

Easter Sunday (Year B) 31st March & 1st April, 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: \$238.35
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$228.00	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date): \$573.20		\$36,724.00

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."

Discernment of Coordinators

The annual process of renewing the Parish Coordination team has commenced. Bishop Paul Bird wishes to advise parishioners that both Angela Carr and Michael Ryan have separately confirmed that they are not in a position to undertake a further commission as Coordinator after this current term. Moderator

Catherine Green completes her third year as a Coordinator this term. Therefore all three will finish on 30 April 2018. As the process of discernment commenced last week after the Parish Meeting, Bishop Paul feels it is appropriate to continue the discernment until the scheduled closing date of 15 April. Parishioners are now asked to consider those who might be one of the new volunteer Coordinators. Information about the discernment process and nomination forms are available in each church. Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant, Ballarat Diocese, ☎ 5337 7125

St Brigid's Primary School 2019 Enrolments

Come and see us in action at Open Days or by appointment:

- Friday 20th April, 10.30am-11.00am
- Monday 23rd April, 2.30pm-3.00pm
- Tuesday 1st May, 6.00pm-6.30pm
- Wednesday 9th May, 11.30am-12.30pm

Coming Events & Meetings

- Monday 9th April PPC Meeting
- 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

✉ 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

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
31 st Mar & 1 st Apr	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	Dorothy Sheehan / Sheila Britt	Winnie Leonard	Jennifer McKay	Volunteers req'd
Ballan ~ 10.30am	R 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	
14 th & 15 th April	Third Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 3:13-15,17-19 ~ John 2:1-5 ~ Luke 24:35-48			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Peter Britt	Steve Bethune Family	Dorothy Sheehan	Isla & Paddy
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Marie Conroy	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Angela Carr	Binks Family	Cathy Mullane & Bert Jarvis	

LITURGIES			
Thur 5 th Apr	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 7 th Apr	Springbank	6.30	Sunday Mass
Sun 8 th Apr	Bungaree	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

Laurie O'Neil, Martin Wheelahan, Marie Dromey, Marie Leahy, Antoina Zumba, Katerina Camilleri, Isabella Moran, Isabel Britt, Fr Thomas Linane, Mary Britt, Barbara Frawley

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 Dupo, Noel Craven

Easter Greetings

May the hope of the Risen Christ touch the lives of all our families and loved ones this Easter. Thanks for the ways that so many people have contributed to our liturgical celebrations during Holy Week and Easter: reading, ministries, liturgy planning, music, flowers, and by reflective and joyful participation.

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.

Reception and Baptism

Congratulations to Laura Parsons, who is being received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil this weekend, and to her and Joel's children, Wyatt and Lexi, who are being baptised. We welcome Laura, Wyatt and Lexi into our faith community, and assure them of our prayers and support.

Easter Candles

Particular thanks to Judith Hodgson for decorating the Easter Candles so beautifully for all six of our churches.

New Vicar General

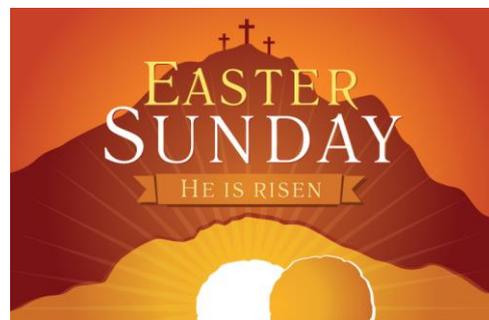
Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has appointed Fr Kevin Maloney as Vicar General, replacing Fr Justin Driscoll at the conclusion of his 5-year term of office. Fr Kevin and Fr Justin will continue in their current parishes.

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.

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

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



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.



PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR A JUST FUTURE

Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family. You are empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. Your donations to Project Compassion help communities work to build A Just Future for all. Donate through boxes, envelopes or www.caritas.org.au or ☎ 1800 024 413.

Volunteer Opportunities with Palms Australia



Palms Australia

PALMS Australia is a Catholic lay missionary organisation. Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. PALMS volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can share them with our global family. Orientation course for new applicants in July. Info: ☎ 02 9560 5333 or www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

Praying Towards 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. 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. Everyone is invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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 one of them spending a week in the Bungaree/Gordon parishes: 21-27 April.

Wallace and District Kindergarten 35th Mothers Day Luncheon

Friday 11th May, Bungaree Community Centre. Bookings: Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544