

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: 8/10/17 15/10/17	Presbytery: \$200.00 \$200.00	Parish: \$154.30 Parish: \$217.90
Planned Giving 8/10 15/10	Envelopes: \$125.00 \$167.90	Year to date 2017/18:
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$426.00		\$14,291.35

Gordon Parish New Bank Details

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

Coordinators Report

Repair work has started in the sanctuary and on the external guttering at St Brigid's Church. We don't anticipate any disruption to our normal Church or school based activities. The process has been drawn out over about 2 years and hopefully this work will be the last needed for many years. If you have any questions contact Michael Ryan ☎: 0408 823 184. Louise Haintz has resigned from the Parish Pastoral Council. We thank Louise for her contribution during her term. This leaves a vacancy on the Pastoral Council. If you are interested in the position please contact Natasha, or speak with a member of the Pastoral Council or a Parish Coordinators. Many parishioners were able to join Fr Gary Jones in celebrating his 30th Anniversary ordination last Sunday. The Parish School Principals and students participated in the mass. A small gift was presented to Fr Gary to congratulate him on reaching his milestone and thanking him for his ongoing support for our Parish.

Parish Finance Committee News

Thanks to Tony Paarhammer who has joined the Finance committee replacing Luke Mullane as a Ballan representative.

We again thank Luke for his contribution and take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all the parishioners who contribute in so many ways to our Parish community.

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.

Friendship Group

Are you looking for company in a relaxed atmosphere Friendly gathering Wednesday's 1pm-2.30pm at Thrifty Minx.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Inquiry sessions at St. Brigid's gathering space each Friday 1.30pm-2.45pm. Please join the group even if you can't come weekly.

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 22rd.

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

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$285.00	Parish: \$554.00
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$809.00	

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 First Reconciliation

Eight children from our parish will be enrolling in the preparation program for First Reconciliation at parish masses over the next two weekends. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Retreat Day: Tuesday 21st November.

Celebration of First Reconciliation: Tuesday 21st November, 5.30pm.

LITURGIES			
Tues 24 th Oct	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 26 th Oct	Ballan	10.30am	Anointing Mass
Sat 28 th Oct	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 22 th Oct	Bungaree	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	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

Margaret McKinnon (Fr John's sister)

Anniversaries

Reg Mullane, Desmond Kane, Philip Camelleri, Kathleen Kennedy, Bronislaw Blazek, Martain Seiger, Monica Burke, Brian Britt, Eileen Ryan, Patrick Elliott, Alma Holloway

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

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.

World Mission Sunday



Catholic Mission supports missionaries like Sister Mary Hoaian in Nha Trang, Vietnam, to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. You can help us support isolated

families in coastal Vietnam, and all around the world, to receive the vital resources they require such as clean drinking water and medical care. Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today. In 2016, Catholic Mission Australia gave \$1.7m to work with local church communities, \$1.7m to work with children, \$4.5m to designated projects, and \$1.2m to support seminarians. Envelopes available today or ☎ 1800 257 296 or www.catholicmission.org.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. Info: www.cam.org.au/euthanasia

Ballarat Mercy Associates Fundraiser

"Victoria and Abdul" Film & High Tea lunch. Thursday, October 26, 10.00am, Regent Theatre. Cost \$25pp. Raffle & door prizes. Proceeds to Mercy Works. For tickets: Ursula ☎: 0407 717626 or Monica ☎: 0438 601856

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

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

Gordon Community Fair

Sunday 12 November 10am-4pm. Gordon Recreation Reserve. Market & Food Stalls, Kids Activities, Live Music and more.

Kathleen's Corner

International Day of the Eradication of Poverty

The theme for this year's commemoration reminds us of the importance of the values of dignity, solidarity and voice underscored in the Call to Action to fight to end poverty everywhere.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
4 th & 5 th Nov	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Mal 1:14b-2:2b,8-10 ~ 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13 ~ Matthew 23:1-12			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish & Nicole White	Brendan White Family	Winnie Leonard	Amy, Madalyn & Emma
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Anne Eskdale	Lorraine De Spirit & Vikki Boka	John Fabre & Cathy Mullane	