

## 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:

<b>Loose:</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$200.00
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes: \$239.95	<b>Year to date:</b>
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests (to date):</b>	\$426.00	<b>\$14,315.65</b>

### Gordon Parish New Bank Details

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

### Coordinators Report

There is a vacancy on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested in the position please contact Natasha in the Parish Office, or speak with one of the members of the Pastoral Council or one of the Parish Coordinators.

St Patrick's School is one of the organising partners for the Gordon Community Fair on 12<sup>th</sup> November. All the Parish Community is invited to support the school and have a great day out.

### 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 1.30-2.45pm. Please join the group even if you can't come weekly.

### Gordon Community Fair

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

### Kathleen's Corner

#### Refugee Crisis- Bangladesh

The Caritas network with local partners is responding to the refugee crisis in Bangladesh to provide urgent humanitarian relief to the 430,000 Rohingya refugees (about 4 times the population of Ballarat) who have crossed the Myanmar border to the Cox's Bazaar district in Bangladesh. One way of donating is to go to <http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/asia-emergency-appeal>

### Coming Events & Meetings:

- Thursday November 16 Caring/Social Group Lunch: Ballarat Yacht Club 12.00pm. Enquiries & transport contact Marie Shanahan 5368 7255 or Helen Ryan 5368 9314.
- Sunday November 19 - Annual Gordon Cemetery Mass, 2pm. **NB. No Mass at St Patrick's that morning.**
- Monday December 4 - 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>rd</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

✉ 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](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

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$172.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$400.00
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests (to date):</b>	\$809.00		

### 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

This 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 First Reconciliation

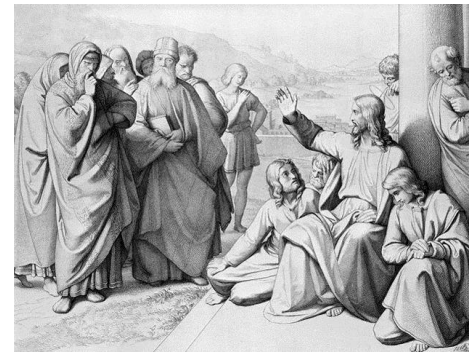
Eight children from our parish are enrolling in the preparation program for First Reconciliation at parish masses last weekend and today. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Retreat Day: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

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

LITURGIES			
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Ballarat East	10.00am	Leo Leonard's Funeral
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Ballan	10.30am	Prayer Group
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	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

Wayne Libbis, Anne Rutledge, Leo Leonard

### Anniversaries

Richard Keating, Catherine Hayward-Brown, Henry Nolan, Jack Molloy, John Ronan, Bart Fuller, Paul Wheelahan, Joseph Toohey, Allan Dixon, Noel Torpy, Ronnie Spratling, Hughie O'Halloran, Mollie Maher, William Kennedy

### 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

### Sharing the Word

A free eLibrary of educational resources for Catholic ministry, collected by Catholic Mission Australia. It includes full texts of over 8,000 open source ebooks, periodicals, podcasts and church documents. Free: <http://sharingtheword.info>

### Marriage Encounter Weekend: 17-19 November

Invest in your most precious asset: Your Marriage! Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info: Andre & Maria ☎ 0411 225 992, [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) or [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### Leadership for Mission 2018-2019

A Graduate Program for Young Catholic Women aged 25-35. Combines theological education, faith formation and preparation for mission in a multi-faith world. Applications close Sunday, November 26. For more info and an application form go to <http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/young-women-s-interfaith-fellowship/leadership-for-mission-2018-2019>.

### "Family Matters Forum" Website Resource

For those who missed Fr Frank Brennan and the Family Matters: Strengthening Respectful Relationships opening address, you can now watch or listen to his entire presentation at: [2017familymatters.weebly.com/](http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/) Other resources can also be accessed via this page that has been built for your use.

### Sisters of Mercy Memorial Liturgy

It is 160 years since the Sisters of Mercy came to Victoria. The Ballarat Mercy Associates extend an invitation to remember deceased Sisters of Mercy at a Memorial Liturgy on All Souls Day (Thursday, November 2, 2017) at the Ballarat New Cemetery at 2.00pm. Enter via the Lydiard Street gate. Lunch afterwards at North Ballarat Football Club (at own cost). RSVP by November 1, ☎: 0419 875 349.

### 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](http://www.cam.org.au/euthanasia)

### Enrolment for Year 7, 2019

#### Damascus College

- Guided tours, 9am: Thurs 2 & 9 Nov.  
RSVP: [www.damascus.vic.edu.au](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au)
- Applications close: 16 Feb 2018

#### Loreto College

- Guided tours, 9am: Tues 6 Feb, Fri 9 Feb.  
RSVP: [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au)
- Applications close: 16 Feb 2018

#### St Patrick's College

- Guided tours monthly: Friday morning.  
RSVP: [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au) or ☎ 5331 1688
- Applications close: 1 Dec 2017
- Year 7 Scholarships:  
RSVP 18 Feb [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au)

### Available at Church Door

- Pastoral Letter from Victorian bishops
- Our Diocesan Community – October Edition free



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	30 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Malachi 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	
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Wisdom 6:12-16 ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ~ Matthew 25:1-13			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Tony & Julie Toohey	Mark Hanrahan Family	Sharon Daly	
** Pootilla ~ 9.30am	Amanda & Olivia Elliott	Trish O'Donohue	L Jeffrey / M Frawley	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Lloyd Lamb	Bridget Sims Family	Patricia Binks & Denise Marshall	