

First Sunday of Lent (Year B) ~ 17th & 18th 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
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: \$220.95
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$153.00	Year to date:
		\$27,341.10

Coordinators Report

There are two vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council due to members completing their terms. Thank you to Linden Hall and Sr Kathleen Moran for their contribution to the Council. If anyone is interested in being a part of the Pastoral Council (one meeting per month) please speak with one of the Council members or one of the Coordinators. Would you like to have the opportunity to welcome people to Sunday liturgies at St Brigid's Ballan? This role could be shared between multiple people. If you are interested in contributing to our weekly gatherings in this way, please speak with Ken Hillier.

Lenten discussion group

Begins Wednesday, 21st February, 7.30 pm at the St. Brigid's Church gathering area. If you intend to take part, please contact Kathleen Moran ☎ 0438 812449.

Mass Time Change Sunday 18th March

Mass times will be swapped on Sunday 18th March for the Ballan Autumn Festival.

Ballan: 8.45am

Gordon: 10.30am

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.

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

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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: \$197.00	Parish: \$440.00
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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: This Tuesday 20th February, 7.30pm

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
3 rd & 4 th March	Third Sunday of Lent (Year B): Exodus 20:1-17 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 ~ John 2:13-25			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Karen Cahir Family	Fran Peterkin	Caleb & Will
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Marie & Bernadette Donegan	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Helen Blazek	Mary & Des Conroy	Cathy Mullane & Angela Carr	

LITURGIES			
Wed 21 st Feb	Ballan	12 noon	St Brigid's Opening School Mass
Thur 22 nd Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 24 th Feb	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 25 th Feb	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)				

Anniversaries

Cecelia Haintz, Ellie Walsh, Diane Johnson, Tom O'Loughlin, Kevin McGuigan, Con McTigue, Lil Wickson, Con Carey, Catherine Parkin, Eileen White, Elizabeth Flynn, Carmen Galea, Arthur Jones, Louise Tubbs, Joan Arnel, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie

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.

Welcome

Welcome to Clancy Philip Berens (son of Susannah & Steven) and Oscar James Conlan (son of Julie & Bevan), who at Mass this weekend are beginning their preparation for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Johanna Dash and Paul Dodds, who were married this Saturday in St. Brendan's, Dunnstown. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

Clergy Retreat

The priests of the diocese are gathering in Halls Gap for their annual retreat. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 something of a mini mission in the Diocese, with two of them spending a week in the Bungaree/Creswick/Daylesford/Gordon parishes: 21-27 April.

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE



Janaki is a young entrepreneur from Nepal, who has turned her life around. Growing up in a world of poverty and disadvantage, coupled with a forced marriage at the age of twelve, she was in a very vulnerable position. Even more so when her husband died just two years into their marriage. With the help of a Caritas Australia supported program she is now running her own successful sewing business and has become an inspirational community leader. Your donations to Project Compassion 2018 help empower vulnerable young people like Janaki in Nepal 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.

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.

PALMS Australia Encounters



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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

Nazareth House Ballarat Independent Living Apartments

One and two bedroom independent living apartments for sale. If interested, contact Sr Elisapeta Tevaga, ☎: 0409 842330.

Irish Heritage Exhibition

Presented by the Archives of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and the Ballarat Diocesan Historical Commission St Patrick's Day weekend, March 17 & 18, 9.30am-4.30pm in St Patrick's Hall, Dawson St.

Mwangaza Children's Choir

The "Light Up Tour" featuring the Mwangaza Children's Choir from Uganda will be performing at 7pm on Friday 2nd March at Ballarat Christian College, Vickers St. Sebastopol, in support of the Child Celebration Network, which runs a school for homeless and underprivileged children and supports children in palliative care. Tickets at the door \$10 family, \$4pp.