

Palm Sunday (Year B) ~ 24th & 25th 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	Year to date: \$36,784.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$184.00	
Direct Debit	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 6th, St Brigid's 13th & St Patrick's 20th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Anne Micallef Georgina Wright Monica Eastwood	Kath O'Neil 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

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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: \$286.50	Parish: \$390.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$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 (follow parish links).

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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 Hodgson	
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	
7 th & 8 th April	Second Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 4:32-35 ~ 1 John 5:1-6 ~ John 20:19-31			
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

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

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 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 25th March

State Library, 2pm 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 or Amanda ☎ 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

Irish Heritage Exhibition

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