



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 weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$1,336.45
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$530.00	Year to date:
Bishop's Christmas Appeal: \$1,014.35		\$23,994.65

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 at St. Brigid's School, Ballan, on Thursday 22nd February 2018, at 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 - January

St Michael's 12th, St Brigid's 19th, St Patrick's 26th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anne Mullane Helen Conlan Sue Conlan	Therese Winter Sue Petherick Debbie Goldie	Molly Ronan Julie Toohey (Tony)



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 weekend

Presbytery: \$256.00	Parish: \$360.00
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Christmas Collections

Presbytery: \$730.90	Parish: \$1,455.00
Christmas Offerings (to date): \$1,035.00	
Bishop's Christmas Appeal: \$858.00	

Annual Parish Assembly

Thanks to all who attended the Parish Assembly in November. 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).



LITURGIES			
Sat 6 th Jan	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 7 th Jan	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)			



Recent Death

Sheila Dwyer

Anniversaries

Frank Fuller, Fr Patrick Culligan, Joseph Palfi, Katalin & George Dusa, Brian O'Neil, Gwen Shanahan, Maisie Carey, Jack Shanahan, John Thomas, Joseph Maher, Tess Dridan, Stephen Haintz, Susan McDermott.

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

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

Thanks

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

Welcome

Welcome to Eleanor Gweneth Shanahan (daughter of Asha and Bernie), who at Mass this weekend is beginning her preparation for baptism at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We assure her and her family of our prayers and support.

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

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.

Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or

email: youth@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

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

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>

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.

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

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Plenary events from last month's Youth Festival are streaming on demand: www.xt3.com

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

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
30 th & 31 st Dec	The Holy Family (Year B): Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 ~ Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 ~ Luke 2:22-40			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Volunteers required			
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Kevin Hanrahan	D Ryan	N Jeffrey / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Helen Blazek & Lloyd Lamb	Mary & Des Conroy	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgson	
6 th & 7 th Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord (Year B): Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Volunteers required			
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	
13 th & 14 th Jan	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 ~ 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 ~ John 1:35-42			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Volunteers required			
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	David Toohey & Family	D Ryan	N Jeffrey / E Clark	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie & Sophie Boyd	Bridget Sims Family	Lloyd Lamb & Angela Carr	