

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) ~ 18th & 19th 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: \$168.20
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$464.00	Year to date: \$33,663.95
Direct Debit	February: \$2,230.00	

Coordinator's News

Work on the Springbank school building was completed recently, replacing items/fittings that were stolen and repairing the damage done by the thieves. This work has been covered by insurance. As part of developing the Parish's assets management plan, community consultation about the future of the Springbank buildings will be held, with a meeting planned for after Easter. Details will be announced shortly. Joan, Catherine and Michael

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

Conroy Reunion

Sunday 26th March 2017 from 11:00am Moorabool Reservoir Park

Coming Events & Meetings

- Thursday 30th March Anointing Mass for sick & frail elderly Ballan 11:30am
- Tuesday 4th April Penitential Service Ballan 7:30 pm
- Thursday 6th April Prayer at St. Brigid's with Brian Andrew's family 10:00am. Brian has been missing since early Dec.

Kathleen's Corner

In 2017, World Wildlife Fund a conservation group is celebrating 10 years of Earth Hour and 10 years of progress on changing climate change. Will you switch off?

SATURDAY MARCH 25

8:30 - 9:30PM LOCAL TIME



Church Cleaning -March

St Michael's 10th, St Brigid's 17th & St Patrick's 24th.

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

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:	\$172.00	Parish: \$435.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$70.00		

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 (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.

LITURGIES			
Tues 21 st Mar	Dunnstown	10.15am	Anointing Mass
Thur 23 rd Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group: gathering space
Sat 25 th Mar	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 26 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

Margaret O'Regan (Christine Hall's Mother)

Anniversaries

Pat Kennedy, Leo Davies, Lillian Meiklyohn, Kevin Meiklyohn, Jack Meiklyohn, Jack Papworth, Leigh Conroy, Emmanuel Muscat, Martin Spain, Peter Torpy, Maurice Frawley, Lars Drendel, Nora Frawley, Sr Presentation Marnell, Greg Slater

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.

Welcome

Welcome to Lennon Joyce (son of Emma & Heath), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Patrick's, Gordon; and to William Somers (son of Lana & Michael) and Lucie Vaughan (daughter of Jacquetta & Joshua), who are preparing for baptism. We welcome Lennon, William and Lucie into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Claire Dickeson & Sam Montano, who were married this Saturday in St. Peter's, Clarkes Hill. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS)

Encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*. More information available at: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

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

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



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 or ☎ 1800 024 413.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies (10–16 April)			
Monday	Cathedral	6.30pm	Mass of the Oils
Tuesday	Bungaree	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Thursday	Bungaree	7.30pm	Holy Thursday Mass
Friday	Springbank	3.00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	Gordon	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Dunnstown	8.45am	Easter Sunday Mass
	Ballan	10.30am	

The Rise of Irish Australia - TV documentary

Tells the story of the impact of Ireland's 1916 Easter Rising here in Australia, featuring Archbishop Mannix and many others. Available on SBS On Demand at 5.30pm Saturday, March 18 or later online at www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/programs.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - 7-9 December 2017 in Sydney!

Open new horizons for spreading joy.

15,000 young people are expected in Sydney from all round Australia for ACYF 2017 - the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival hosted by the Australian Bishops. The Festival offers ways of expressing Catholic faith in an amazing 3 day experience. For Year 9-25yos. Parishes and schools are asked to consider sending a group. Smaller parishes might join together or connect their young people with another parish. Ballarat Diocese will be assisting with this, including planning travel and accommodation. Details and links: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/ Youth and Young Adult or email: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
18 th & 19 th 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 th & 26 th 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	
1 st & 2 nd April	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A): Ezekiel 37:12-14 ~ Romans 8:8-11 ~ John 11:1-45			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm				Callan & Isla
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kathleen Moran & Beth Calleja	Mark & Narelle Conroy Family	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Patrick Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	Julie Dargan Family	Simone Fodor & Patricia Binks	