

## Third Sunday of Easter (Year B) 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 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  
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

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

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:

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$177.25
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$177.00	<b>Year to date:</b> \$37,708.55
<b>Project Compassion (to date):</b>	\$977.15	
<b>Holy Land Appeal (to date)</b>	\$662.35	

#### Coordinators Report

As mentioned on the bulletin over the past few weeks, later this month the Parish of Gordon is participating in the Ballarat Diocese "Praying Towards 2020" program, in preparation for the 2020 Australian Plenary Council. The Gordon and Bungaree Parishes will be hosting a Redemptorist priest for one week. The priest will be in the Gordon Parish from Mon 23 - Sat 28 April. We are currently preparing a program for the priest, and ideas for activities are very welcome. The priest will be available to guide conversations regarding the Plenary Council question on what God is asking us in Australia today, and we can also reflect on what this means in our own Diocese and Parish community. The Parish community is asked to provide accommodation, meals and transport. We are seeking offers of accommodation for one or more nights, hosting a meal, contributing food for community supper & lunch gatherings, or providing driving transport for a day or part of a day. If you are able to assist by providing accommodation for part of the week or in coordinating a roster for meals, accommodation and transport, please contact Catherine ☎: 0400 290 171, or Natasha ☎: 0423 217 556. There will be an opportunity for the priest to make home visits during this week, and also an opportunity for anointing. Please contact Catherine or Natasha if you know someone who would like to take part in this opportunity.

#### Discernment of Coordinators

Thank you for continuing to talk about the discernment process for the new Coordinator team. The annual process of renewing the Parish Coordination team has commenced.

Bishop Paul Bird has advised 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. Parishioners are asked to consider those who might be one of the new volunteer Coordinators. **Closing date is 15 April.** Information about the discernment process and nomination forms are available in each church. Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant, Ballarat Diocese, ☎ 5337 7125

#### Parish Ministry Roster for Ballan

If anyone would like to add (or remove) their names, the current roster is available at the back of the church for you to edit or you can contact Natasha ☎: 0423 217 556. Please give some thought to joining the new ministry roster, begins in May.

#### Farewell to long time parishioners of the Parish.

Carmel Maher (and the late Con) and family have been in Gordon and Mt Egerton for many years and have been faithful contributors to the overall parish. Carmel is moving to Ballarat and we wish her well in her new venture from her parish friends. Carmel will be missed in our community

#### St Brigid's Primary School 2019 Enrolments

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

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

#### Coming Events & Meetings

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 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  
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280

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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

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

#### Collections last weekend

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$124.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$459.00
<b>Project Compassion (to date):</b>		\$1,138.50	
<b>Easter Offerings (to date):</b>		\$1,145.00	

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

LITURGIES			
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Gordon	8.45am	
	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
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)				



### Anniversaries

Sheila Fay, Barry McNamara, Mary Duffy, Gerard Toohey, Alice Mctigue, Kathleen Toohey, Johanna Corbett, Jessie Baynes, Carmel Fitzgerald and Laurie Flynn

### 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, Frank Conroy

### Easter Offerings

Thanks for your generous contributions to 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.

### Welcome

Welcome to Maggie Elizabeth Eastwood (daughter of Michelle and Brenton), who is being baptised this weekend at Gordon; and to Meredith Ilona Cecilia Bodnar (daughter of Megan & Zsolt), Jude Patrick Joyce (son of Emma & Heath), and Charlie Isaac Hocking (son of Lauren & Branton), who are beginning their preparation for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

### 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.

**Loreto College Reunions: 10, 20, 30, 40 & 50-year April**  
<https://loreto.vic.edu.au/loreto-community/past-pupils/>

### Irish Heritage Exhibition: Sat 14<sup>th</sup> – Sun 15<sup>th</sup> April

Presented by Diocesan Archives and Historical Commission. St Patrick's Hall, Dawson St Sth, 9.30am–4.30pm. Admission: gold coin. Archivist available to advise on photos or artefacts.

### Wallace and District Kindergarten 35<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day Luncheon

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

### 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](http://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.

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April:** Mass at Clarkes Hill, followed by supper (please bring a plate)

**Sun 22:** Masses at Gordon and Ballan

**Mon 23:** Bungaree

**Tues 24 – Fri 27:** Gordon

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** 'What is a Plenary Council?' Forum and presentation, Cathedral Hall, 10am & 7pm

### 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.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> 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	
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 4:8-12 ~ 1 John 3:1-2 ~ John 10:11-8			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Margie Moran	Kate Bennett	Kate Bennett	Mowing: Mark Forbes & Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Maria Durham	Kim Newman Family	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Julie Dargan	Leon & Pat Burvill	Simone Foder & Lorraine Tipple	
28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 9:26-31 ~ 1 John 3:18-24 ~ John 15:1-8			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Brendan Simpson Family	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	D Rix	A Elliott / M Frawley	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Sandra Miller	Helen & Anthony Blazek	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgson	