

# Palm Sunday (Year B) ~ 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 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

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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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)

**St. Patrick's Primary School**

Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

|  |                      |                                     |
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| <b>Loose</b>                           | Presbytery: \$200.00 | <b>Year to date:</b><br>\$36,784.00 |
| <b>Planned Giving</b>                  | Envelopes: \$184.00  |                                     |
| <b>Direct Debit</b>                    | Feb: \$2,005.00      |                                     |
| Project Compassion (to date): \$384.10 |                      |                                     |

### Coordinators Report

"Thank you to all for your support for the gathering with Bishop Paul Bird on Tuesday evening. Thank you to Parishioners who were able to attend, and also those who were unable to attend and extended their support for the gathering. Thank you for sharing your time and thoughts on the questions posed by Bishop Paul regarding the Parish model. The general feeling from the discussions at the gathering was that the Parish would like to continue with the current operating model for the immediate future. This gathering does not need to be the end of the conversations around this topic, and Parishioners are welcome to continue offering feedback to the Coordinators team or the Parish leadership teams. Thank you to all for your continued support for your Parish."

### Coordination Team

The annual process of renewing the Parish Coordination team has commenced. Parishioners are asked to consider those who

might be a new volunteer Coordinator. Information on this consensus-discernment process and about being a Coordinator is available in the churches. Nomination forms are also available. Full position descriptions will be in the churches next week or you can email the Parish office or contact me for more information. Thank you. *Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant, Ballarat Diocese* ☎: 5337 7125

### Farewell

It is with regret that we farewell the Hamm family from St Patrick's Parish Community. We acknowledge the generous contribution Catherine & Kevin have made as members of both the parish & school communities and thank them for their involvement over many years. We wish them well as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

### Coming Events & Meetings

- Wednesday 18th April PFC Meeting 7.00pm

### Church Cleaning - April

St Michael's 6<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 13<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 20<sup>th</sup>

| BALLAN     | GORDON  | SPRINGBANK                   |
|------------|---|------------------------------|
| Lin Bowers | Anne Micallef<br>Georgina Wright<br>Monica Eastwood | Kath O'Neil<br>Louise O'Neil |



## 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](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown**

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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|---|-------------------------|
| <b>Presbytery:</b> \$286.50                   | <b>Parish:</b> \$390.00 |
| <b>Project Compassion (to date):</b> \$213.40 |                         |

### 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links).

|  | READER/INTERCESSIONS   | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS         | COMMUNION MINISTER               | ALTAR SERVERS                               |
|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar        | <b>Palm Sunday (Year B): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Mark 15:1-39</b>                                 |                               |                                  |   |
| Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm                          | Joan Powell  | Helen Mahar                   | Julie Moran                      | <b>Mowing:</b> 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 Hodgson     |   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March & 1 <sup>st</sup> April | <b>Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord (Year B): Acts 10:34, 37-43 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 ~ John 20:1-9</b> |                               |                                  |   |
| 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 |   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> April        | <b>Second Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 4:32-35 ~ 1 John 5:1-6 ~ John 20:19-31</b>                           |                               |                                  |   |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm                            | David Toohey & Family  | Mark Hanrahan Family          | Julie Toohey                     |   |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am                              | D Rix  | Frank Hanrahan                | D Ryan / M Elliott               |   |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am                               | Marie Shanahan & Helen Blazek  | Anita Lidgett Family          | Lloyd Lamb & Helen Conlan        |   |

**LITURGIES**

|                                 |              |         |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | Cathedral    | 6.30pm  | Mass of the Oils               |
| <b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> | Bungaree     | 7.30pm  | Penitential Service            |
| <b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | Bungaree     | 4.00pm  | Individual Confessions         |
| <b>Thur 29<sup>th</sup> Mar</b> | Ballan       | 10.00am | Prayer Group                   |
|                                 | Bungaree     | 7.30pm  | Holy Thursday Mass             |
| <b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | Ballan       | 10.00am | Stations of the Cross          |
|                                 | Ballarat Nth | 10.00am | Way of the Cross to Black Hill |
|                                 | Springbank   | 3.00pm  | Good Friday Service            |
| <b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>  | Gordon       | 7.30pm  | Easter Vigil                   |
| <b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>  | Dunnstown    | 8.45am  | Easter Sunday Mass             |
|                                 | Ballan       | 10.30am |                                |

|                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday |
|--------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sat 6.30pm</b>  | Dunnstown   | Springbank             | Dunnstown              | Clarks Hill            | Springbank             |
| <b>Sun 8.45am</b>  | Gordon  | Bungaree               | Gordon                 | Gordon                 | Bungaree               |
| <b>Sun 10.30am</b> | Ballan (Korobeit Sat 6.30pm ~ Creswick 8.45am ~ Daylesford 10.30am) |                        |                        |                        |                        |

**Recent Death**

Elizabeth Smith

**Anniversaries**

Tom Everard, Sarah Molloy, Fran Coen, Nellie Conroy, Kathleen McGiffin, Monica Romsay, Reg Haintz, Eileen Sedunary. Matthew Cahir, Jim Flood, Ellen Murphy

**We offer our prayerful support for the sick**

Wayne McKercher, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, Carole Steenhuis, Alice Gardiner, Stan Mahar, Lore Winter, Xavier Zahra, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Scott Dupoy.

**Easter Offerings**

Along with Christmas Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Easter Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

**Baptism**

Congratulations to Clancy Philip Berens (son of Susannah and Steven), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We welcome Clancy into our faith community, and assure him and his family of our prayers and support.

**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.

**New Vicar General**

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has appointed Fr Kevin Maloney as Vicar General, replacing Fr Justin Driscoll at the conclusion of his 5-year term of office. Fr Kevin and Fr Justin will continue in their current parishes.

**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.



**PROJECT COMPASSION**  
FOR A JUST FUTURE

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive. Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them, with plans to study a Master's degree.

Your donations to Project Compassion help improve the health and wellbeing of communities in the Philippines so they can work towards eradicating poverty, providing a just future for all. Donate through boxes, envelopes or [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or ☎ 1800 024 413.

**Good Friday Collection for the Church in the Holy Land**



The annual collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land once again this Good Friday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please also pray that peace and justice will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'. Last year, Australian Catholics donated nearly \$1.4 million to this cause, including nearly \$17,000 from our diocese.

**Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees: Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March**

State Library, 2pm [www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk](http://www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk)

**Loreto College Reunions: 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 & 50-year March-April**

<https://loreto.vic.edu.au/loreto-community/past-pupils/>

**Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program**

New 5-week study cycle in April. Low-cost opportunities for online study and formation: Scripture, Sacraments, Social Justice, Leadership skills, Youth Ministry, Pastoral Care, etc. RSVP: 28 March. Info: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or Amanda ☎ 5337 7125 or [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Sacred Heart College: 1966 Reunion**

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> April, 11.30am-4pm, Golden City Hotel. RSVP: 30<sup>th</sup> March email: [barbara.ford1@bigpond.com](mailto:barbara.ford1@bigpond.com) or ☎ 0424 503 244

**Irish Heritage Exhibition**

Presented by Diocesan Archives and Historical Commission. Sat 14<sup>th</sup> - Sun 15<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30am-4.30pm, St Patrick's Hall, Dawson St Sth. Admission: gold coin.