

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A) ~ 1st & 2nd April, 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: \$254.05
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$337.00	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date):	\$229.60	\$34,581.65

Coordinators Report

Last Friday night, yet again there was a security issue with the Springbank School building, police were called, thankfully no damage was done. There was also a report that the building was left unlocked with a set of keys inside the building. We are in the process of tracking down who has keys to the school buildings. Recently all the locks were replaced under the Insurance claim using the existing keys, we do not want the expense of replacing the locks again, so we appreciate your support in this matter. All the buildings at the Springbank site are now being managed by the Parish, any issues that arise with these building should be passed onto one of the Parish Coordinators as soon as possible. Joan, Catherine and Michael

Community Meetings at Springbank

As part of the ongoing process to assess the future use of Parish capital assets we are holding two community meetings:

- Saturday, May 13th after 6.30pm Mass at Springbank
- Tuesday, May 16th, 7.00pm, Springbank Church

Both meetings will have the same presentation and discussion points. Please attend either.

Parish Leadership Vacancies

We have two vacancies, a Parish Pastoral Council member from Springbank and a Parish Finance Committee member from Gordon. These positions need to be filled as soon as possible, please consider carefully. This is a very important time in our Parish life, to ensure a productive and

sustainable future we need a committed and vibrant leadership team.

Liturgy Roster

If you are interested in becoming part of the liturgy roster or wanting to be removed from the reading list please contact Margaret Green or Natasha Buttigieg at the parish office.

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: luke.mullane@bigpond.com

Kathleen's Corner
Buying Easter Chocolate?
Check the label to see if it is ethical.

Church Cleaning - April

St Michael's 14th, St Brigid's 21st & St Patrick's 28th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Marie Conroy Beth Calleja	Kath O'Neil Louise O'Neil

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:	177.00	Parish:	\$405.00
Project Compassion (to date):		\$150.00	

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).

LITURGIES			
Tues 4 th Apr	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
	Ballan	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Thur 6 th Apr	Ballan	11.30am	Prayer at St. Brigid's with Brian Andrew's family.
Sat 8 th Apr	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 9 th Apr	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

Laurie O'Neil, Martin Wheelahan, Marie Dromey, Marie Leahy, Antonio Zumba, Katerina Camilleri, Isabella Moran, Isabel Britt, Fr Thomas Linane, Mary Britt, Barbara Frawley

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, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar.

Baptism

Congratulations to William Owen Somers (son of Lana and Michael), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We welcome William into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Sophie Claire Dash (2015), Joe Timothy Trigg (2015), Emme Jean Tait (2015), Lola Mae Miles (2016), Tara Audrey Lloyd (2016)

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

Palm Sunday Walk for Refugees

"Close Manus, Close Nauru ~ Welcome Refugees ~ Permanent Protection" Sunday 9th April, 2pm: State Library, Melbourne.

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

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass. Practice will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on Sunday, April 9 at 6.30pm and Monday, April 10 at 5.00pm (prior to Mass) at the Cathedral.

Retreat in Everyday Life

Fr Robbie Sian, a Filipino Jesuit priest who is currently in Melbourne as part of the Jesuit Tertian program, will come to Ballarat for a month from 23rd April to lead the Inner Peace in Divine Love Retreat in Everyday Life. Doreen Roache, a St Patrick's Cathedral parishioner will lead this with Fr Robbie. RSVP 17th April: St Patrick's Cathedral Office.



Project Compassion



Semiti grew up in an informal settlement in Fiji. He is now the Director of the People's Community Network (PCN). PCN is increasing the resilience and dignity of the thousands of landless Fijians living in informal settlements. Communities are advocating together successfully for better services, education and housing. Your donation helps vulnerable communities in Fiji to undertake training that will empower them to work towards lasting change in their neighbourhoods: use Project Compassion boxes, envelopes, www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or 1800 024 413.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2017: Sydney, 7-9 December

Open new horizons for spreading joy

15,000 young people are expected in Sydney from all round Australia for the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival. For Year 9 – 25yos. The diocese will be planning travel and accommodation. Details and links: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Youth and Young Adult or email: youth@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/lent

Volunteers for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

If you are able to assist with the various ministries involved in these liturgies, please contact the liturgy coordinator in your community.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies (10-16 April)			
Monday	Cathedral	6.30pm	Mass of the Oils
Tuesday	Bungaree	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Wed	Bungaree	4.00pm	Individual Confessions
Thursday	Bungaree	7.30pm	Holy Thursday Mass
Friday	Ballan	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
	Springbank	3.00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	Gordon	7.00pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Dunnstown	8.45am	Easter Sunday Mass
	Ballan	10.30am	

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	Peter Britt	Chris Leonard Family	Winnie Leonard	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	
8 th & 9 th April	Palm Sunday (Year A): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Matthew 27:11-54			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Mark Hanrahan Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	S Steenhuis	L Jeffrey/ L Hanrahan	Music: Shelly Ryan
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & John Fabre	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Angela Carr & Bert Jarvis	
15 th & 16 th April	Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord (Year A): Acts 10:34,37-43 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 ~ 1 Corinthians 5:7-8			
Gordon ~ 7.00pm	Volunteers required for Easter Liturgies			
Dunnstown ~ 8.45am	Volunteers required for Easter Liturgies			
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre & Lloyd Lamb	