

Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord (Year A) ~ 15th & 16th 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)		
Finance Committee	Michael Ryan (Chair & Coordinator Representative), John Moroney (Book Keeper), Reg Haintz, Luke Mullane, Stephen Conroy, Brendan Maher		
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: \$261.90
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$261.90	Year to date: \$37,973.90
	Direct Debit (March): \$1,505.00	
Project Compassion (to date):	\$752.10	

Coordinators Report - Joan, Michael and Catherine

We welcome Bianca Flint into our faith community. Bianca is being baptized at the Easter vigil this weekend. We also welcome her and Luke's three daughters, Beatrix, Rose and Mabel who are being baptized with her. We look forward to supporting Bianca and her family on their faith journey over the coming years. We would also like to wish our parishioners a safe and peace-filled Easter.

New Coordinator - Parish of Gordon

Thanks to all those parishioners who gave input into the recent process of discerning Angela Carr as the new Coordinator. Considerable positive feedback was received about her. This process of discernment also included discussions with Angela. Bishop Paul has endorsed her appointment commencing 1 May 2017.

Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant, Ballarat Diocese

Invitation to Commissioning of Coordinators

Bishop Paul Bird will commission the Coordinators at St Brigid's Ballan at 10.30am mass on Sunday 30 April. Angela Carr is the new Coordinator. Catherine Green and Michael Ryan will be re-commissioned, with Catherine as the new Moderator. This is also an opportunity to thank Joan Bourke for her service to the Parish as a Coordinator for the last three years and as Moderator for the last twelve months. We will share a light lunch after Mass.

Convent Works

New Sensor lights have been installed at the convent for the convenience of meetings held in the evenings. Due to wet and colder weather approaching we advise that the rear door to be used as the front can get slippery.

Anzac Day

As Anzac Day approaches, we are reminded of all Australians who served & died in war & during operational service. A remembrance book will be in the foyer of each church. You are invited to write the names of any servicemen & servicewomen who you wish to be remembered on Anzac Day.

Coming Events

- Wednesday April 26th New Date Finance Meeting 7.30pm
 - *Springbank 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.

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

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.

Parish Office Details

Open Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm ☎: 5368-9280 alternatively leave a message, or contact Natasha on ☎: 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: \$145.00	Parish: \$105.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$300.00	

Mother's Day Luncheon

Wallace and District Kindergarten,
 Friday 12th May, Bungaree Community Centre. Bookings:
 Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544.

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			
Thur 20 th Apr	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 22 nd Apr	Gordon	7.00pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 23 rd Apr	Dunnstown	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)				



Recent Death:

Jill Fradd, Sr Maureen Connelly RSM, Sr Margaret Houlihan RSM

Anniversaries

Sheila Fay, Barry McNamara, Mary Duffy, James Toohey, Alice McTigue, Kathleen Toohey, Johanna Corbett, Jessie Baynes, Laurie Flynn and Brenda Jones

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne Mc Kercher, 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.

Easter Greetings

May the hope of the Risen Christ touch the lives of all our families and loved ones this Easter. Thanks for the ways that so many people have contributed to our liturgical celebrations during Holy Week and Easter: reading, ministries, liturgy planning, music, flowers, and by reflective and joyful participation.

Easter Candles

Thanks to Judith Hodgson, Trish Lannen and the children of St Mary's, Clarks Hill, for decorating the Easter Candles so beautifully for each of our churches.

Easter Offerings

Along with Christmas Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Easter Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

Project Compassion

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten appeal as we demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. Your donation helps to empower our most vulnerable neighbours worldwide to build a better future for their families and communities: use Project Compassion boxes, envelopes, ☎ 1800 024 413 or www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Kathleen's Corner

Easter is a time when we thank God for loving us unconditionally and for sending LOVE to us by way of Jesus. This Easter let us pray that all people including ourselves that we may bring love and new life to the others.

Pope Francis' Letter to Young People ~ 13 Jan 2017

I am pleased to announce that in October 2018 a Synod of Bishops will take place to treat the topic: *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. I wanted you to be the centre of attention, because you are in my heart ...

I am reminded of the words which God spoke to Abraham: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (Gen 12:1). These words are now also addressed to you. They are words of a Father who invites you to "go", to set out towards a future which is unknown but one which will surely lead to fulfilment, a future towards which He Himself accompanies you. I invite you to hear God's voice resounding in your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit. When God said to Abram, "Go!", what did he want to say? He certainly did not say to distance himself from his family or withdraw from the world. Abram received a compelling invitation, a challenge, to leave everything and go to a new land. What is this "new land" for us today, if not a more just and friendly society which you, young people, deeply desire and wish to build to the very ends of the earth? ...

Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt this urge to undertake this journey? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness ...

A better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master. The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls ...

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.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	Volunteers	Volunteers	
Dunnstown ~ 8.45am	Dorothy Sheehan		Fran Peterkin	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Tom Paarhammer	Anita Lidgett Family	John Fabre & Lloyd Lamb	
22 nd & 23 rd April	Second Sunday of Easter (Year A): Acts 2:42-47 ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9 ~ John 20:19-31			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Tim Bennett	Kate Bennett	Julie Moran	Mowing: Leigh Robinson & Dom Prendergast
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Angela Kearns & Kerryn Taylor	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Kathleen Moran	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	
29 th & 30 th April	Third Sunday of Easter (Year A): Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ~ 1 Peter 1:17-23 ~ Luke 24:13-35			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Amanda & Olivia Elliott	P Ryan	N Jeffrey / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Sandra Miller	Sims Family	Helen Conlan & Lorraine Tipple	

