

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: \$200.00	Parish: \$122.35
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$182.20	
Year to date 2017/18: \$6,290.65		

Springbank Mass 9th September

Bishop Paul Bird will say mass on Saturday 9th September at 6.30pm at Springbank. All members of the Parish are most WELCOME to come, meet and talk with Bishop Paul. Ladies a small plate to share please.

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

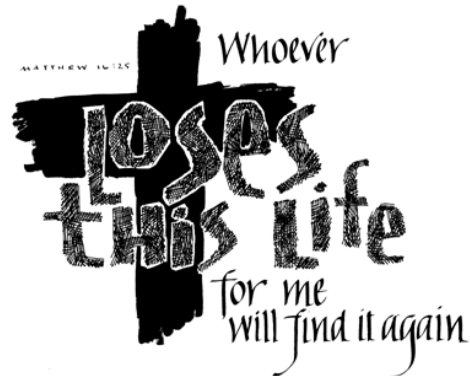
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Planned Giving Receipts

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

Coming Events & Meetings:

Annual Parish Assembly, Tues 19th Sept, St Patrick's School Hall, Gordon. Light supper from 6pm, followed by the Parish Assembly 6.30-8.30pm. Please bring a plate of supper to share if possible



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

✉ 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: \$161.00	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 (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.

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, 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.

Friday: 2.00pm Visits to homebound and sick

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			
Tues 5 th Sept	Bungaree	9.0am	Mass
Thur 7 th Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer group
Sat 9 th Sept	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass – Bishop Paul's Visitation
Sun 10 th Sept	Bungaree	9.30am	
	Ballan	10.30am	Sunday Mass

	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	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



Anniversaries

Kath Mulcahy, Alma Eastwood, Evelyn Nash, Kevin Reddie, Peg Shanahan, Peter Duffy, Eileen Prendergast, Elspeth Eastwood, Emily Green, James Cummins, Mary O'loughlin, Noel Kelly, Katherine Maher, George Richardson

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

Welcome

Welcome to Archer James Kersley (son of Elizabeth and David), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

Ballarat Clergy Support Fund

Collection for Sick and Retired Priests



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$60,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Envelopes are available today for this collection. Contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.

PALMS Australia Information Session

PALMS Australia is a Catholic organisation that sponsors lay missionary volunteers to communities in Asia, the Pacific and Africa. It gives an opportunity to provide mentoring for local personnel and improve processes and procedures for organisations vital to reducing poverty. Two years preferred, but 12 months is possible. Seeking experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially

education. Information session: Thursday 14th Sept, 5.30–7.00pm, ACU Aquinas Campus. RSVP: joey@palms.org.au or ☎ 02 9560 5333. Info: www.palms.org.au/encounters/

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

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"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.

Australian Catholic Social Justice Commission Subscription

The ACSJC is the official Social Justice Agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. Get a yearly subscription for ONLY \$30, representing EXCELLENT value. More information at <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Registrations still open!!

Festival registrations are open until September 22 for Groups and under-18s. Over-18 registrations will stay open until Festival capacity is reached. Information and links on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages or Amanda ☎: 0427 748 867 or e: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

National Association of Catholic Families Conference 2017

The (NACF) conference/retreat will be held in Melbourne Sept 29 - Oct 1. Activities include Mass, rosary procession, talks running concurrently for parents, youth and children, sporting events, workshops, and a family bush dance. For more information contact Claire ☎: (03) 9543 5613 or go to www.nacf.info. Registrations close September 10.

Our Diocesan Community

July Edition available free at Church door.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
16 th & 17 th Sept	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Sirach 27:30-28:7 ~ Romans 14:7-9 ~ Matthew 18:21-25			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Hugh Ryan	Danny O'Loughlin Family	Dorothy Sheehan	Felicity, Cameron & Lyna
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Donegan & Eddie Davis	Michael & Therese Winter	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Bridget Sims Family	John Fabre & Denise Marshall	