

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary (Year B) ~ 10th & 11th February 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

✉ 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

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

St. Patrick's Primary School

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: \$215.50
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$558.00	Year to date:
		\$26,967.15

Coordinators Report

Helen Ryan completed her term on the Parish Pastoral Council at the end of last year. Thank you to Helen for all of her work as a member and Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council. Thank you to Michael Winter for taking on the vacant role on the Council in place of Helen.

Linden Hall has also completed his term on the Parish Pastoral Council. Any individuals who would like to contribute to the council are welcome to speak with one of the Parish Council members.

Ken Hillier has given many years of cheerful service in welcoming people to St Brigid's Ballan each week. Is there anyone in our Parish community who would like to step into this role and have the opportunity to welcome regular mass

attendees and visitors to mass at St Brigid's? The role could be shared by more than one person. If you are interested, please speak with Kevin or one of the Parish Council or Coordinators.

Sacramental Program 2018

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.

Coming Events & Meetings

- February 12th PPC Meeting, Gordon

Church Cleaning - February

St Michael's 9th, St Brigid's 16th & St Patrick's 23rd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Elaine Conlan Edith Paarhammer	Margaret McTigue	Eileen Haintz



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

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: \$271.00	Parish: \$780.00
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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).

Mountain of Fun Run: 10th Anniversary

The Mountain of Fun Run is the major annual fundraising event for St Brendan's Primary School, Dunnstown. It will be held on Sunday 4th March. This year the school will be celebrating their 10th Mountain of Fun Run. What an achievement! For more info and to register online go to: <http://mountainoffunrun.com/>

Parish Leadership Team

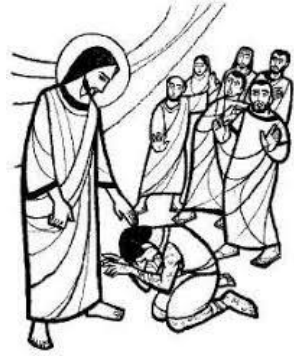
Meeting, Parish Centre: Tuesday 20th February, 7.30pm

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
10 th & 11 th Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Lev 13:1-2,44-46 ~ 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 ~ Mark 1:40-45			
Springbank~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	Leah Hanrahan	S Ryan / E Clark	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Angela Carr	Anita Lidgett Family	Denise Marshall & Patricia Binks	
17 th & 18 th Feb	First Sunday of Lent (Year B): Genesis 9:8-15 ~ 1 Peter 3:18-22 ~ Mark 1:12-15			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Meegan Jenkins	Jenkins Family	Winnie Leonard	Gemma, Kiely & Rose
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Frank & Marie Conroy	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Judith Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	
24 th & 25 th Feb	Second Sunday of Lent (Year B): Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 ~ Romans 8:31-34 ~ Mark 9:2-10			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Helen Moran	Helen Moran	Mowing: John Moran & Andrew Miller-Schmetzer
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Winnie Zammit	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Angela Carr & Helen Conlan	

LITURGIES

Thurs 15th Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 17th Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 18th Feb	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	
Wed 21st Feb	Ballan	12 noon	St Brigid's Opening School Mass

	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	(Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am)			



Ash Wednesday Masses: 14th February

Dunnstown:	10.15am
Gordon:	12 noon
Ballan:	1.45pm
Cathedral	7.30am, 10am, 12.05pm, 7pm

Recent Deaths

Noreen Mullane

Anniversaries

Martin Molloy, Chris Maher, James Baynes, Laurie Wheelahan, Eily Mullane, Catherine Donegan, Kathleen Rix, Betty Martin, Don Murphy, Frank Britt, Tim Fletcher, Edna Carson

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, 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: Billy James Prendergast (2013), Nellie Kate Cheeseman (2015), Aiden Antonio Sarra (2016)



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

Villa Maria Catholic Homes – Home Care Packages

Do you or your loved one need care at home? Villa Maria Catholic Homes offers government-funded Home Care Packages designed to support you living independently in your home for longer. Info: Marianne ☎ 5330 3899 or www.vmch.com.au

St Joseph's Blampied – Final Sunday Mass

Sunday 11th March, 11am Mass, followed by BBQ luncheon in the Church grounds. RSVP (for catering) by 23rd Feb: Leah daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

St Patrick's Cathedral, Monday, March 26, 6.30pm. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration.

PROCLAIM Conference 2018 – Sponsorship

The Diocesan Foundation has offered sponsorship for 6 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 Applications close Fri 16 Feb.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset ... Your Marriage! Presented by couples and a priest. No group sharing. Based around Catholic values, couples of all faiths are welcome. 16–18 March, 1–3 June, 17–19 August and 9–11 November. 7pm Friday – 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info: Andre & Maria ☎ 0411 225 992 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

PALMS Australia Encounters



Palms Australia

PALMS Australia is a Catholic lay missionary organisation. It arranges encounters, which are ethically run group tours that provide participants with authentic, hard to come by experiences. The tours have been carefully designed to give an insight into the daily life of people of another culture, an understanding of sustainable approaches to reducing poverty, and an insight into the life and work of PALMS development volunteers. Timor-Leste 20 May – 1 June, 2–14 September; Samoa 18–30 May. ☎ 02 9560 5333 or www.palms.org.au/encounters



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lent. Through your generosity to Project Compassion, you are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. Donate through boxes, envelopes or www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413.

Praying Towards 2020

The Catholic Church in Australia has commenced preparations for a Plenary Council to be held in 2020. A Plenary Council provides an occasion for the whole Church to discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church at this time. For this to happen, processes for wide consultation and listening across the entire Australian Church will be needed.

Pope Francis is encouraging what is called a 'synodal' style of leadership, which is collegial and collaborative. The aim of the synodal process is that, as the Church, we walk together, no one is excluded, no one is left behind. Synodality enriches, enhances and enlivens.

The synodal process has three stages: preparation, celebration and implementation. The Ballarat Diocese will commence the preparation stage after Easter with Praying towards 2020. Over 3 weeks, the whole Diocese, its parishes, faith communities, schools, institutions and agencies will be invited to participate in prayer to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us. Twelve Redemptorist priests will lead what will be something of a mini mission throughout the Diocese, with two of them spending a week in the Bungaree/Creswick/Daylesford/Gordon parishes: 21–27 April.

Enrolment for Year 7, 2019

Damascus College: ~ Applications close 16 Feb 2018

Loreto College: ~ Applications close 16 Feb 2018

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