

## 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 0423 217 556

✉ 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: \$194.05
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes: \$255.95	<b>Year to date:</b> <b>\$18,322.90</b>
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests (to date):</b>	\$456.00	
<b>Catholic Missions (to Date):</b>	\$20.00	

### Making a Scene at Christmas.

This wonderful exhibition of Nativity scenes will be set up at St Brigid's School on Monday, December 1. There will be nativities from at least 40 different nations from all continents. Nativities that illustrate the key parts of the stories - from Annunciation to the flight into Egypt, nativities with a social justice element and nativities that ask the question - "if Jesus was born here and now, what would it be like". An offer is extended for any parishioners to come along from 3pm to 4pm when school has concluded to view these nativities. It will be a unique opportunity to visit such an exhibition.

### Christmas Mass Times

As Christmas is not too far away The Christmas Eve mass times for 2017 are as follows:

<b>Gordon</b>	<b>6pm</b>
<b>Springbank</b>	<b>8pm</b>
<b>Ballan</b>	<b>8pm</b>

Please note, there will be no Saturday vigil or Sunday morning masses as Christmas Eve falls on Sunday.

### Farewell

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

### Parish Dinner

It's that time again when we all get to celebrate another great year in our parish. We are holding a Parish Dinner at Donegan's Farm on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm, All welcome.

Please make bookings through Parish Office : ph 5368 9280.

### Columban Calendars 2018

Available for purchase in church foyer's, \$9.00each.

### Kathleen's Corner

See  
Talk  
Offer support  
Prevent



25 November is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, also known as White Ribbon Day.

### 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

✉ 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>	\$247.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$480.00
<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priests (to date):</b> \$809.00			

### Annual Parish Assembly

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Assembly. 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.

### 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:** This Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> November).

**Celebration of First Reconciliation:** Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov, 5.30pm.

### Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Many thanks to all who contributed to celebrating this Mass: planning, setting up, music, etc.

### Anointing Mass

Mass with anointing for the sick and frail elderly: Dunnstown, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November, 9.15am.

### Bungaree: Christmas/December Church Cleaning

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7pm. Jobs for both men and women; new cleaners very welcome. Many hands will make light work. Can you join the monthly roster for next year? Contact Debbie Ryan: ☎ 5334 0224 or [ryandjr@bigpond.com](mailto:ryandjr@bigpond.com)

### 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).

LITURGIES			
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group in gathering space
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 26 <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	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)			

# The Parable of the Talents



## Recent Deaths

Steven Tingate, Brian Moran (PNG)

## Anniversaries

Mary Molloy, Doreen Conroy, Troy Toohey, Joe Fitzpatrick, Maty O'Leary, Francis O'Loughlin, Barry Flynn, Mary Mahar, Carmen Maher, Basil Maher, Kath Murphy, Andrew Lund, Jack Glenane, Frances Maher, Ed McDonald, Tommy McGuane, Kevin Glenane, Peter McDermott, Winnie 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

## Welcome

Welcome to Scarlett May Tatchell (daughter of Samantha & Darcy) and Cooper Paul Woodroffe (son of Kristy & Shane), who at Mass this weekend are beginning their preparation for baptism at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

## 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 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)

## 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>

## 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)

## 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)

## Would you like to become a Spiritual Director?

The 'Siloam' Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied over two years at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The Program may be studied as a Grad Dip in Spiritual Direction for those who meet the criteria. Further info: [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or ☎: 9890 1101.

## Pastoral Care Education

An exciting opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care recognised and accredited towards theological studies through the University of Divinity is now available in regional Victoria. An extended part-time program from February - November 2018. For more information and an application form, go to the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## Enrolment for Year 7, 2019

Damascus College 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
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	
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A): Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 ~ Matthew 25:31-46			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Pat Prendergast	Mary Prendergast	Marty Forbes	Mowing: Mark Forbes & Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45 am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Maria Bernadette Donegan	Carmel Mahar	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Matthew Hall	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Angela Carr & Cathy Mullane	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	First Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 ~ Mark 13:33-37			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard / Chris O'Loughlin	Steven Bethune Family	Trish White	Darcy & Joshua
Gordon ~ 8.45 am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	John Fabre & Winnie Zammit	Anita Lidgett Family	Bert Jarvis & Helen Conlan	