

## 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: \$
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$743.10	Year to date 2017/18: \$10,637.85
Direct Debit (Aug): \$2,150.00		
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$366.00		

### Breakfast with the Cup

Have your picture taken with the Emirates Melbourne Cup while indulging in a delicious champagne breakfast. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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

In the last weeks we have seen devastating droughts in Africa, floods in Bangladesh, Nepal and India; an earthquake in Mexico; and horrifying hurricanes and flooding in Cuba, the Caribbean and southern United States. It feels so overwhelming! Yet the glory of God is everywhere and as Pope Francis reminds us: "We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single family. There are no

frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which to hide..." ISMAPNG

### Farewell

Joe and Carmen Camelleri's farewell has been postponed. Let us support the family with our love and prayers.

### Coming Events & Meetings:

- October 5 - Mass with Anointing at St Brigid's, Ballan. 10.30 am.
- October 9 - PPC Meeting 7.30pm
- October 11 - Melbourne Cup at St Brigid's Ballan. 7.30am -9.30am
- October 18 - PFC Meeting Gordon.
- November 19 - Annual Gordon Cemetery Mass. at 2pm. **NB. No Mass at St Patrick's that morning.**
- December 4<sup>th</sup> Parish Dinner at Donegan's Farm.

### Church Cleaning – October

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lloyd Lamb	Ann Micallef Georgina Wright Monica Eastwood	Eileen Haintz Louise Haintz



## 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)

### Collections last week

Presbytery: \$282.00	Parish: \$429.00
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$515.00	

### 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.

### Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

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

### Preparation for Reconciliation

Preparation for First Reconciliation (children in Year 2 or above) begins with a Parent Workshop on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre.

Retreat Day: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 5.30pm.

Children in Year 6 or above are encouraged to reflect again on this sacrament by preparing for individual reconciliation, which they will be able to celebrate during Advent. Parents of these children are also asked to attend the Parent Workshop on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

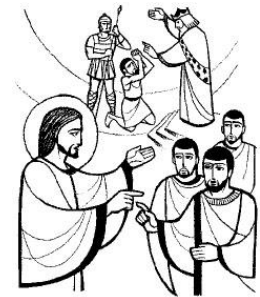
### Film Fundraiser for Edmund Rice Works, Timor-Leste

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

### Our Diocesan Community

July Edition available free at Church door

LITURGIES			
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer group
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	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	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)			

### Recent Deaths

Steven Molloy, Phillip Camilleri, Gerard Williams, Josephine Catania, Muriel Snaith

### Anniversaries

Emmanuel Barbara, Ag Wheelahan, Kevin Conway, Lorraine Keillar, Joseph Smallman, James Doyle, Jim Field, Andrew Forbes, Brian Frawley, Eric Jones, Gerald Mullane, Francis Forbes

### 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, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Alice Gardiner, Pat Camilleri, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupoy

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

### Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement

Pope Francis has called for an economic system that places men and women at the very centre – one that meets the needs of all people and is just and sustainable. He denounces economic structures that take a purely utilitarian view of human beings, treating them as mere elements of production, to be thrown away if they are not seen as useful or productive. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2017–18 is titled *Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy*. The Bishops call for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person.

The Bishops' Statement is built around today's Gospel: Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard, where all are active contributors and are recognised for their human dignity. Australia has experienced a quarter of a century of continuous economic growth, but the benefits of this good fortune have not been distributed equally. In our workplaces, conditions and security of employment have been eroded, while those who are unemployed subsist on incomes well below poverty levels. Australia is experiencing a housing crisis. And our Indigenous brothers and sisters struggle with economic and social burdens that most Australians cannot imagine.

In the light of these challenges, the Statement calls us to build an economy founded on true solidarity with those who are most vulnerable. Such a society will reject an 'ideology of the market' that forgets the principles of justice and equity. Justice must be built into the very foundations of our community, and business can work for everybody's benefit, not just for shareholders. The excluded and vulnerable must have a voice in decision-making. God is calling us to use his bounty wisely, for the good of all and of our planet.

Full statement: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

### 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.

### Fr Gary Jones' 30th Anniversary of Ordination

St Peter's, Daylesford, Sun 15<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am Mass & morning tea. RSVP: [daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 55:6-8 ~ Philippians 1:20-27 ~ Matthew 20:1-16			
Clarks 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 <sup>th</sup> Sept & 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	26 <sup>th</sup> 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 Hodgson & Angela Carr	
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 5:1-7 ~ Philippians 4:6-9 ~ Matthew 21:33-43			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	N Jeffrey	C Frawley	N Jeffrey / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Helen Blazek	Anita Lidgett Family	Lloyd Lamb & Helen Conlan	