

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: \$126.65
Planned Giving:	Envelopes: \$164.00	Year to date:
		\$22,128.20

Coordinators Report

Thank you to all who have contributed to our Parish life during the past year. We thank those who contribute to making our Parish liturgies places of welcome and spiritual guidance, and those individuals who give their time and skills to formal roles in the Parish. Thank you to the many individuals whose actions contribute to creating a welcoming and caring Parish community. Our Parish gift to Caritas Australia this Christmas recognizes the contribution that each member of the Parish community makes in supporting each other and working together for our Parish. Thank you to all for your support and contributions to your parish during the past year. We wish each of you a happy Christmas and a safe holiday period.

Sacramental Program 2018

As the year is coming to an end at the parish we are beginning to prepare for events that will be happening in the New Year. The program will commence with a compulsory (**parents only**) meeting for children of the parish in Year 4 or above to be held on Thursday 22nd February 2018 at St. Brigid's School, Ballan 7.00pm. This will be an information and registration night for each of the sacraments within the program, for this meeting a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate is needed and \$100 for the yearly program fee.

Columban Calendars 2018:

Available in church foyers, \$9 each.

Coming Events & Meetings

- 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

✉ 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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last week

Presbytery: \$320.00	Parish: \$494.00
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.

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.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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 ~ 6.30pm	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		Marg Moran	
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	Shelley Ryan/Olivia Elliott Tom Elliott	Frank Hanrahan	Marg Frawley / Mary Elliott	Joseph & Charlie
CHRISTMAS DAY	The Nativity of the Lord: Isaiah 52:7-10 ~ Hebrews 1:1-6 ~ John 1:1-18			
Dunnstown ~ 9.30am	Peter Britt / Bryan Hanrahan Christine O'Loughlin	Volunteers required	Winnie Leonard	Volunteers required

LITURGIES			
24 & 25 Dec	Christmas Masses: See table below		
Sat 30 th Dec	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 31 st Dec	Bungaree	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	Clarks Hill	Springbank
Sun 8.45am	Gordon	Bungaree	Gordon	Gordon	Bungaree
Sun 10.30am	Ballan	(Koroheit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Anniversaries

Jack Geary, Jim Toohey, Eddie Mullane, Bill Winter, Charlie Mangion, Joe Mangion, Ted Mulcahy, Michael Conroy, Leonard Adams, Annie Graham, Victoria Everett, Gerald Leonard, Catherine Hanrahan, Neil O'Loughlin, Kevin Jones, Fr Patrick Culligan, John Thomas

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, Patrick Moran

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.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

Position Vacant: Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Project Worker

The Ballarat Diocese will be employing a Project Worker in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2018, the Year of Youth, initially for a 12-month position. Fulltime preferred but not essential. A position description will be available in January: For more info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Papal Midnight Mass from St Peter's Rome

Broadcast on ABC TV: Christmas Day, 9.30am.

Diocesan eNews

Subscribe to the diocesan eNews service to receive a fortnightly email with news, photos and information from around the diocese: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | News & Events | e-News

PROCLAIM Conference 2018 – Sponsorship

The Diocesan Foundation has offered sponsorship for six people from the diocese to attend the PROCLAIM 2018 Conference in Brisbane, 12–14 July (www.proclaimconference.com.au). Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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 or Amanda ☎ 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Sydney

Plenary this month's Youth Festival streaming on demand: 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>

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

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.

Enrolments 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

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Clarks 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