

## 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](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: \$254.15
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$513.00	Year to date 2017/18: \$6,290.65
Direct Debit (Aug): \$2,150.00		
Sick & Retired Priests: \$160.00		

### Kathleen's Corner

The Australian Government this month announced that it would cut income support for people seeking asylum, affecting many people who have been transferred to Australia for medical reasons from offshore detention in Nauru and Manus Island. Jesuit Refugee Service has issued an emergency appeal for support for these people, saying that the cuts put them at risk of homelessness. Contact your MP for a reversal of this decision, or to make a donation

contact the Australian Jesuit Foundation by phone on 03 9810 7300 or by email at treasurer@jesuit.org.au.

### Coming Events & Meetings:

- 11<sup>th</sup> September - PPC Meeting 7.00pm Gordon
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September - Annual Parish Assembly 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. Please bring a plate of supper to share if possible.
- 20<sup>th</sup> September - PFC Meeting

### Church Cleaning – September

St Michael's 8<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 15<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

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

### Collections last week

Presbytery: \$266.50	Parish: \$441.00
Sick & Retired Priests: \$45.00	

### 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](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.



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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 [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications](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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) | Youth and Young Adult pages or Amanda ☎: 0427 748 867 or e: [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto: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. Info: Claire ☎ 9543 5613 or [www.nacf.info](http://www.nacf.info) Registrations close September 10.

LITURGIES			
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer group
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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)			



### Recent Deaths

Sharon Shephard (sister of Thelma Keating)

### Anniversaries

Jimmy Winter, Ewen McCarthy, Michael Williams, John McCarthy, Wayne Torpy, Jenoveffa Micallef, Carmen Yatt, Primo Bettolatti, Eileen Davis, Hilda Blakemore, Jeanette Pearse, Corey Fletcher, Eileen McDermott, Bill O'Donohue, Kathleen Sheehan, Jack Frawley and Winifred Walsh

### 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, Douglas Keating

### Welcome

Welcome to Thomas Patrick Maher (son of Laura and Danny), who at Mass this weekend is beginning his preparation for baptism at St. Peter's, Clarkes Hill. 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.

### Our Diocesan Community

July Edition available free at Church door.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 5.30-7.00pm, ACU Aquinas Campus. RSVP: [joey@palms.org.au](mailto:joey@palms.org.au) or ☎ 02 9560 5333. Info: [www.palms.org.au/encounters/](http://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](http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia)

☎ 02 9560 5333. Info: [www.palms.org.au/encounters/](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters/)

### Prayer for Child Protection Sunday: 'See Me, Hear Me'

Gracious God, provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.  
We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.  
May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe.  
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help.  
Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required.  
We ask you, God, to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer. Amen

← More notices over page under  
← Bungaree Parish heading

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	24 <sup>th</sup> 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	
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Sep	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 55:6-8 ~ Philippians 1:20-27 ~ Matthew 20:1-16			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Marty Forbes	Marty Forbes	Kate Bennett	Mowing: Andrew Miller-Schmetzer & John Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Sandra Miller	Julie Dargan Family	Winnie Zammit & Patrica Binks	