

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: \$n/a
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$n/a	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

Congratulations to our Parish Supervising Priest, Fr Gary Jones, on the 30th anniversary of his ordination. We thank Fr Gary for his continuing care and support for our Parish and Parish schools, and wish him well in marking his 30th anniversary.

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

St Brigid's Ministry Roster

Calling all parishioners to share your gifts and talents. The ministry roster is due for renewal. If you would like your name added to (or taken off) the roster, please make amendments on the A3 sheet located in the gathering space, or contact Natasha at the parish office. Thank you to all those members of our parish who volunteer to help bring the mass alive.

Coming Events & Meetings:

- Wed October 25 - PFC Meeting Gordon
- Thur November 16 Caring/Social Group Lunch: Ballarat Yacht Club 12.00pm. Enquiries & transport contact Marie Shanahan 5368 7255 or Helen Ryan 5368 9314.
- Sun November 19 - Annual Gordon Cemetery Mass, 2pm.
NB. No Mass at St Patrick's that morning.
- December 4 - Parish Dinner at Donegan's Farm.

Church Cleaning – October

St Michael's 8th, St Brigid's 15th & St Patrick's 22nd.

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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$117.65	Parish: \$440
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$589.00	

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.

Preparation for Reconciliation

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

Retreat Day: Tuesday 21st November. Celebration of First Reconciliation: Tuesday 21st 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 this Tuesday (17th October).

LITURGIES			
Tues 17 th Oct	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 19 th Oct	Ballan	10.30am	Anointing Mass
Fri 20 th Oct	St Arnaud	10.30am	Funeral Mass for Fr Paul Mercovich
Sat 21 th Oct	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 22 th Oct	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)			



Anniversaries

Mary Hamm, Connie Edwards, William Mahar, Ellen Doyle, William & Constance Gleeson, Una Shanahan, Brendan McTigue, Dorothy Conlan, Phil Sherry, Gwen Bennett, Des Torpy, Joan Auchettl

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

Welcome

Welcome to Pippa Anne Robbie (daughter of Belinda and Glenn), who at Mass this weekend is beginning her preparation for baptism at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure her and her family of our prayers and support

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.

50 years of Mercy education @ Damascus College

50th 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 28th Oct, 2–5pm. RSVP www.damascus.vic.edu.au

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.

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@aonet.com.au

Enrolment for Year 7, 2019

Damascus College

- Guided tours, 9am: Thurs 2 & 9 Nov. RSVP: www.damascus.vic.edu.au
- Info evening: Thurs 26 Oct, 6.30pm
- Applications close: 16 Feb 2018

Loreto College

- Guided tours, 9am: Wed 18 Oct, Tues 6 Feb, Fri 9 Feb. RSVP: www.loreto.vic.edu.au
- Info evening: Mon 23 Oct, 7pm
- Applications close: 16 Feb 2018

St Patrick's College

- Guided tours monthly: Friday morning. RSVP: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or ☎ 5331 1688
- Info evening: Thurs 26 Oct, 7.30pm. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/RCPH
- Applications close: 1 Dec 2017
- Year 7 Scholarships: RSVP 18 Feb www.stpats.vic.edu.au

What is Islam all about?

A non-Muslim Perspective. Saturday 21st October Speaker Cheryl Camp, RSM. Ballan Mechanics Hall 143 Inglis St. 2pm -3.30pm

Sr Kathleen's Corner

Rational? Muslims today are readily called to account for the vicious behaviour of terrorists. They are also stigmatised because of their religion. In an earlier generation, it was the Catholics who were victims of prejudice because of their beliefs and practices.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
14 th & 15 th Oct	28 th 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 st & 22 nd Oct	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 45:1,4-6 ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b ~ Matthew 22:15-21			
Clarkes 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	
28 th & 29 th Oct	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Exodus 22:20-26 ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 ~ Matthew 22:34-40			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	D Rix	M Elliott / L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Sandra Miller	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Winnie Zammit & Judith Hodgson	