

## 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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last week

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$189.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$181.05	YTD 2017/18:
Year to Date 2016/17:	\$72,137.05	\$5,443.10

### Parish Assets Management - Gordon Presbytery

The application form relating to the proposed sale of the St Patrick's Gordon Presbytery has been completed and signed by Fr Gary. The form has been submitted for consideration by the Committee of Diocesan Consulters including Bishop Paul Bird, and the Diocesan Finance Council. It will be some weeks before a decision is received from the Diocesan Office. The next stage is to work on the process of aligning property titles between the church and presbytery, and making any changes necessary to separate the utilities and services to the two properties.

### Annual Parish Assembly 2017: Advance Notice

St Patrick's School Hall, Gordon  
19<sup>th</sup> September. Light supper from 6pm,  
Parish Assembly 6.30-8.30pm.  
Opportunity to share ideas on the Parish  
Operating Plan 2014-2016, which is due for  
renewal. Copies of the Operating Plan are  
available from the Parish Office.



### Planned Giving Envelopes for 2017/18

Available in church foyers for collection.

### Planned Giving Receipts

Planned Giving Receipts available for collection in churches this weekend. Please note some have been posted.

### Parish Office

Our Parish Secretary Natasha Buttigieg and husband Emanuel are preparing to welcome a new addition to their family next month. During September, Natasha will still be available to contact via telephone and email for any Parish matters. However, there will be no regular presence in the Parish Office during September. We wish Natasha and her family well as they await the arrival of their new baby.

### Kathleen's Corner

**International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.** Maybe this is a time to reflect on the problems of Modern slavery and what we can do about it.

### Church Cleaning - August

St Michael's 11<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 18<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 25<sup>th</sup>.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Marie Shanahan Anne Eskdale	Josie Donegan Carmel Mahar	Natalie Toohey Loretta Toohey



## 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 ☎ 5334 5280

[www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

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Presbytery: \$155.00	Parish: \$400.00
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### 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).

### Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. Thanks to Amanda Elliott, Craig Jenkins and Jill Prendergast, who will be completing their 3-year term as members of the Parish Leadership Team. New representatives will be needed for each community. If interested, please speak with one of the PLT: Fr Shane, Amanda Elliott, Katrina Griffiths, Leah Hanrahan, Craig Jenkins, Chris Kavanagh, Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, Jill Prendergast, Damian Ryan.

### Bishop's Visitation: Friday 8 - Monday 11 September

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be undertaking his 5-yearly parish visitation next month. Preliminary timetable below. Bishop Paul has also offered to visit homebound or sick parishioners during his visit; please contact Fr Shane if you wish to be included.

**Saturday: 6.30pm** Mass, Springbank

**Sunday: 9.30am** Mass, Bungaree (n.b., starting time), followed by morning tea (please bring a plate)  
**12.30pm** Meeting with Parish Leadership Team

**Monday: 9.30am** Visits to parish schools

