

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: \$2000.00	Parish: \$201.35
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$877.00	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date):	\$1,266.50	\$44,635.10

Coordinators report

Thank you for continuing to discuss and provide feedback regarding ideas for the management of Parish property. There has been very useful discussion and ideas put forward at the community meetings in Gordon and Springbank. To complete the consultation process for each mass centre, all are welcome to attend a Parish community meeting at the Ballan Gathering Space, on Monday 29th May at 7pm. The information presented will be the same as at meetings at Gordon and Springbank. We value the thoughts, suggestions and contributions of all Parish community members. These ideas will contribute to the Asset Management Plan, which was recommended at the initial Parish Community meeting in Gordon. Feedback and submissions can be raised at the meetings or put forward in writing to the Parish office or the Parish email address, until the end of June.

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.

Ballan Refugee Realities : Sunday 18 June, 2017

National Refugee Week 18-24 June. Ballan Refugee Realities is offering our local community a free event: Sunday 18 June, 12:30pm – 3:30pm @ Ballan Mechanics Hall.

Everyone is invited to join in a vibrant feast of food, entertainment and the stories of refugee experiences. Bookings/Info ☎: 0408 395 511 or Email: refugeerealitiesballan@gmail.com

Anointing Mass

St Patrick's Church Thurs June 29, 11am. More details to follow.

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.

Missing from St Brigid's Church, Ballan

Several chairs from the gathering area. Anyone who knows where they might be is asked to see that they are returned.

Coming Events

- Monday 29th May 7.00pm Parish Community Meeting Ballan Gathering Space
- Monday June 12th PPC Meeting 7.00pm
- Wednesday June 21st PFC Meeting 7.30pm

Church Cleaning – June

St Michael's 9th, St Brigid's 16th & St Patrick's 23rd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Sims Caz Craggill	Margaret McTigue	Anita Maher Cathy Hanrahan



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: \$286	Parish: \$445.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$1,148.70	Eater Offerings (to date): \$1,115.00

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

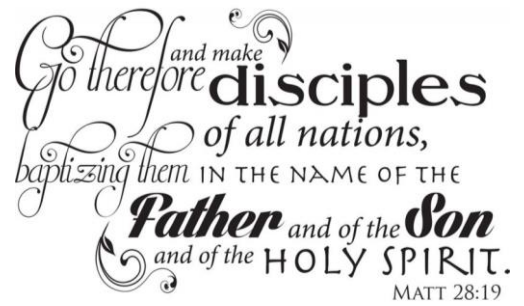
Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

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



LITURGIES			
Thur 1 st June	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Fri 2 nd June	Bungaree	9.00am	
Sat 3 rd June	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 4 th June	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	Clarks Hill (6pm Blampied)	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan (Creswick 8.45am – Daylesford 10.30am)				



Anniversaries

Barry Wise, Jean Bourke, Jim Wheelahan, Molly O'Neil, John Egan, James Terris, Nick Cassar, Heather Marlsen, George Pearse, Tommy White and Frank Brennan

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, Xavier Zahra

Annual Mass Count

The annual count of mass attendance is being held over the four weeks of May, concluding 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
- Australian Catholics (Winter edition)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
27 th & 28 th May	The Ascension of the Lord (Year A): Acts 1:1-11 ~ Ephesians 1:17-23 ~ Matthew 28:16-20			
Clarks 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	
10 th & 11 th June	The Most Holy Trinity (Year A): Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 ~ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 ~ John 3:16-18			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Molly Ronan	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Kevin Hanrahan	Tom Moloney	D Ryan / M Frawley	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Sandra Miller & Tom Paarhammer	Binks Family	Winnie Zammit & Cathy Mullane	