

## Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) ~ 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

<b>Parish Pastoral Council</b>	Helen Ryan (Chair), Joan Bourke (Moderator), Linden Hall, Bridget Sims, Louise Haintz, Sr Kathleen Moran, Gabe Driscoll (School Principal) ..... <b>** A representative is required for Springbank **</b>		
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher ..... <b>** A representative is required for Gordon **</b>		
<b>Parish Schools</b>	<b>St. Brigid's Primary School</b>	Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015	<a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	<b>St. Patrick's Primary School</b>	Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495	<a href="http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au">www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au</a>

#### Collections last week

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$150.00	Parish: \$270.25
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$342.00	<b>Year to date:</b> <b>\$33,031.75</b>
<b>Direct Debit</b>	February: \$2,230.00	

#### Update 8 week Transition Review - Parish of Gordon

The 8 week Transition Review that commenced at the start of February is continuing as Gordon Parish prepares for change. A new Coordinator is being sought with Joan Bourke finishing her term as a Parish Coordinator at the end of April. Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant with the Diocese, is undertaking this review: it includes looking at ways to strengthen and support the Parish and Coordinators to enable the community-led model to continue effectively, and to look at other matters that have arisen including preparing for the future. If you have any feedback or queries, please contact Amanda on 5337 7125, email: [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au) When possible, Amanda will continue to attend Masses in the Parish and be in the foyer afterwards to hear your comments or questions.

#### 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.

#### Lenten Discussion Program

The RCIA Group will be using the Lent Program from Brisbane, beginning on 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:luke.mullane@bigpond.com)

#### Change of Mass Times on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

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

**Ballan: 8.45am      Gordon: 10.30am**

#### Coming Events & Meetings

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March PPC Meeting 7.30pm
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March St. Patrick's Day: Mass, Gordon, 12 noon; followed by light luncheon at Donegan's Farm. All welcome. Please bring food to share.

#### Church Cleaning -March

St Michael's 10<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 17<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 24<sup>th</sup>.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris & Cathy Mullane	Eily Carey Kate Carey Leisa Carey	Julie Toohey Sharon Daly Sue Daly

#### 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

<b>St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill</b>	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280	<a href="http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au">www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au</a>
<b>St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown</b>	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604	<a href="http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au">www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au</a>

#### Collections last week

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$255.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$640.00
<b>Christmas Offerings</b>	\$60.00	<b>Project Compassion</b> \$20.00

#### 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links).

#### Representative needed for Mass of the Oils

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Anointing Mass for Sick & Frail Elderly

Dunnstown, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10.15am

LITURGIES			
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Gordon	12.00pm	St Patrick's Day Mass
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dunnstown	6.30pm	<b>Sunday Mass</b> (*note change of venues)
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Ballan*	8.45am	
	Gordon*	10.30am	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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

Andrew Barbara, Peter De Spirt, Harry Wise, Joseph Micallef, Mary Winter, Joseph Spiteri, Antonia Spiteri, Renee Barbara, Agostina Barbara, Helen Kuczynski, Joseph Cini, Doreen Torpy, Jack Ford, Mona Nihill, Des Frichot, Joan Shanahan, Roy Britt

### 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.**

### Baptism

Congratulations to Evan Rufus Sheehan (son of Jacinta and Jarrod), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brendan's, Dunnstown. We welcome Evan into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Linsie Davies and Chris Whitefield, who were married this Saturday in St. Patrick's, Gordon; and to Emma Simpson and Peter Lewis, who were married at Loreto College. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

### Clergy 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 other women in Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. Facing poverty and an uncertain future, she sought refuge at Uma PAS shelter, a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program in Timor-Leste. The program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering economic empowerment, education for her children, and a safe life in a supportive community. Your donation helps empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity: use Project Compassion boxes, envelopes, [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or ☎ 1800 024 413.

### The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS)

Encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*. More information available at: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1.30pm in the Hall. \$5 entry. All welcome.

### Ainaro Timor-Leste Bushdance Fundraiser

To support Health Student Scholarship Fund. Donegan's Farm, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm. \$25/person; \$60/family  
[www.trybooking.com/ONIR](http://www.trybooking.com/ONIR)

### Choir for Mass of the Oils (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.xt3.com/advent)

### Kathleen's Corner

"The people on Manus Island and Nauru. Innocent people. Hundreds upon hundreds of innocent people. They have committed no crime. They have been charged with no crime. They have been locked up for years. Innocent people. Locked up. For us. Join in with *Tuesday Mourning*. Wear black. Wear a black ribbon. Wear a black armband. Every Tuesday until Pentecost Sunday Mourn for the innocent victims locked up. Locked up for us. For Australian fear." Josephite Justice Network, PO Box 1508 North Sydney 2059

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> 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	
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> 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	
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A): 1 Samuel 16:1,6-10-13 ~ Ephesians 5:8-14 ~ John 9:1-41			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Joan Powell	Marty Forbes	Mowing: A Miller-Schmetzer & John Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Bert Jarvis	Helen & Anthony Blazek	John Fabre & Lorraine Tipple	

