

# Third Sunday of Advent (Year B) ~ 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2017



## 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: \$220.65
<b>Planned Giving:</b>	Envelopes: \$141.00	<b>Year to date:</b>
		<b>\$21,837.55</b>

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas cake & drinks after mass, Ballan
- February 12<sup>th</sup> PPC Meeting Gordon

### Church Cleaning - December

St Michael's 8<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 15<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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

✉ 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> \$318.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$475.00
<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: Tim Bennett, Karen Cahir, Lisa Elliott and Di Reynolds. We appreciate your willingness to contribute to our parish in this way.

### 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).

### 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 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7.30pm. Please bring unwrapped gift of food or toys to be distributed by St Vincent de Paul.

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

### Christmas Cake & Port after Mass

Dunnstown: Sat 16<sup>th</sup> December

Clarkes Hill: Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> December



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 ~ 6.30pm	Julie Moran	Jill Prendergast	Tim Bennett	
CHRISTMAS EVE	The Nativity of the Lord: Isaiah 9:1-7 ~ Titus 2:11-14 ~ Luke 2:1-14			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.00pm	Volunteers are required for these Ministries			
Gordon ~ 6.00pm	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Frank & Marie Conroy	Eddie Davis	
Springbank ~ 8.00pm	Volunteers are required for these Ministries			
Ballan ~ 8.00pm	Volunteers are required for these Ministries			
Bungaree ~ 10.00pm	Volunteers are required for these Ministries			
CHRISTMAS DAY	The Nativity of the Lord: Isaiah 52:7-10 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6 ~ John 1:1-18			
Dunnstown ~ 9.30am	Volunteers are required for these Ministries			

LITURGIES			
Mon 18 Dec	Bungaree	7.30	Penitential Service
Tues 19 Dec	Bungaree	4.00pm	Individual Confessions
Thurs 21 Dec	Ballan Hostel	10.30am	Ecumenical Service (NB: No prayer group at the church)
Sat 23 Dec	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
24 & 25 Dec	Christmas Masses: See table below		

	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	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

### Recent Deaths

Margaret Clifford

### Anniversaries

Sheila Gregory, Pleasance Conroy, Marie Durham, Marie Graham, Fr Daniel Devane, Eileen Elliott, Fr Stephen O'Rourke, Annie (Snow) Prendergast, 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

Welcome to Violette Alice & Ailie Elizabeth Sharp Ogrowsky (daughters of Melissa & Richard), who are being baptised this weekend in Ballan, and to Clover Pegg DeSpirt (daughter of Peggy & Christopher), who is preparing for baptism in Gordon. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

### Christmas Offerings

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

### Bishop's Christmas Appeal

A collection will be taken up after communion at Christmas Masses for the Bishop's annual Christmas Appeal, which is one way by which our Diocese can respond to the many people and communities around the world who turn to us for assistance each year. In many cases, these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the Diocese of Ballarat or who are in regions that are linked with our country. Our response is a practical demonstration of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.

### Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay employees and volunteers in the diocese: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, etc. Study one subject or many. Registration for next 5-week study cycle closes 5 Jan. Info: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or Amanda ☎ 5337 7125 or [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Plenary events from last week's Youth Festival streaming on demand: [www.xt3.com](http://www.xt3.com)

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>

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### 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>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)

### National Conference for Catholic Social Services

“Hearing, Healing, Hope” Conference in Melbourne 21–23 February 2018. Bookings and info: [www.css.org.au](http://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](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au)

### St Patrick's College:

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

### Free Advent Calendar App

The third door of the Calendar opens this Sunday: [www.xt3.com/advent/](http://www.xt3.com/advent/)

### Making a Scene at Christmas

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

### Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Clarkes Hill: 6.00pm	Dunnstown: 9.30am
Gordon: 6.00pm	
Springbank: 8.00pm	
Ballan: 8.00pm	
Bungaree: 10.00pm	



SEE OVER PAGE FOR MINISTRIES – Volunteers required