michael's School Spring bank. The weekend was very successful with large attendances, especially on Saturday evening. It was certainly a celebration of the contribution a small rural school has made in our and the much wider community. A very happy and enjoyable couple of days, with lots of laughter and stories told. In this busy time of Advent, please try to slow down and to take time to enjoy the preparations leading up to Christmas. *Joan, Catherine and Michael.*

#### 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.

#### Christmas Cake & Sherry after Mass – All welcome!

Springbank: Saturday 10th December

Gordon & Ballan: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### Choir Practice

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

At St Patricks Church, Gordon.



#### 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

#### Gordon Bleu Restaurant Opened

69 Main St Gordon. Wed–Fri 8am–3pm, Sat–Sun 9am–4pm

#### Coming Events & Meetings:

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** PPC combined Finance meeting 7.30pm

#### Church Cleaning – December

\*\*Vacuuming: St Michael's – 9<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's - 16<sup>th</sup>, St Patrick's – 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh	☎ 5334 7604	<a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>

#### Collections last week

Presbytery: \$337.70	Parish: \$487.00
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#### 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](mailto:lg3@optusnet.com.au)

#### Christmas Cake & Port after Mass

Bungaree: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Dunnstown: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
(extra contributions of food are welcome)



#### Ministries at Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Volunteers are needed for ministries at Penitential Service and Christmas Masses. Please fill in the sheet at the Church door.

#### Carols by Candlelight at St John's, Bungaree

This Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 8.00pm. All invited.



#### Advent Penitential Service

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

- Individual Confessions: Sat 17<sup>th</sup> - 11am; Wed 21<sup>st</sup> - 4pm

LITURGIES			
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
	Bungaree	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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

Bill Mahar, Margaret Fuller, Donald Graham, Jessie Robinson, Fred Begbie, Anne-Maree Block, Anne Griffin, Monica McDermott, Fr Daniel Devane

### We offer our prayerful support for the sick

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, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner.

### Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Oscar Robert Trigg (2012), Scarlett Elizabeth Foote (2012), Leon Harry Sheehan (2014), Benjamin Michael Prendergast (2015)



**Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.**

### Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR has appointed Fr Peter Sherman as Parish Priest of Ballarat East, from 25 Jan. He has invited priests to apply for appointment to Wendouree and Ballarat North.

### 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](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com)

### Pre-loved Piano for sale

1920s Wertheim piano from the former St Michael's school, Bungaree. Much played, but all notes still operate. Make us an offer! Contact Parish Office or Fr Shane.

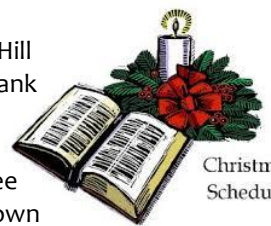
### Making a Scene at Christmas

Display of 300+ Christmas Nativity scenes from 40+ countries: St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat, Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec (12–5pm), Fri (10am–5pm), Sat (10am–8pm), Sun (9am–7pm). Volunteer attendants needed: contact the Cathedral office ☎ 5331 2933.

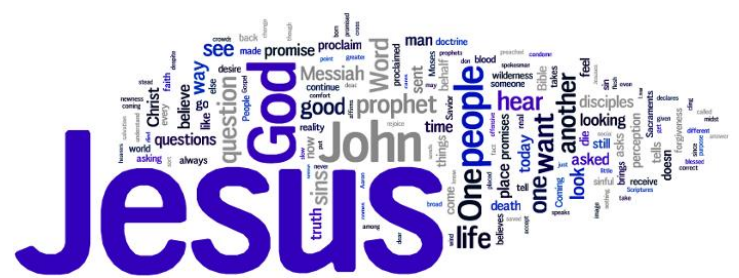


### Christmas Masses

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



Christmas Schedule



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> 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	
CHRISTMAS EVE	The Nativity of The Lord ~ Christmas Day: Isaiah 52:7-10 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6 ~ John: 1:1-18			
Clarks Hill ~ 6pm	<p><b>Volunteers are needed for all Ministries at Christmas Masses.</b>  <b>Gordon Parish: Please contact the relevant coordinator</b>  <b>Bungaree Parish: Please fill in the form at the Church door.</b></p>			
Springbank ~ 6pm				
Gordon ~ 7.30pm				
Ballan ~ 8pm				
Bungaree ~ 10pm				
CHRISTMAS DAY				
Dunnstown ~ 9.30am				