



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: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495 www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$150.00	Parish: \$203.60
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$1,191.00	Year to date: \$22,717.40
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:		\$1039.80
Christmas Offerings (to date):		\$615.00
Christmas Collection:		\$1,190.00

Gordon Bleu Restaurant Opened

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

Columban Calendar

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 - January

****Vacuuming: St Michael's - 13th, St Brigid's - 20th, St Patrick's - 27th**

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anne Mullane	Carmel Mahar	Molly Ronan
Helen Conlan	Sue Clifford	Volunteers needed
Sue Conlan	Josie Donegan	



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarks 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, Clarks 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:	\$1,298.00	Parish:	\$1,105.00
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:	\$878.00		
Christmas Offerings (to date):	\$910.00		

Pope Francis' Message for 50th World Day of Peace (1st January)

'Non-Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace' (www.vatican.va)

- Violence is not the cure for our broken world
- Jesus also lived in violent times and proclaimed his Good News of love
- Nonviolence is not passive surrender; it is a commitment to justice that is more powerful than violence
- Violence arises from the human heart; therefore, before all else, nonviolence must be practised within families. It is equally urgent to make progress on disarmament and to end domestic violence and the abuse of women and children.
- The beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10) offer a portrait of a blessed, good and authentic person. We are all challenged to apply them in whatever situation we face: to be peacemakers and to show mercy.
- "All of us want peace. Many people build it day by day through small gestures and acts; many of them are suffering, yet patiently persevere in their efforts to be peacemakers. In 2017, may we dedicate ourselves prayerfully and actively to banishing violence from our hearts, words and deeds, and to becoming nonviolent people and to building nonviolent communities that care for our common home."

Kathleen's Corner on World Day of Peace

Living Gospel non-violence in our parish

- What can peacemaking and nonviolence bring to our sacrament preparation?
- How is peacemaking reflected in the existing groups/people in our parish?
- When do we learn about Jesus' nonviolent actions for justice?
- How do we promote skills of conflict resolution and healing?
- Do we reflect on our social teaching on peacemaking and non-violence?
- Do we talk about and celebrate stories of peacemaking and peacemakers?



LITURGIES			
Thur 5 th Jan	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 7 th Jan	Springbank	6.30pm	
Sun 8 th Jan	Bungaree	8.45am	Sunday Mass
	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)				



Recent Death

Brian Williamson (Beth Flynn's brother)

Anniversaries

Fr Patrick Culligan, Joseph Maher, Tess Dridan, Stephen Haintz, Susan McDermott, Maurine Kiely, Henry Spratling, Frank Fuller, Joseph Palfi, Brian O'Neil, Maisie Carey, Jack Shanahan.

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, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri, John Thomas.

Christmas Offerings

Many thanks for your generous contributions to Christmas Offerings. Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

Welcome

Welcome to Wilson James Quinlan (son of Lee & Simon) and Liam Patrick Hamm (son of Emma & Damian), who at Mass this weekend are beginning their preparation for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Baptism Anniversaries



This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Quinn May Slater (2016), Fionn Campbell, Harrison Wise.

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

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program: 2017 Intake

The Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Details on the diocesan website (link to Program on lower front page) Info: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

PALMS Overseas Lay Volunteers

PALMS recruits, prepares and supports Australian Catholics who volunteer to share their lives and skills overseas. Communities in East Timor, PNG and Kiribati are asking for educators, health professionals and trades people. PALMS volunteers assist them to develop the processes and programs of their organisations and the skills of their personnel in vital sectors of work. Their aim is self-reliance, sustainable poverty reduction and to avoid aid that encourages dependence.

2017 applications closing soon. Info: palms@palms.org.au or ☎ Christine 02 9560 5333

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR has announced the following appointments:

- Fr Peter Sherman: Parish Priest of Ballarat East (from 25 Jan)
- Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura

Priests have been invited to apply for appointment to Wendouree and Ballarat North.



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.

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



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	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
31 st Dec & 1 st Jan	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Year A): Numbers 6:22-27 ~ Galatians 4:4-7 ~ Luke: 2:16-21			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Volunteers are required over the holiday period			
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Angela Kearns & Kerry Taylor	Joe & Carmen Camilleri	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit	Binks Family	Lorraine Tipple & Lloyd Lamb	
7 th & 8 th Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A): Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12			
Springank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	Leah Hanrahan	N Jeffrey / E Clarke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Tom Paarhammer & Lin Bowers	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Helen Conlan & Cathy Mullane	
14 th & 15 th Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 49:3,5-6 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ~ John 1: 29-34			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Lisa Bower Family	Trish White	Daniel, Matilda & Cody
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Kim Grimes Family	Faustina Gallicchio	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & John Fabre	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	