

First Sunday of Lent (Year A) ~ 4th & 5th March, 2017



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: \$170.75
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$232.00	Year to date: \$30,189.50

Coordinator's News

Parish Sacramental Program: After much discussion it has been decided that children from the Gordon Parish will receive the sacraments, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in Year 4 instead of Year 3. This decision has been ratified by the Parish Leadership team and is to commence in 2018, therefore there will not be a Sacramental Program in our Parish in 2017.

Kathleen's Corner

Carbon Fast for Lent: Several resources for Lent including a calendar of ideas for caring for the earth each day are available at this website: <http://www.earth-link.org.au/userfiles/Lent-2017-Carbon-Fast-Calendar.pdf>

Opposition growing to SA nuclear plan

Tjunmutja Myra Watson, a Pitjantjatjara/Antikirinja woman from the Coffin Hill Region of South Australia __ 'We already lost everything at Maralinga' — the site of the 1950s and 1960s British nuclear tests. 'We thought that Maralinga would be the last one ... We love our land ... We got the Dreaming, we got the songs and we got the culture. We're going to fight to keep it. Let's keep it, let's keep the country, not this man coming in and digging up our spirit and our land and all our songs. They're spoiling it when they put the poison in. They're taking everything and they did it before.'

Change of Mass Times on Sunday 19th March

Due to the Autumn Festival, Mass times will be changed:

Ballan: 8.45am Gordon: 10.30am

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

Handyman/Gardener

The parish is looking for a Handyman/Gardener on an "on call" basis to work at all Parish properties. Must have Working With Children Check, ABN, Insurances and references. For more information, please contact Luke Mullane on luke.mullane@bigpond.com

Coming Events & Meetings

- Monday 6th March Coordinators Meeting 7.30pm
- Thursday 9th March Liturgy Meeting 7.30 pm, Gordon Convent
- Friday 17th March Social Gathering St. Patrick's Day Mass at Gordon at 12noon followed by a light luncheon at Donegan's Farm, Butterfactory Road. All welcome. Please bring food to share.

Parish Office Details

Parish Office is open Tuesday's 9.30am-2.30pm or please 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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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: \$150.00	Parish: \$600.00
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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).

Representative needed for Mass of the Oils

On Monday 10th April, Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will bless the oils used for anointing the sick and those being baptised, confirmed and ordained at 6.30pm Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral. All are welcome, and a parish representative is needed to receive the oils for our parish from Bishop Paul. Please contact Fr Shane if you are available for this.

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Tues 7 th Mar	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 9 th Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 11 th Mar	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 12 th Mar	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)				

Anniversaries

John Bernard, Frank Sims, David Carton, Fr Henry Nickel and William Dridan

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, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Steven Molloy, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri, Paula Scott, Margaret O'Regan

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Lucy Louise Dash (2013) Ethan John Butler (2014) Felicity Claire Ryan (2014) Samuel Benjamin Roberts (2015) Judd Thomas Boyd (2016)

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



Welcome

Welcome to Maeve Adelheid Pearce Lakey (son of Elizabeth and Jacob), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We assure her and her family of our prayers and support.

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 Alex Lim (from Sandhurst diocese): Administrator of Warracknabeal & Hopetoun (from 1 May)
- Fr James Kerr: Assistant Priest of Mildura

Project Compassion



Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death. But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours in her vulnerable community. Your donation will help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours: use Project Compassion boxes, envelopes, www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or ☎ 1800 024 413.

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

Lenten resource, Lenten challenge and the Gospel reading each day. For youth, young adults & everyone: www.xt3.com/advent



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
4th & 5th 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	
11th & 12th 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	
18th & 19th March	Third Sunday of Lent (Year A): Exodus 17:3-7 ~ Romans 5:1-2,5-8 ~ John 4:5-42			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard & Maddi Peterkin	Chris Leonard Family	Trish Ryan	Campbell, Lilli & Sam
Ballan ~ 8.45am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Lorraine De Spirt & Vicki Boka	Winnie Zammit & Judith Hodgson	
Gordon ~ 10.30am	Michael McCarthy, Maria Donegan	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Carmen Camilleri	

