

Third Sunday of Lent (Year B) ~ 3rd & 4th March, 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:

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$200.00 | Parish: \$319.60 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$531.00 | Year to date: |
| | | \$32,188.00 |

Coordinators Report

Bishop Paul Bird will be visiting the Parish of Gordon on Tuesday 20th March, to meet with parishioners at a gathering in the School Hall at St Patrick's School, Gordon at 7.30pm. Bishop Paul is interested to hear the thoughts of parishioners about how our Parish is currently operating, and to talk about ideas for the future management of parishes across the Diocese through programs such as Ministry Districts. Does our current Parish model meet the needs of our Parish? How could the model be improved? All members of the parish community are invited to come together on 20th March to share your ideas regarding the future of our parish and about how we can continue to work together with our neighbouring parishes in the future.

There are two vacancies on the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are interested in being a part of this planning team for our

Parish (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 Ggroup

Wednesday's at 7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church gathering area. Please let Kathleen Moran ☎: 0438 812 449 know if you intend to take part.

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 |
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| 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

✉ 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

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| Presbytery: \$174.50 | Parish: \$370.00 |
| Project Compassion (to date): \$60.00 | |

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

This Sunday 4th March. For more info go to:

<http://mountainoffunrun.com/>

NB: Road closures will be in place.

Dunnstown Irish Festival

Family Day. Saturday 17th March at Recreation Reserve. 12 midday - 11.30pm. Live Music, Sheaf Tossing, Tug of War, Irish Dancing, Traditional Irish games, Kids Activities and more. Food Vans, Bar, Guinness on Tap. Adults \$20, u18 free. Strictly no BYO.

| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 3rd & 4th March | Third Sunday of Lent (Year B): Exodus 20:1-17 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:22-25 ~ 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 | |
| 10th & 11th 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 | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Mark Conlan & Matthew Hall | Lorraine Despirit & Vikki Boka | Bert Jarvis & Lorraine Tipple | |
| 17th & 18th Mar | Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B): Jeremiah 31:31-34 ~ Hebrews 5:5-10 ~ John 12:20-33 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Mary & Declan Hanrahan | Hanrahan Family | Trish White | Lilli & Sam |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford | Gary & Margaret McTigue | Carmel Mahar | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Sandra Miller & Lin Bowers | Bridget Sims Family | Winnie Zammit & Simone Foder | |

| LITURGIES | | | |
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| Tues 6 th Mar | Bungaree | 9.00am | Bungaree |
| Thur 8 th Mar | Ballan | 10.00am | Prayer Group |
| Sat 10 th Mar | Springbank | 6.30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 11 th Mar | Bungaree | 8.45am | |
| | Ballan | 10.30am | |

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| 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 Deaths

Mary Squire, Bernie Condon

Anniversaries

John Ryan, Frank Sims, David Carton, Anne Quinn, Fr Henry Nikel and William Dridan

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 Zara Lil Toohey (daughter of Jenna and Damian), who at Mass this weekend is beginning her preparation for baptism at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure her and her family of our prayers and support



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Lucy Louise Dash (2013), Ethan John Butler (2014), Felicity Claire Ryan (2014), Samuel Benjamin Roberts (2015), Judd Thomas Boyd (2016), Evan Rufus Sheehan (2017)

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

Draft Plan for Parishes and Deployment of Priests

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has prepared a draft plan for parishes and deployment of priests over the next six years: *Looking Forward from 2018*. The plan does not set a fixed timeline, and is most likely to function as a guide for future clergy appointments. The draft plan proposes that over the coming six years, the Bungaree and Gordon parishes would work towards becoming a single parish, served by a single priest, who may be available only on weekends. Bishop Paul has invited responses to this draft plan. In our parishes, comments can be directed to the Gordon Parish Coordinators, or to members of the Bungaree Parish Leadership Team and the Gordon Parish Council.

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: daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 26, 2018

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

St Patrick's College 125th anniversary: Saturday 17th March

11am: St Patrick's Day Mass, College Chapel

12 noon: Old Collegians luncheon,
www.trybooking.com/TDGK (\$30/head)

2pm: football match vs Assumption College

2–4.30pm: tours of the College led by current students

Sacred Heart College: 1966 Reunion

Sat 14th April, 11.30am–4pm, Golden City Hotel. RSVP: 30th March email: barbara.ford1@bigpond.com or ☎ 0424 503 244

Loreto College Reunions: March–April

5, 10, 20, 30, 40 & 50-year reunions: <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/loreto-community/past-pupils/reunions/>

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees

State Library, Sun 25th March, 2pm www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk

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



Bayan is a 12-year-old Syrian girl, living with her family in Jordan. An ambitious student, Bayan has her sights set on a career as an ophthalmologist. As a quiet, young refugee she struggled to overcome the trauma of growing up in a conflict zone and faced the prospect of missing out on schooling. With

Caritas Australia's support, Bayan is an academic high-achiever who is flourishing in a stable school environment. Your donation to Project Compassion helps equip young people to succeed in the future, bringing stability to vulnerable youth, providing just futures for others like Bayan. Donate through boxes, envelopes or www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413. Nazareth House Ballarat Independent Living Apartments One and two bedroom independent living apartments for sale. Info: Sr Elisapeta Tevaga ☎ 0409 842 330.