

Pentecost Sunday (Year A) ~ 3rd & 4th June, 2017

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 ☎ 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: \$200.00	Parish: \$182.85
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$877.00	Year to date: \$47,365.95
Direct Credit (April):	\$2,198.00	
Project Compassion (to date):	\$1,266.50	

Coordinators report

Thank you to all who attended the community meeting in Ballan on Monday 29th May to continue the discussions regarding management of Parish assets. The thoughts and contributions of all Parish community members are welcome. Feedback and ideas can be forward in writing to the Parish office or the Parish email address, until the end of June.

St Brigid's, Ballan ~ School Enrolment 2018

Enrolment applications are now open. Please contact the school office ☎ 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

Free event to mark National Refugee Week. Sunday 18 June, 12:30-3:30pm @ Ballan Mechanics Hall. Vibrant feast of food, entertainment and the stories of refugee experiences. Info ☎ 0408 395 511 or refugeerealitiesballan@gmail.com

Coming Events

- Monday June 12th PPC Meeting 7.00pm
- Wednesday June 21st PFC Meeting 7.30pm
- Thursday August 10th eConference- Gospel Leadership in Times of Chaos: the Hope of Pope Francis

Anointing Mass

St Patrick's Church, Thu 29 June, 11am. More details later.

Kathleen's Corner

Saturday May 27 - Saturday June 3 was Reconciliation Week. These dates mark two milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: the 1967 referendum (50 years ago) and the historic Mabo decision (25 years ago), respectively. This year's theme, 'Let's Take the Next Steps', invites all Australians to join together in the next stage of our nation's reconciliation story, including supporting a new referendum to enable changes to the Australian Constitution such as the constitutional right to be protected against racial discrimination. More information about the proposed referendum can be found at: <http://www.recognise.org.au/> and <https://www.referendumcouncil.org.au/>

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

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Parish Schools

St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$150.00	Parish: \$1,055.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$1,166.90	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).

Available at Church door

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

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 6 th June	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 8 th June	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group St Brigid's gathering space
Sat 10 th June	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 11 th June	Bungaree	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

Joan Clifford, Edna Quinlan, George Dimech, Leo Tuddenham, Brian Foley, Kristen Canty, Elizabeth Nunn, Daniel Greene and Myrtle Fuller

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

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.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Jackson James Davidge (2013), Brady EJ Davidge (2013), Gus Kellan Fenwick (2013)

**Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them,
so they may walk in newness of life.**

Annual Mass Count

Week 1:	Dunnstown 50,	Gordon 45,	Ballan 77
Week 2:	Springbank 66,	Bungaree 42,	Ballan 77
Week 3:	Dunnstown 60,	Gordon 32,	Ballan 82
Week 4:	Clarks Hill 25,	Gordon 44,	Ballan 72

Bishops listening to young Catholics

The Australian bishops are asking young people (16–29) to share their views about life, faith, and their experience of Church through an online survey. This is part of a process leading up to a Synod called by Pope Francis, which will be held in Rome next year. The questions cover a range of topics including: the experience of being listened to, using social media and technology, friendships and influences in today's world, opportunities for engagement with Church activities such as, outreach programs, youth masses, community leadership or parish events. Pope Francis has called young people to join this inclusive journey saying that the Church '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 ... Every young person has something to say to others ... all of us need to listen to you! ... even young people who consider themselves agnostics, even young people whose faith is lukewarm; even young people who no longer go to Church; even young people who consider themselves atheists'. Visit www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey before Sunday 2 July.

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
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	
17 th & 18 th June				
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Rach Peterken & Children	Peterken Family	Trish Ryan	Amy O'L, Madalyn & Emma B
Gordon ~ 8.45am	** Children's Mass **			
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Marie Shanahan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Lorraine Tipple & John Fabre	