

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

✉ gordon@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

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 ☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

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: \$294.70
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$367.00	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date):	\$1,265.50	\$42,525.60
Good Friday Holy Places: \$520.10	Easter Offerings \$730.00	

Coordinators report

Thank you to all who attended the community meetings at Springbank on Saturday and Tuesday evenings last week. Community consultation and discussion is an important part of the process to develop an Asset Management Plan for the Parish. Thank you all for your thoughts and discussions on management and use of the assets of your Parish. Written submissions can be made via email to the Parish email address, or left at the Parish Office.

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 and stainless steel urn. Please ring Beth Calleja if you have them.

Coming Events

- Thursday August 10th eConference- Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis

Kathleen's Corner

Autumn Leaves



Mulch them



Compost them



Burn them

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

✉ bungaree@ballarat.catholic.org.au ~ 🌐 www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (follow parish links)

Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$205.00	Parish: \$619.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$1,148.70	Eater Offerings (to date): \$855.00

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).

Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay employees and volunteers in the diocese. Registration for the May study cycle closes 22nd May. Start also possible in July or later in the year. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link on bottom of front page), then contact Amanda: ☎ 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

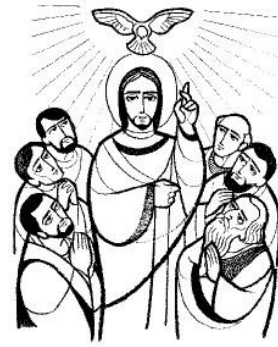
Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

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



LITURGIES			
Tues 23 rd May	Bungaree	9.15am	Mass
Thur 25 th May	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 27 th May	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 28 th May	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)				



Anniversaries

Anna Greene, Brian Maher, Calvert Clarke, Paul Reddie, Peter Frichot, Marie Scanlon, Peter Davies, Pat Moran, Nora Mahar, Con Sheehan, Gerard Cullinan, Peter Auchetti, John Burke, Winnie Flynn, William Jones and Tom White

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, Joe D'Arcy

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)

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Sydney, 7–9 December. A joyful 3-day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (year 9 – 30 y.o.) are encouraged to go. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (Youth and Young Adult page) or contact Amanda: ☎ 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Pope Francis, 'On Love in the Family'

Excerpts from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, which follows two synods of bishops in 2014 & 2015. Full text: www.vatican.va

"I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the

ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems." [57]
 "Just as a good wine begins to 'breathe' with time, so too the daily experience of fidelity gives married life richness and 'body'." [231]

"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crises, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of their union." [232]

"I sincerely believe that Jesus wants a Church attentive to the goodness which the Holy Spirit sows in the midst of human weakness, a Mother who, while clearly expressing her objective teaching, 'always does what good she can, even if in the process, her shoes get soiled by the mud of the street.'" [308]
 "We have been called to form consciences, not replace them." [37]

"Few human joys are as deep and thrilling as those experienced by two people who love one another and have achieved something as the result of a great, shared effort." [130]

"I think, for example, of the speed with which people move from one affective relationship to another. They believe, along the lines of social networks, that love can be connected or disconnected at a whim of the consumer, and the relationship quickly 'blocked'... We treat affective relationships the way we treat material objects and the environment: everything is disposable; everyone uses and throws away, takes and breaks, exploits and squeezes to the last drop. Then, goodbye." [39]

"Young love needs to keep dancing towards the future with immense hope." [219]

"Here let me say a word to fiancés. Have the courage to be different. Don't let yourselves get swallowed up by a society of consumption and empty appearances. What is important is the love you share, strengthened and sanctified by grace. You are capable of opting for a more modest and simple celebration in which love takes precedence over everything else." [212]

"Love needs time and space; everything else is secondary." [224]

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
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	
3 rd & 4 th June	Pentecost Sunday (Year A): Acts 2:1-11 ~ Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 ~ John 20:19-23			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Helen & Bridget Spratling	Spratling Family	Dorothy Sheehan	Charlie & Meg
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Michael McCarthy & Maria Donegan	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Carmen Camilleri	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & John Fabre	Anita Lidgett Family	Bert Jarvis & Angela Carr	