

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: \$163.60
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$129.00	Year to date 2017/18: \$9,650.40
Direct Debit (Aug): \$2,150.00		
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$326.00		

Breakfast with the Cup

Have your picture taken with the Emirates Melbourne Cup while indulging in a delicious champagne breakfast. Wednesday 11th October, from 7.30am to 9.30am. St Brigid's School Multi-Purpose Space (at end of church car park). Hosted by the School Parent's & Friends Association. \$25pp. ☎: 5368 1015 or visit school office to secure your spot.

Kathleen's Corner

International Day of Peace ~ 21 September

The theme for 2017 is "Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All." The theme honours the spirit of TOGETHER, a global initiative that promotes respect, safety and dignity for everyone forced to flee their homes in search of a better life. TOGETHER unites ***many organisations and individuals in a global partnership in support of diversity, non-discrimination and acceptance of refugees and migrants. It was initiated during the United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants on 19th September 2016.

Annual Parish Assembly 2017

Tuesday 19th September, at 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, hot savouries available.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- 20th September - PFC Meeting
- 24th September - Farewell to Carmen & Joe Camelleri. Cuppa following mass at St Patrick's, Gordon. All welcome.
- 5th October - Mass with Anointing at St Brigid's, Ballan. 10.30 am.
- 11th October - Melbourne Cup @ St Brigid's 7.30-9.30am
- 19th November - Annual Gordon Cemetery Mass. at 2pm. NB. No Mass at St Patrick's that morning.
- 4th December - Parish Dinner at Donegan's Farm.

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: \$413.00	Parish: \$485.00
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$185.00	

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).

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.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 12th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to people who might be interested.

Our Diocesan Community

July Edition available free at Church door.



LITURGIES			
Tues 19 th Sept	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 21 st Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer group
Sat 23 rd Sept	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 24 th Sept	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)			



Recent Deaths

Jack Nunn

Anniversaries

Vera Winter, Kevin O'Brien, Margaret Mahar, Catherine Graham, Mollie Sullivan, Des Lee, Bill Moroney, Mark Leonard, Kevin Jeffrey and Jean Leonard

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

Baptism

Congratulations to Thomas Patrick Maher (son of Laura and Danny), Archer James Kersley (son of Elizabeth & David) and Harvey Ray Kersley (son of Brooke & Michael), who are being baptised this weekend. We welcome Thomas, Archer and Harvey into our faith community, and assure them and their families 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 tax-deductible.

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

☎ 02 9560 5333. Info: www.palms.org.au/encounters/

Bishop Paul on Marriage according to Pope Francis

Letter from Bishop Paul available at Church door, offering reflections on marriage by Pope Francis to assist in considering the current proposal to change the legal definition of marriage in Australia.

Fr Gary Jones' 30th Anniversary of Ordination

St Peter's, Daylesford, Sun 15th October, 10.30am Mass & morning tea. RSVP: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Film Fundraiser for Edmund Rice Works, Timor-Leste

The Mountain Between Us, Regent Cinemas, Sun 22nd Oct, 2.30pm & afternoon tea. \$20 (\$15 students). Bookings: Liz ☎ 0417 347 262 or lizh@aanet.com.au

Damascus College Enrolment Information

Information Evening, Thurs 26th Oct, 6.30pm, including college tour & activities for students. Open Mornings: guided tours by students. Thurs 2nd & 9th Nov, 9-10.30am. RSVP: www.damascus.vic.edu.au

Australian Catholic Social Justice Commission Subscription

The ACSJC is the official Social Justice Agency of the Catholic Church in Australia. Annual subscription \$30.

Info: www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications

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

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
23 rd & 24 th Sept	25 th 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: A 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	
30 th Sept & 1 st Oct	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Ezekiel 18:25-28 ~ Philippians 2:1-11 ~ Matthew 21:28-32			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Stephen Leonard Family	Trish Ryan	Gemma, Kiely & Rose
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	As requested	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Winnie Zammit	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Judith Hodgon & Angela Carr	

