

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) ~ 17th & 18th 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

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: \$176.20
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$413.70	Year to date: \$36,205.50
Direct Debit	Feb: \$2,005.00	
Project Compassion (to date): \$174.10		

Coordinators Report

Bishop Paul Bird invites parishioners of the Parish of Gordon to a meeting on Tuesday 20th March in the School Hall at St Patrick's School, Gordon. The meeting starts at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm). Bishop Paul is interested to hear from parishioners with regard to these two questions:

What is the experience of pastoral care and ministry in the Parish?

With regard to pastoral care and ministry, what would be desirable and possible for the years to come?

All parish members are invited to come and share your responses and ideas with Bishop Paul. Please bring a plate of supper to share from 7pm onwards. Thank you.

Convent Clearing Sale

Saturday 24th March at old Gordon convent, 9.00am-12.00pm. Various items including beds, couches etc. Items must be taken on the day. Come and bag yourself a bargain.

Coming Events & Meetings

- This weekend we focus on life lived to the full in the third scrutiny for Laura Parsons and all of us.
- There will be a Penitential Service at St Brigid's Church Ballan on Thursday evening 7.30pm 22nd March. All are welcome to share this opportunity for reflection prior to the Easter season.

Mass Time Change THIS Sunday 18th March

Due to 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 Cathy Mullane	Noelie Carton Joan Bourke	Sharon Daly 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: \$172.00	Parish: \$1,590.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$193.40	

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).



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
17 th & 18 th 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
Ballan ~ 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Carmel Mahar	
Gordon ~ 10.30am	Sandra Miller & Lin Bowers	Bridget Sims Family	Winnie Zammit & Simone Foder	
24 th & 25 th Mar	Palm Sunday (Year B): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Mark 15:1-39			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Joan Powell	Helen Mahar	Julie Moran	Mowing: Tim Bennet & Dom Prendergast
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Matthew Hall	Julie Dargan Family	Angela Carr & Judith Hodgon	
31 st March & 1 st April	Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord (Year B): Acts 10:34, 37-43 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 ~ John 20:1-9			
Gordon ~ 7.30pm	Volunteers req'd	Volunteers req'd	Volunteers req'd	
Dunnstown ~ 8.45am	Volunteers req'd	Volunteers req'd	Jennifer McKay	Volunteers req'd
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Lloyd Lamb	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Patricia Binks & Denise Marshall	

LITURGIES			
Tues 20th Mar	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 22nd Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 24th Mar	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 25th 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	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 Death

Patricia Higgins (Tiffany Forde's mother)

Anniversaries

Pat Kennedy, Leo Davies, Lillian, Kevin & Jack Meikljohn, Jack Papworth, Leigh Conroy, Emmanuel Muscat, Martin Spain, Peter Torpy, Maurice Frawley, Lars Drendel, Nora Frawley, Sr Presentation Marnell, Greg Slater

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, 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.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies (26 March – 1 April)

Monday	Cathedral	6.30pm	Mass of the Oils
Tuesday	Bungaree	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Wed	Bungaree	4.00pm	Individual Confessions
Thursday	Bungaree	7.30pm	Holy Thursday Mass
	Ballan	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Friday	Ballan	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
	Ballarat Nth	10.00am	Way of the Cross to Black Hill
	Springbank	3.00pm	Good Friday Service
Saturday	Gordon	7.30pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Dunnstown	8.45am	Easter Sunday Mass
	Ballan	10.30am	

Volunteers for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

If you are able to assist with the various ministries involved in these liturgies, please contact the liturgy coordinator in your community.

Welcome

Welcome to Maggie Elizabeth Eastwood (daughter of Michelle & Brenton) and Florence Minnie Powell (daughter of Marcia & Simon), who at Mass this weekend are beginning their preparation for baptism in Gordon. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

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

Loreto College Reunions: March-April

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

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. Volunteers contact julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group for this Mass. Rehearsal: Monday 19th March, 7pm, Cathedral.



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

Ditosa, a young girl from Mozambique, is cared for by her grandmother after her parents died of AIDS-related illnesses. Featured in Project Compassion 2013, Ditosa faced a challenging future with food scarcity, little education and few job prospects. In 2018, thanks to Caritas Australia's support Ditosa has graduated from school and hopes to go to university and secure an even brighter future.

Your donations to Project Compassion help young women like Ditosa to grow up with an education, confidence and hope, providing them with a just future. Donate through boxes, envelopes or www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413.

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.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees: Sun 25th March

State Library, 2pm www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk