



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), Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher ** A representative is required for Gordon **		
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: \$277.45
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$209.00	Year to date: \$29,786.75

Coordinator's News

On Sunday we celebrated with Sr Kathleen her Golden Jubilee. Our Parish is blessed to have Sr Kathleen working with us, taking on many roles and always willing to help out wherever she can. We thank you Sr Kathleen and look forward to working closely with you over the coming years. At last week's Finance Committee, Tony Lynch tendered his resignation. Tony has been a very active, reliable contributor on Finance Committee and will be much missed. We thank you Tony for all of your hard work and contribution to the running of the Parish over the past years. That has left a vacancy on the Finance Committee from the Gordon community. We are still requiring a person to fill the vacant position on the Parish Pastoral Council from the Springbank community. If you know of someone or feel that you could volunteer to fill either of these positions please contact either the Parish Office or one of the Coordinators. It is a vital time for the future development of our Parish. Many thanks, Joan, Catherine and Michael.

Thank you

Thank you for the warm and affirming wishes received for my Golden Jubilee. Thank you for your presence on Sunday last, for your prayers, gifts, morning tea with beautiful cake, and for all your kindness. Living the Mercy way of life for fifty years has been strengthening, challenging, rewarding and has given so many opportunities to carry on Catherine's works of Mercy. I will continue to celebrate these 50 years giving thanks to our God and full of wonder as to where the years have gone.*Kathleen Moran.*

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Our catechumen, Bianca Flint will take part in the Rite of Election on Saturday, MARCH 4, at 12.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome. Please give names to Natasha at the Parish Office if you intend to go to this ceremony. Numbers are requested for seating and also for catering for a boxed lunch afterwards.

Lenten Discussion Program

The RCIA Group will be using the Lent Program from Brisbane, beginning on 7th March, and then weekly at 9.15am on Tuesdays until Easter. There is room for 1 or 2 people to join in. More info contact Kathleen Moran Ph: 0438 812 449

'Chasing Asylum'

A screening of this film documentary confronting Australia's hard line policy of detaining refugees in offshore processing centres. Friday 3rd March, 7:30pm, Ballan Primary School Gym, east end of Steiglitz St. Free Admission. Drinks & snacks available. Proudly sponsored by Ballan Lions Club.

Coming Events & Meetings

Friday March 3rd March

- World Day of Prayer: 10.30 am. St Johns Anglican Church, Simpson Street, Ballan. Followed by Morning Tea. All most welcome
- Chasing Asylum: 7.30pm Ballan Primary School Gym

Thursday 9th March

- Liturgy Meeting: 7.30 pm, Gordon Convent

Change of Mass Times on 19th March

Due to the Autumn Festival, Mass times will be changed: **Ballan: 8.45am Gordon: 10.30am**

Parish Office Details

Parish Office is open Tuesday's 9.30am-2.30pm or contact parish secretary 1558 Old Melbourne Road, Gordon. Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0447 609 485



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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	St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604	www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery:	\$292.00	Parish:	\$1,689.00
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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).

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Wed 1 st Mar	Dunnstown	10.15am	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Gordon	12 noon	
	Ballan	1.45pm	
	St Patrick's Cathedral	7.30am, 10am, 12.05pm, 7pm	
Thur 2 nd Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 4 th Mar	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 5 th Mar	Gordon	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)				

Recent Death

Diane Johnson

Anniversaries

William Ernest, Bill Wheelahan, Tommy Simpson, Gert Cummins, Antal Boka, Matt Jamieson, Maurice Conlan, Gabrielle Johnson, Kathleen Leonard, Jack O'Donohue, Maureen O'Halloran, Maureen O'Donohue, Anne Quinn

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, Paula Scott, Margaret O'Regan

Welcome

Welcome to Lennon David Joyce (son of Emma and Heath), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Gemmah Gill and Lachlan Shaw, who were married this Saturday in St. Michael's, Bungaree. 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 & Ballarat North (from 25 Feb)
- Fr Matthew Thomas: Parish Priest of Swan Hill (from 25 Feb)
- Fr Neville Stanislaus: Parish Priest of Camperdown & Timboon (from 1 May)
- Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura

Recycle your old Palms

Each year, the ashes for Ash Wednesday (1 March) are made by burning the palms from the previous Palm Sunday. Please bring any palms you have from last year to Mass over this weekend.

Diocesan Pastoral Council Nominations

The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. It currently meets four times a year in Ballarat. The DPC seeks a cross-section of people from different places in the diocese and from different backgrounds and experiences. However members of the DPC do not represent a particular parish or zone. A focus for the DPC in 2017/2018 will be contributing to the plans for how the diocese will be involved in preparations for the Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020. Info & nomination forms available from www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or the parish office. **Nominations close: 1 March.**

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program: start in March or May

This program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the March study cycle closes on 27th Feb or you can start in May or later in the year. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link at base of front page), then contact Amanda ☎ 5337 7125 or email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Ainara Timor-Leste Bushdance Fundraiser

To support Health Student Scholarship Fund. Donegan's Farm, Saturday 25th March, 6.30pm. \$25/person; \$60/family www.trybooking.com/ONIR

Choir for Mass of the Oils (Monday 10th April)

Singers & musicians are invited to join the music group for this Mass. Practice times will be advised. Info: Julie Boyd, Pastoral Ministry Office julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

xt3 Lenten Calendar – online & free app

Starting on Ash Wednesday March 1, every day see a new Lenten resource, a Lenten Challenge and the Gospel reading for that day. For youth, young adults and everyone - online Lenten calendar and free app for your mobile device is now available at <http://www.xt3.com/advent/>

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
25 th & 26 th Feb	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 49:14-15 ~ 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 ~ Matthew 6:24-34			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Dom Prendergast	Jill Prendergast	Helen Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy, Caron Whitefield	Debbie Goldie, Caron Whitefield	Eddie Davies	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale, Bert Jarvis	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre, Patricia Binks	
4 th & 5 th March	First Sunday of Lent (Year A): Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 ~ Romans 5:12,17-19 ~ Matthew 4:1-11			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mary & Declan Hanrahan	Dom Hanrahan Family	Jennifer McKay	Caleb & Will
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri, Eddie Davis	Peter Donegan Family	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan, Winnie Zammit	Binks Family	Angela Carr, Lloyd Lamb	
11 th & 12 th March	Second Sunday of Lent (Year A): Genesis 12:1-4a ~ Romans 4:1-5,13-17 ~ Matthew 17:1-9			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	D Rix	A Elliott / M Frawley	Music: Amanda Elliott
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek, Mark Conlan	Sims Family	Cathy Mullane, Bert Jarvis	

Project Compassion



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lent. You will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to build a better future for our common home. Or donate now:

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

or ☎ 1800 024 413