

## 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: \$117.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$191.10	Year to date
Direct Debit Sept:	\$1,900.00	2017/18:
Sick & Retired Priests (to date):	\$376.00	\$13,504.65

### Gordon Parish New Bank Details

Please note the parish has changed its banking arrangements. Contact the parish office for details.

### Coordinators Report

Thank you once again to all those who were able to attend the Parish Assembly on 19<sup>th</sup> September. To continue the discussion on the Operating Plan, there are survey sheets at the back of each church which can be filled in and returned to the Parish Office or to a member of the Parish Pastoral Council or Coordinators team. These will be gathered together at the end of this month. We hope to be able to circulate a revised Operating Plan for our Parish by the end of this year.

### Parish Finance Committee News

Luke Mullane has resigned from the Parish Financial Council. We would like to thank Luke for his wealth of knowledge to the group. There is now an opening for a Parishioner from St Brigid's to join the council. If you are interested in the position please contact Natasha in the Parish office or speak to one of the members of the Finance Committee or one of the Parish Coordinators.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you, or someone you know, interested in the Catholic Faith? For more information or to join in no-obligation sessions please contact Lin ☎: 0414 782 044. **Wanted:** Parishioners to join the RCIA Team in Ballan. Meeting times Fridays 1.30pm - 2.45pm weekly apart from school holidays. Contact Kathleen ☎: 0438 812 449

### Breakfast with the Cup

Have your picture taken with the Emirates Melbourne Cup while indulging in a delicious champagne breakfast. Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30am - 9.30am. St Brigid's School multi-purpose space. Hosted by the School Parent's & Friends Association. \$25pp. Bookings ☎: 5368 1015 or visit school office.

### Coming Events & Meetings:

- October 9 - PPC Meeting, 7.30pm
- October 18 - PFC Meeting Gordon
- November 19 - Annual Gordon Cemetery Mass, 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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

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

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

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

### Collections last week

Presbytery: \$155.00	Parish: \$400.00
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.

LITURGIES			
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Ballan	10.30am	Anointing Mass
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	St Arnaud	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Fr Paul Mercovich
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 15 <sup>th</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 Death

Brian Andrews

### Anniversaries

Fred Tudor, Kevin Mahoney, John Azzopardi, Jim Wickson, Thomas McKenzie, Kit O'Kane, Bill Fay, Michael Conlan, Bernadette Moran, Catherine Moran, Lucinda Moran, Fr Michael Mulcahy, Arthur Murphy, Bill Flynn, Sheila Boak and Ruth Torpy

### 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, Brad Simpson, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupoy

### Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Jessica Rowe and Brodie Toohey, who were married this Saturday in St. Michael's, Springbank. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

### Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Billy Michael Cheeseman (2013), Hamish Thomas Lloyd (2013), Michael David Ash (2013), Indy Olivia Leonard (2014), Violet Ivy Wilson (2104), Adele Maree Leonard (2014), Mitchell Thomas Leonard (2104)



Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

### 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' 30<sup>th</sup> 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)

### Experience Loreto College Day – "Beyond the Historic Fence"

An opportunity for prospective families to visit the College in action. Take a guided tour of the College by current students and staff who will show you the grounds and facilities and share their insight into being a student at Loreto College. Wed Oct 18, 2017: 9.00am–12.00pm, Tues, Feb 6, 2018: 9.00am–11.00am or Fri, Feb 9, 2018: 9.00am–11.00am. Must register to attend [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au) Year 7 2019 Information Evening: Mon Oct 23, 2017 at 7.00pm in the Marys' Mount Centre.

### 50 years of Mercy education @ Damascus College

50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Sacred Heart Senior College – St Martin's in the Pines. Includes opening of Commemorative Walk, commemorating sponsors, past and current students and staff of Damascus College and our three foundation Colleges. Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2–5pm. RSVP [www.damascus.vic.edu.au](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au)

### Damascus College Enrolment Information

Information Evening, Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 6.30pm, including college tour & activities for students. Open Mornings: guided tours by students. Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9–10.30am. RSVP: [www.damascus.vic.edu.au](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au)

### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Now open for new participants. The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. Subject offered: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, many more. Six 5-week subjects/year; you can start at any one. Study one subject or many – it's a flexible program! RSVP: 16 Oct (next intake: January). Info: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow links) or Amanda ☎ 5337 7125 or [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### 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)

### Beaufort & Linton Parish Mission with Richard Leonard SJ

All parishes are invited to a mission led by Richard Leonard SJ, being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing Saturday, October 14 and ending Wednesday, October 18. More info: Beaufort Parish Centre ☎: 5349 2880.

### 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/)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 25:6-10a ~ Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 ~ Matthew 22:1-14			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Dorothy Sheehan & Bonnie Rinaldi	Paul Britt Family	Margaret Leonard	Charlie & Meg
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	John Fabre & Anne Eskdale	Binks Family	Lorraine Tipple & Cathy Mullane	
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 45:1,4-6 ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b ~ Matthew 22:15-21			
Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm	Helen Mahar	Julie Moran	Julie Moran	Mowing: Tim Bennet/ Dom Prendergast
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Beth Calleja & Michael McCarthy	Frank & Marie Conroy	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Tom Paarhammer & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Bert Jarvis & Simone Foder	

