

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF GORDON



St. Brigid's, Ballan ~ St. Patrick's, Gordon ~ St. Michael's, Springbank

The Gordon Parish is a supervised, community-led parish. The Parish is led by a team of Coordinators, one of whom is the Moderator.

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Shane Mackinlay

Coordinators: Catherine Green (Moderator), Michael Ryan, Angela Carr

Parish Secretary/ Parish Office (Tuesdays 9.30am-2.30pm): Natasha Buttigieg ☎ 5368 9280 or 0447 609 485

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For Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals please contact Parish Secretary ~ messages will be forwarded

PARISH VISION: *That all parishioners and visitors are welcomed as family and nourished as the Body of Christ*

Parish Schools

St. Brigid's Primary School
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll
Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford

☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

☎ 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: \$313.15
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$538.00	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date):	\$1,209.10	\$41,863.90
Good Friday Holy Places: \$520.10	Easter Offerings \$705.00	

School Enrolment

Enrolment applications for the 2018 school year at St Brigid's Ballan are now open. Please contact the school office ph: 5368 1015 to make an appointment for an enrolment session. Parents are invited to come and learn about our school, view classes in operation and meet some of the staff and student leaders.

Missing from St. Patrick's Church Gordon

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

Coming Events

Parish Meetings at Springbank

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

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

- Wednesday 17th May, PFC Meeting 7.30pm

eConference- Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis by Broken Bay Institute

The Australian Institute of Theological Education Aug 10. Anyone interested in a local group participation please contact Kathleen ☎: 0438 812 449. For further information go to: <https://kvgo.com/creomedia/bbi13nationaleconference>

Kathleen's Corner

War On Waste Our waste is growing at double the rate of our population with 52 mega tonnes generated a year. In this three-part series, Craig Reucassel is on a mission to see if we, as a nation, can all do a little bit better. In the first episode he focuses on food waste as a staggering amount ends up in landfill every year.

- Tuesday 16 May 2017, 8:30pm abc1,
- Wednesday 17 May 2017, 8:22pm abc2, (Repeat)
- Saturday 20 May 2017, 3:01pm abc1 (Repeat)

Church Cleaning – May

St Michael's 12th, St Brigid's 19th & St Patrick's 26th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anita Lidgett	Therese Winter Sue Petherick Debbie Goldie	Mary Simpson Donna Simpson



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
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh
Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh

☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$299.00	Parish: \$400.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$1,148.70	Eater Offerings (to date): \$690.00

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).

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Information Night for parents of children celebrating Confirmation and First Eucharist this year (Year 3 or above)

~ Tuesday 6th June, 7.30pm: Bungaree Parish Centre

Children enrol for the preparation program

~ Sunday 11th June, 8.45am: St Michael's, Bungaree

~ Saturday 17th June, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

Retreat Day

~ Friday 4th August: Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

~ Saturday 5th August, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown



LITURGIES			
Thur 18 th May	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Fri 19 th May	Dunnstown	9.15am	Mass for St Brendan's feast day
Sat 20 th May	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 21 st May	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	
	Cathedral	10.30am	Mass for Bishop Connors' 30 th anniversary as bishop



	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 Deaths

Ray Smith, Nellie Keighrey & Bryan Keighrey

Anniversaries

Iala Wise, Albert Jarvis, Keith Holmes, Nell Wise, Jack Murphy, Alice Carey, Angela Teuma, James McDermott, Bryan Frawley, Fr Bill Moroney and Jack Maher

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, Lore Winter

Annual Mass Count

The annual count of mass attendance will be held over the four weeks of May, commencing this weekend.

Collectors: please note.

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.

Clergy Appointment

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has announced the following appointment:

- Fr Michael McKinnon: Parish Priest of Merbein (in addition to Mildura and Red Cliffs)

Blessing for Mothers

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we may always honour them,
and that they may be led one day to eternal life with you.
Amen.



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 ...

Available at Church door

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

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
13 th & 14 th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A): Acts 6:1-7 ~ 1 Peter 2:4-9 ~ John 14:1-12			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Brendan Simpson & Family	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Tom Moloney	D Ryan	E Clark / L Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Lloyd Lamb	Bridget Sims & Family	Patricia Binks & Denise Marshall	
20 th & 21 st May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A): Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 ~ 1 Peter 3:15-18 ~ John 14:15-21			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Fran & Hayley Peterkin	Peterkin Family	Jennifer McKay	Gemma, Kiely & Rose
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Marie & Frank Conroy	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Mark Conlan	Julie Dargan Family	Judith Hodgson & Helen Conlan	
27 th & 28 th May	The Ascension of the Lord (Year A): Acts 1:1-11 ~ Ephesians 1:17-23 ~ Matthew 28:16-20			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Joan Powell	Kate Bennett	Margie Moran	Mowing: Leo Crough & Tim Bennett
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Carmen Camilleri & Eddie Davis	Marie & Frank Conroy	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Lin Bowers	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Lloyd Lamb & Simone Foder	