



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: \$295.25
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$245.00	Year to date: \$26,170.55
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:		\$1,039.80
Christmas Offerings (to date):		\$890.00

Parish Information Evening, Future of St Patrick's

With the recent departure of Sr. Kathleen from the St Patrick's presbytery it is imperative that immediate action is taken to ensure, in the first instance that this magnificent asset is protected from further theft and vandalism and is not allowed to fall into a state of disrepair and neglect that has occurred to St Patrick's convent. The long term future of St Patricks Gordon assets should be reviewed now that the presbytery is vacant and considering the futile efforts in attempting to find a suitable lessee and alternative uses for the convent; now is the time for a holistic and pragmatic examination of the St Patrick's Gordon current and future requirements. At a joint meeting with the Parish Coordinators, Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee it was agreed that an Information night be held in St Patrick's school hall on **Monday 6th February 2017 at 7:30pm** to share with the Parish community the logic and rationale in reaching this decision. Attendance from the community would be greatly appreciated.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Volunteers are required to accompany Bianca for dismissal when Mass is in Gordon. Please contact Kathleen Moran by ☎: 0438 812 449

Coming Events & Meetings

- Feb 6th Parish Info Evening
- Feb 15th Finance Meeting
- No prayer group at Ballan during January

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.

Kathleen's Corner - COAL OR CORAL?

Live simply so others may simply live. According to a report from Oxfam International, eight men own the same wealth as poorest half of the world's population. Oxfam is calling for leaders attending this week's World Economic Forum (WEF) in Switzerland to do more to end the disparity.

Church Cleaning - February

****Vacuuming: St Michael's - 10th, St Brigid's - 17th, St Patrick's - 24th**
 Thank you to all our volunteers who keep our Churches well maintained.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Elaine Conlan Edit Paarhammer	Monica Eastwood Anne Micallef Georgina Wright	Eileen Haintz Louise Haintz



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

Presbytery:	\$284.00	Parish:	\$734.00
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:	\$878.00		
Christmas Offerings (to date):	\$1,405.00		



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

LITURGIES			
Sat 28 th Jan	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 29 th Jan	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	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Recent Deaths:

Una Toohey, Ted Hanrahan, Margaret Amos

Anniversaries

Christopher Davies, Catherine Butler, Mary Blood, Justin Toohey, Des Quinlan, Audrey Reddie, John Ryan, Morrie Holloway, Kathryn Gray, Vin O'Donohue, Ted Cass, Noel Quinlan and Catherine Torpy

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne Mc Kercher, Bonnie MacDonald, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Phillip Camilleri, Melanie Yates, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSSR has announced the following appointments:

- Fr Peter Sherman: Parish Priest of Ballarat East (from 25 Jan)
- Fr Marcello Colasante: Parish Priest of Wendouree and Ballarat North (from 25 February)
- Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura

Priests have been invited to apply for appointment as Parish Priest of Swan Hill.

PALMS Encounters



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the Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor. 2–14 April; 2–14 July; 26 September – 6 October. Register now for the April Encounter and receive \$400 off a 2nd ticket. Info: ☎ 02 9560 5333 or www.palms.org.au/Encounters

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
21 st & 22 nd Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 8:23-9:3 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 ~ Matthew 4:12-23			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Julie Moran	Julie Moran	Tim Bennett	Mowing: Maurice Mahar & Brian Maher
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Eily Carey & Pat Barry	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan Family	Simone Fodor & John Fabre	
28 th & 29 th Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ~ Matthew 5:1-12			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	D Ryan / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Bridget Sims Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	
4 th & 5 th Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 58:7-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ~ Matthew 5:13-16			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Meegan Jenkins	Jenkins Family	Margaret Leonard	Gemma, Madalyn & Emma
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy, Michael Winter	Marie & Frank Conroy	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Julie Dargan	Mary & Des Conroy	Helen Conlan & Judith Hodgson	

