

## 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: \$226.70
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes: \$475.80	<b>Year to date:</b> \$14,315.65
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests (to date):</b>	\$426.00	
<b>Catholic Missions (to Date):</b>	\$20.00	

### 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.

### 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.

### Gordon Cemetery Mass

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm. Some seating supplied. Cup of tea available afterwards at Donegan's Farm. Please pass information on to interested people.

**NB: This mass will replace the 8.45am Mass at Gordon**

### Friendship Group

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

### Kathleen's Corner

This Ecological Examen asks you to reflect on your personal relationship with creation, and to acknowledge and amend your ways and to promote ecological justice by standing in solidarity with those most impacted by environmental harm.

For more info and the full examen go to:

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/2017/10/04/ignatian-ecological-examen/>

### Farewell

We have re-scheduled the farewell for Carmen & Joe Camilleri for the 26<sup>th</sup> November. Cuppa, following mass at St Patrick's, Gordon. All welcome.

### Coming Events & Meetings:

- Monday Nov 13 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7.30pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November Parish Finance Committee
- 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 Gordon Cemetery Mass, 2pm.
- Sunday November 26 Joe & Carmen Camilleri Farewell
- Monday December 4 - Parish Dinner at Donegan's Farm.

### Church Cleaning – November

St Michael's 10<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 17<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 24<sup>th</sup>

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Patricia Binks Family	Eily Carey Kate Carey Leisa Carey	Sharon Daly Sue Daly



## 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

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$206.00	<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

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Assembly last Tuesday. Particular thanks to Amanda Elliott, Katrina Griffiths, Craig Jenkins and Jill Prendergast, who have completed their term as

members of the Parish Leadership Team (PLT). Welcome to the new members of the PLT: Karen Cahir, Lisa Elliott and Di Reynolds. We appreciate your willingness to contribute to our parish in this way. A new representative is still needed for Clarkes Hill.

### 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 preparing program for First Reconciliation. 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			
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass *at Pootilla Cemetery
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pootilla *	9.30am	
	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	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

Grace Bartaska, Bob Conroy, Valerie Adams, Dorothea Toohey, Matthew George, Frank Teuma, Catherine Keating, William Barry, Daniel Jones, Danny Hanrahan, Harold Cahir, Agnes Leonard

### 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 Kirralee Bennett and Shane Rogan, who were married this Saturday in St. Michael's, Bungaree. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

### November Prayers for the Dead

In November, we traditionally place a special emphasis on praying for those who have died.

- A Book of Remembrance is available at the front of each Church. All are welcome to add names of those they wish to be prayed for and remembered.
- Envelopes for November Mass intentions are available at the church door.

### Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?

A community forum at the Yarra Theological Union in Box Hill earlier this month heard three respected Church leaders talk about the impact of the child sexual abuse crisis on the Church from the perspective of a Bishop, an educator and the head of the Church's Truth Justice and Healing Council. Listen to their presentations: [www.tjhcouncil.org.au/catholic-community](http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au/catholic-community)

### Timor-Leste Fundraiser

Thanks to the many parishioners who supported the Timor-Leste Fundraiser on 22 Oct. Your presence helped to raise the wonderful sum of \$1,780 which will be of great benefit to the works of the Edmund Rice Community. After nineteen years the Christian Brothers have announced that the Province will be withdrawing from ministry in Timor-Leste at the end of 2018.

### 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

Graduate Program for Young Catholic Women aged 25-35. Combines theological education, faith formation and preparation for mission in a multi-faith world. RSVP: 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. Info: [www.opw.catholic.org.au](http://www.opw.catholic.org.au)

### Fr Frank Brennan: Strengthening Respectful Relationships

"Family Matters Forum" website with his presentation and also other resources: [2017familymatters.weebly.com/](http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/)

### 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 tour, 9am: Thurs 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 on euthanasia
- Our Diocesan Community – October Edition free

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A): Proverbs 31:10,13,19-20,30-31 ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 ~ Matthew 25:14-30			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Jennifer McKay & Sally McKay	Nick McKay Family	Fran Peterkin	Daniel, Matilda & Cody
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Rosemary Canavan	Julie Dargan Family	Judith Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	
Gordon Cemetery ~ 2pm	As requested	As requested	As requested	

