

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year B) ~ 6th & 7th January 2018



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

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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: \$362.75
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$212.20	Year to date:
Bishop's Christmas Appeal:	\$1,014.35	\$32,674.22
Christmas Offerings (to date):	\$834.00	

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	Therese Winter	Molly Ronan
Helen Conlan	Sue Petherick	Julie Toohey (Tony)
Sue Conlan	Debbie Goldie	



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 weekend

Presbytery: \$105.00	Parish: \$800.00
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Christmas Collections

Presbytery: \$730.90	Parish: \$1,455.00
Christmas Offerings (to date): \$1,225.00	
Bishop's Christmas Appeal: \$858.00	

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.

Baptism

Welcome to Eleanor Shanahan (daughter of Asha and Bernie) and Clover DeSpirt (daughter of Peggy & Chris), who are being baptised this weekend; and to Marli Wilson (daughter of Michelle & Tim), who is preparing for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Clergy Appointments: North Central Ministry District

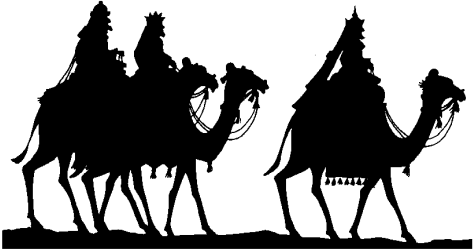
The North Central Ministry District includes 6 parishes: Birchip, Charlton, Donald, Quambatook, St Arnaud, Wycheproof. Bishop Paul has appointed Fathers Eugene McKinnon (Parish Priest) and Peter Jose CMI (Assistant Priest) to the parishes of Charlton and St Arnaud, in addition to the other parishes of the ministry district, in which they already worked. The Ministry District will encompass pastoral care, educational chaplaincy and governance, financial consolidation, and resource sharing. A new schedule for worship across the North Central Ministry District will come into effect from February, with the Cathedral priests assisting until then.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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		Dorothy Sheehan	Campbell, Lilli & Sam Leonard
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Frank Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirt & 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	David Toohey & Family		Volunteers required	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Julie & Sophie Boyd		D Ryan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Julie Dargan		Bridget Sims Family	
20 th & 21 st Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Jonah 3:1-5, 10 ~ 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 ~ Mark 1:14-20			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Britt		Nat Macdonald family	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham		Mark & Narelle Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Matthew Hall & Winnie Zammit		Julie Dargan Family	
			Trish Ryan	
			Beth Calleja	
			Lorraine Tipple & Simone Foder	

LITURGIES

Fri 12th Jan	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 13th Jan	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 14th Jan	Bungaree	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th 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)				



Anniversaries

Henry Spratling, Shane Everard, Catherine Maher, Jim Crough, John McDermott, William Greaves, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada.

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.

Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Peace (1 January)

Migrants and refugees: men and women in search of peace

Peace ... is a profound aspiration for everyone, for each individual and all peoples, and especially for those who most keenly suffer its absence. Among these whom I constantly keep in my thoughts and prayers, I would once again mention the over 250 million migrants worldwide, of whom 22.5 million are refugees ... In order to find that peace, they are willing to risk their lives on a journey that is often long and perilous, to endure hardships and suffering, and to encounter fences and walls built to keep them far from their goal. In a spirit of compassion, let us embrace all those fleeing from war and hunger, or forced by discrimination, persecution, poverty and environmental degradation to leave their homelands.

We know that it is not enough to open our hearts to the suffering of others. Much more remains to be done before our brothers and sisters can once again live peacefully in a safe home. Welcoming others requires concrete commitment, a network of assistance and goodwill, vigilant and sympathetic attention, the responsible management of new and complex situations that at times compound numerous existing problems, to say nothing of resources, which are always limited ... Leaders have a clear responsibility towards their own communities, whose legitimate rights and harmonious development they must ensure, lest they become like the rash builder who miscalculated and failed to complete the tower he had begun to construct ...

Armed conflicts and other forms of organized violence continue to trigger the movement of peoples within national borders and beyond. Yet people migrate for other reasons as well, principally because they “desire a better life, and not infrequently try to leave behind the ‘hopelessness’ of an unpromising future” (Benedict XVI). They set out to join their families or to seek professional or educational opportunities, for those who cannot enjoy these rights do not live in peace ...

Most people migrate through regular channels. Some, however, take different routes, mainly out of desperation, when their own countries offer neither safety nor opportunity, and every legal pathway appears impractical, blocked or too slow.

Many destination countries have seen the spread of rhetoric decrying the risks posed to national security or the high cost of welcoming new arrivals, and thus demeaning the human dignity due to all as sons and daughters of God. Those who, for what may be political reasons, foment fear of

migrants instead of building peace are sowing violence, racial discrimination and xenophobia, which are matters of great concern for all those concerned for the safety of every human being. All indicators available to the international community suggest that global migration will continue for the future. Some consider this a threat. For my part, I ask you to view it with confidence as an opportunity to build peace ...

When we turn that [contemplative] gaze to migrants and refugees, we discover that they do not arrive empty-handed. They bring their courage, skills, energy and aspirations, as well as the treasures of their own cultures; and in this way, they enrich the lives of the nations that receive them. We also come to see the creativity, tenacity and spirit of sacrifice of the countless individuals, families and communities around the world who open their doors and hearts to migrants and refugees, even where resources are scarce ...

Offering asylum seekers, refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking an opportunity to find the peace they seek requires a strategy combining four actions:

1. “Welcoming” calls for expanding legal pathways for entry and no longer pushing migrants and displaced people towards countries where they face persecution and violence. It also demands balancing our concerns about national security with concern for fundamental human rights ...
2. “Protecting” has to do with our duty to recognize and defend the inviolable dignity of those who flee real dangers in search of asylum and security, and to prevent their being exploited. I think in particular of women and children who find themselves in situations that expose them to risks and abuses that can even amount to enslavement ...
3. “Promoting” entails supporting the integral human development of migrants and refugees ... I would stress the importance of ensuring access to all levels of education for children and young people ...
4. “Integrating”, lastly, means allowing refugees and migrants to participate fully in the life of the society that welcomes them, as part of a process of mutual enrichment and fruitful cooperation in service of the integral human development of the local community ...

It is my heartfelt hope this spirit will guide the process that in the course of 2018 will lead the United Nations to draft and approve two Global Compacts, one for safe, orderly and regular migration and the other for refugees ... Dialogue and coordination are a necessity and a specific duty for the international community. Beyond national borders, higher numbers of refugees may be welcomed – or better welcomed – also by less wealthy countries, if international cooperation guarantees them the necessary funding ...

We remember Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini in this year that marks the hundredth anniversary of her death ... This remarkable woman, who devoted her life to the service of migrants and became their patron saint, taught us to welcome, protect, promote and integrate our brothers and sisters.

Full text: www.vatican.va