

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

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: \$216.75
Planned Giving:	Envelopes: \$421.10	Year to date:
		\$20,838.45

Coordinators Report

This week we welcome Fr John McKinnon for his regular visit to our Parish. Thank you to Fr John for his guidance to the Coordinators team during the past year, and for sharing his thoughtful presence with the Parish community during his monthly visits. Congratulations to Fr John on the 60th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, celebrated last month.

At this time of the year we acknowledge and thank all of the individual people who contribute to the life of our parish, including those who prepare and contribute to our regular mass celebrations, those who contribute in formal roles, and the many individuals who help to build a caring and inclusive community through their everyday actions.

Thank you all for your invaluable contribution to your parish community. Without your commitment and generosity, our parish would not be able to function. Rather than recognising and thanking individuals with the presentation of Christmas gifts, we would like to recognise the contributions of all to the parish, through a donation on behalf of the whole Parish of Gordon to Caritas Australia. This gift to Caritas recognises the

work done by so many in our parish. Thank you to all for your support and contributions to your parish during the past year.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Wanted: Ballan parishioners to join Laura Parsons for dismissal. 4 Sundays in February and 3 Sundays in March. Volunteers usually take two consecutive Sundays: First joining in and second leading. Help with preparation available. Please contact Kathleen ☎: 0438 812 449

Attention Readers

The book *Break Open the Word* is available in the churches. It contains all readings for 2018, together with reflections and hints on how best to portray the word. Readers are welcome, and encouraged to take the book home the week prior to carrying out their reading ministry.

Columban Calendars 2018: Available in church foyers, \$9 each.

Coming Events & Meetings

- December 13th PFC Meeting Gordon
- December 17th Christmas cake & drinks after mass, Ballan
- February 12th PPC Meeting Gordon

Church Cleaning – December

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Tiffany Forde Family	Marie Conroy Beth Calleja	Kath O'Neil Louise O'Neil



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: \$318.00	Parish: \$475.00
Sick & Retired Priests (to date): \$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: Tim Bennett, 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.

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).

Ministries at Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Volunteers are needed for ministries at Penitential Service and Christmas Masses. Please fill in the sheet at the Church door.

Advent Penitential Service

Bungaree, Monday 18th Dec, 7.30pm. Please bring unwrapped gift of food or toys to be distributed by St Vincent de Paul.

- Individual Confessions, Bungaree
Sat 16th Dec, 11am ~ Tues 19th Dec, 4pm

Christmas Cake & Port after Mass

Bungaree: Sun 10th December

Dunnstown: Sat 16th December

Clarkes Hill: Sat 23rd December



LITURGIES			
Wed 13 th Dec	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	School end-of-year Mass
Thur 14 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
	Dunnstown	6.30pm	School end-of-year Mass
Sat 16 th Dec	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 17 th Dec	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	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Anniversaries

Brian Shanahan, Jeanette Delbridge, Margaret Toohey, John McCarthy, Ronald Graham, Roma Barry, Brian Barry, Raymond Butler, Jessie Robinson, Fred Begbie, Anne-Maree Block, Anne Griffin, Roy Tynan

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

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Leon Harry Sheehan (2014), Benjamin Michael Prendergast (2015)

**Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them,
so they may walk in newness of life.**



Caritas Australia: Global Gift Cards

Donations empower the most marginalised members of our human family, helping to eradicate poverty in all its forms <https://fundraise.caritas.org.au/globalgifts>

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

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>

Mercy Connect Ballarat – Volunteer mentors needed

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools. Approx. 3 hrs/week for 4 school terms. Experience in an educational setting is preferred, but ongoing training and support provided. Initial training in February. Info: Paulene Barton ☎ 0417 624 330 or mercyconnectb@gmail.com

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 for those who meet the criteria. Further info: holsc@bigpond.com or ☎: 9890 1101.

2018 is the Year of Youth - Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy

Resources and more info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Services & Agencies | Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

PROCLAIM 2018 – Early Bird Registrations now open

Registration and Info: www.proclaimconference.com.au

National Conference for Catholic Social Services

"Hearing, Healing, Hope" Conference in Melbourne February 21-23, 2018. Bookings and info at: www.css.org.au

Enrolment for Year 7, 2019

Damascus College: ~ Applications close 16 Feb 2018

Loreto College: ~ Applications close 16 Feb 2018

- Guided tours, 9am: Tues 6 Feb, Fri 9 Feb.
RSVP: www.loreto.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College:

- Guided tours monthly: Friday morning.
RSVP: cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au or ☎ 5331 1688
- Year 7 Scholarships: RSVP 18 Feb www.stpats.vic.edu.au

Free Advent Calendar App

The second door of the Calendar opens this Sunday: www.xt3.com/advent/

Carols by Candlelight

St John's Anglican Church, Bungaree: this Sunday (10th Dec), 8pm

Making a Scene at Christmas

Nativities from at least 40 different nations from all continents (except Antarctica). Robert Clark Centre, Ballarat Gardens, Fri 15th – Mon 18th Dec.



Christmas Masses

Sat 23 rd December	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Clarkes Hill: 6.30pm	Clarkes Hill: 6.00pm	Dunnstown: 9.30am
	Gordon: 6.00pm	
	Springbank: 8.00pm	
	Ballan: 8.00pm	
	Bungaree: 10.00pm	

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
9 th & 10 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent (Year B): Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 ~ 2 Peter 3:8-14 ~ Mark 1:1-8			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Volunteer required	Brendan Simpson Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45 am	Tom Moloney	S Steenhuis	D Ryan / L Jeffrey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Sandra Miller & Marie Shanahan	Bink Family	Lorraine Tipple & Winnie Zammit	
16 th & 17 th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent (Year B) Isaiah 56:1-2 ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 ~ John 1:6-8, 19-28			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Katrina Griffiths	Katrina Griffiths Family	Jennifer McKay	Caleb & Will
Gordon ~ 8.45 am	Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Bert Jarvis	Leon & Pat Burvill	Simone Foder & Angela Carr	
23 rd Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B): 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 ~ Romans 16:25-27 ~ Luke 1:26-38			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30	Julie Moran	Jill Prendergast	Tim Bennett	
Christmas Eve	See table above: Volunteers are required for ministries at Christmas Masses			
Christmas Day				