

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
Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$161.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$252.00	YTD 2017/18:
Year to Date 2016/17:	\$72,137.05	\$5,986.10

New parishioners

Can you help us to know who is 'new' in our parish? How do we show welcome? Perhaps we could keep an eye out for people on their own. Let's spot the New Parishioners and continue our identity of being a welcoming parish. Contact the Parish Centre for a welcome pack for newcomers. If you are not on the Parish database, please find and complete census forms available in the Church porch.

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.

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

Matthew 16:13-20

Coming Events & Meetings:

- Annual Parish Assembly 2017 Tuesday 19th September, at the St Patrick's School Hall, Gordon. All welcome to share a light supper from 6pm, followed by the Parish Assembly 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Church Cleaning – September

St Michael's 8th, St Brigid's 15th & St Patrick's 22nd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Winnie Zammit Carole Barr	Michelle Barnes Bianca Flint Kim Newman	Julie Toohey Molly Ronan



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
Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$267.00	Parish: \$674.00
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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 (follow parish links).

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 31st 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.

Our Diocesan Community

July Edition available free at Church door.

Bishop's Visitation: Friday 8 – Monday 11 September

Bishop Paul Bird CSR 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, and to meet individually with parishioners during Saturday; please contact Fr Shane if you wish to be included in his home visits or to meet with him individually.

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



LITURGIES			
Thur 31 st Aug	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer group
Sat 26 th Aug	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 27 th Aug	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	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



Anniversaries

Molly O'Loughlin, Malcolm McKenzie, Rita Fuller, Jack Mahoney, Peter Cefai, Rommy Sapuri, Tom McTigue, Gerald Clifford, William Bourke, Sylvia Cahir, Elizabeth McDermott, Frank Cass, Dorothy O'Donohue

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, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan

Promote Care, Oppose Euthanasia

The Victorian Government is seeking to introduce euthanasia and assisted suicide later this year. The proposed changes will impact everyone, not just those terminally ill. The Catholic Church believes that any proposal to introduce legislation enabling physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia is not in the best interests of the community and will have wide-reaching ramifications. For information about this important development, its impact on our society, and action you can take, visit www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless

Message of Pope Francis for World Day of Migrants and Refugees

... I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone. In doing so I ask everyone to take care of the young, who in a threefold way are defenceless: they are children, they are foreigners, and they have no means to protect themselves. I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons, are forced to live far from their homeland and are separated from their families. ... Migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security. Children are the first among those to pay the heavy toll of emigration, almost always caused by violence, poverty, environmental conditions, as well as the negative aspects of globalization. The unrestrained competition for quick and easy profit brings with it the cultivation of perverse scourges such as child trafficking, the exploitation and abuse of minors and,

generally, the depriving of rights intrinsic to childhood ... Childhood, given its fragile nature, has unique and inalienable needs. Above all else, there is the right to a healthy and secure family environment, where a child can grow under the guidance and example of a father and a mother; then there is the right and duty to receive adequate education, primarily in the family and also in the school, where children can grow as persons and agents of their own future and the future of their respective countries. Indeed, in many areas of the world, reading, writing and the most basic arithmetic is still the privilege of only a few. All children, furthermore, have the right to recreation; in a word, they have the right to be children. And yet among migrants, children constitute the most vulnerable group, because as they face the life ahead of them, they are invisible and voiceless: their precarious situation deprives them of documentation, hiding them from the world's eyes; the absence of adults to accompany them prevents their voices from being raised and heard. In this way, migrant children easily end up at the lowest levels of human degradation, where illegality and violence destroy the future of too many innocents, while the network of child abuse is difficult to break up.

How should we respond to this reality? ... Each person is precious; persons are more important than things, and the worth of an institution is measured by the way it treats the life and dignity of human beings, particularly when they are vulnerable, as in the case of child migrants. Furthermore, we need to work towards protection, integration and long-term solutions. ... It is absolutely necessary, therefore, to deal with the causes which trigger migrations in the countries of origin. This requires, as a first step, the commitment of the whole international community to eliminate the conflicts and violence that force people to flee. Furthermore, far-sighted perspectives are called for, capable of offering adequate programmes for areas struck by the worst injustice and instability, in order that access to authentic development can be guaranteed for all. This development should promote the good of boys and girls, who are humanity's hope. (Full message: www.vatican.va)

"Deësis: Prayer and Image" Exhibition

Exhibition dedicated to the role of icons as agents of intercession. Art Gallery of Ballarat until Sunday, Sept 10, 2017.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
26 th & 27 th Aug	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 22:19-23 ~ Romans 11: 11:33-36 ~ Matthew 16:13-20			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Tim Bennett	Kate Bennett	Margie Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Tom Paarhammer & Marie Shanahan	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Lloyd Lamb & Angela Carr	
2 nd & 3 rd Sept	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Jeremiah 20:7-9 ~ Romans 12:1-2 ~ Matthew 16:21-27			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mick McKay	Nicholas McKay Family	Jennifer McKay	Callan, Isla & Paddy
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & John Fabre	Mary & Des Conroy	Simone Foder & Winnie Zammit	
9 th & 10 th Sept	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Ezekiel 33:7-9 ~ Romans 13:8-10 ~ Matthew 18:15-20			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 9.30am	D Rix	Leah Hanrahan	L Jeffrey / E Clark	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Julie Dargan	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Cathy Mullane	