



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: \$198.90
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$176.50	Year to date: \$26,646.05

Parish Office Details

Office is open Tuesday's 9.30am-2.30pm or contact parish secretary: Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0447 609 485.

Coordinators News

This weekend we welcome Amanda Smith from the Diocese of Ballarat. Amanda will speak at both of Masses regarding the appointment of a Coordinator in 2017, reviewing the process of discernment. Our prayer and thoughts are also with the victims, families, emergency workers and the many people who have been so badly affected over the tragedy in Melbourne last week. *We are looking forward to working with you over 2017.* Joan, Catherine and Michael.

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 Patrick's 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.

Parish Community Meeting

Monday 6th February at Gordon School Hall, 7.30pm to discuss plans for Parish Assets. Attendance from the community would be greatly appreciated. *Light Supper provided.*

Sr. Kathleen's Golden Jubilee

Sr. Kathleen is celebrating her Golden Jubilee of her Profession in February. To acknowledge this wonderful achievement, a morning tea will be held after 10.30am Mass at Ballan on Sunday, 19th February. All welcome. *Enjoy your celebrations Kathleen!*

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

Coming Events & Meetings

- Feb 6th Parish Community Meeting: Gordon School Hall 7.30pm
- Feb 7th RCIA Meeting: 102 Steiglitz St Ballan, 9.15am
- Feb 15th Finance Meeting

Columban Calendar - \$9.00ea

Available in Church foyer. Please place your payment in the box, or clearly labelled in an envelope during collection.

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 ~ 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

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Presbytery:	\$131.00	Parish:	\$705.00
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Victorian Child Safe Standards

These new standards apply to all organisations that provide services for children. They came into effect for schools in 2016 and for parishes at the beginning of 2017. Our parish's *Child Safety Policy* and *Child Safety Code of Conduct* are available on the parish webpage of the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links).

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

Parish Leadership Team Meeting

Parish Centre, Tuesday 14th February, 7.30pm

LITURGIES			
Thur 2 nd Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Fri 3 rd Feb	Bungaree	9.00am	
Sat 4 th Feb	Springbank	6.30pm	
Sun 5 th Feb	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	Clarkes Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan		(Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)		

Anniversaries

Gerard Winter, Anthony Jarvis, Ron Spedding, Olive Andrews, Nina Cassar, Kathleen Ryan, Trish Ford, Peter Ross, Ray Frawley, Frank Frawley, Greg Arnel, Margaret Moloney and Fr James Ryan

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, 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.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Chloe Rix and Charles Martin, who were married this weekend at Loreto College. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

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 Matthew Thomas: Parish Priest of Swan Hill (from 25 Feb)
- Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura

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

PALMS Encounters

PALMS recruits, prepares and supports Australian Catholics who volunteer to share their lives and skills overseas. A PALMS Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. PALMS long-term volunteers guide the Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor. 2–14

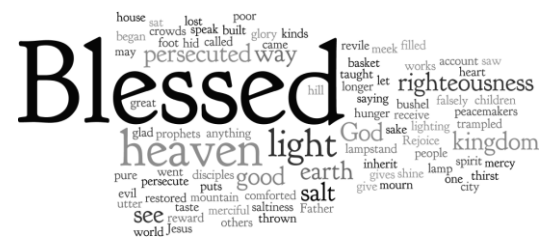
April; 2–14 July; 26 September – 6 October. Register now for the April Encounter and receive \$400 off a 2nd ticket. Info:

☎ 02 9560 5333 or www.palms.org.au/Encounters



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.



Domestic Violence: Committing to Prevention and Response

- 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.”

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

(See www.css.org.au/dv)

Kathleen's Corner



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
11 th & 12 th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 ~ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ~ Matthew 5:17-37			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	D Rix	C Frawley	D Ryan / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & John Fabre	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Cathy Mullane & Simone Fodor	