

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B) ~ 24th & 25th 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: \$170.80
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$192.60	Year to date:
		\$531,824.60

World Day of Prayer

Friday March 2nd 10am Guest Speaker Fr Barry Ryan St Brigid's Ballan. Followed by morning tea. All welcome

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



Church Cleaning - March

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris Mullane	Noelie Carton	Sharon Daly
Cathy Mullane	Joan Bourke	Sue Daly



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: \$282.00	Parish: \$450.00
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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/>

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
10 th & 11 th March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B): 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 ~ Ephesians 2:4-10 ~ John 3:14-21			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	D Ryan / J Boyd	Charlie & Myah Elliott
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Matthew Hall	Lorraine Despirit & Vikki Boka	Bert Jarvis & Lorraine Tipple	

LITURGIES			
Tues 27 th Feb	Bungaree	9.00am	Bungaree
Thur 1 st Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 3 rd Mar	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 4 th Mar	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	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)				

Anniversaries

William Rosenow, Bill Wheelahan, Tommy Simpson, Gert Cummins, Antal Boka, Matt Jamieson, Maurice Conlan, Gabrielle Johnson, Harry Parkin, Kathleen Leonard, Jack O'Donohue, Maureen O'Halloran, Maureen O'Donohue

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

Congratulations to Oscar James Conlan (son of Julie & Bevan), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We welcome Oscar into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

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.

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.

Luke McKenna, 'Thriving with Grit'

Guest speaker presented by Damascus College on essential keys to building resilient young people, as well as explaining some key ideas for helping all of us stick with things that matter. Wed 14th March, 7-8.30pm. Free tickets: www.damascus.vic.edu.au



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE



Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation, with a lack of opportunity to escape

poverty. After joining the Deaf Development Program run by Caritas Australia's partner, Maryknoll Cambodia, his life was transformed and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby. Your donations to Project Compassion 2018 help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity. Donate through boxes, envelopes or www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413. Damascus College warmly invites you to attend

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

Nazareth House Ballarat Independent Living Apartments

One and two bedroom independent living apartments for sale. Info: Sr Elisapeta Tevaga ☎ 0409 842 330.

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

Irish Heritage Exhibition

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