



## 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 <a href="http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au">www.sballan.catholic.edu.au</a>
	St. Patrick's Primary School	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:

Loose	Presbytery: \$150.00	Parish: \$658.25
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$204.15	<b>Year to date:</b>
Project Compassion (to date):	\$949.95	<b>\$38,836.30</b>
Good Friday Holy Places: \$520.10	Easter Offerings \$345.00	

### Invitation to Commissioning of Coordinators

All parishioners are invited to St Brigid's Ballan at 10.30am on Sunday 30 April when Bishop Paul Bird will celebrate Mass and commission the Coordinators. 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, Please bring a slice. All welcome!

### Parish Meetings at Springbank

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> after 6.30pm Mass at Springbank Church  
Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm, Springbank Church  
Both meetings will have the same presentation and discussion points regarding current parish financial position and future use of parish assets. Please attend either meeting. All parishioners welcome.

### Coming Events

- Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> New Date Finance Meeting 7.30pm
- Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm, Springbank Church

### Missing from St. Patricks Church Gordon

1 white trestle table, 1 white altar cloth, 1 white cloth for back altar. Please ring Beth Calleja if you have them.

### 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.

### Celebrating Frank Conroy's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday

Please join us at Donegan's Farm, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 2-5pm for afternoon tea and drinks (no gifts thank you).

### Farewell

Parishioners extend good wishes to Frank and Angela Kearns, of Gordon, who will be moving from the area in the next few weeks. Thank you to Frank and Angela for their generous contribution to the life of the Parish over a number of years. We wish them well in their new home.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:luke.mullane@bigpond.com)

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

### Collections last week

Presbytery: \$449.00	Parish: \$324.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$300.00	Eater Offerings (to date): \$525.00

### 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).

### Mother's Day Luncheon

Wallace and District Kindergarten,  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May,  
Bungaree Community Centre.

Bookings: Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544.

*Mother's Day*

LITURGIES			
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bungaree	8.45am	
	Ballan	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	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



### Anniversaries

Giuseppe Spataro, Sheila Patmore, Kath Moloney, Jeffrey Micallef, Philip Camilleri, Len Maher, Mary Howard, Merv Howard and Patrick Leonard

### 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.

### 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

Many thanks for your contributions to 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.

### Kathleen's Corner

Unlike our Easter observances, we do not know in real life whether things work out and how. ... It is good to be sad about the things that go wrong because it means we can still tell wrong from right. But it is also good to be angry about them, even a little, because it means we still hope that things can be made right in some way.

Fatima Measham Eureka Street

### Ballarat Diocese eNews

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### Available at Church door

- Our Diocesan Community (April edition)
- Pastoral letter from Victorian bishops on proposed euthanasia laws in Victoria

### 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 ...



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> 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	
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A): Acts 2:14, 36-41, 36-41 ~ 1 Peter 2:20-25 ~ John 10:1-10			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Diane Ryenolds & Leteisha Rinaldi	Mark Howard Family	Trish White	Felicity & Cameron
Gordon ~ 8.45am	TBA	TBA	TBA	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	TBA	TBA	TBA	