

## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B) 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</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

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:

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$183.20
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$1,092.70	<b>Year to date:</b> \$39,338.70
<b>Project Compassion (to date):</b>	\$988.30	
<b>Holy Land Appeal (to date)</b>	\$662.35	

#### Future Pastoral Care of the Gordon Parish

On behalf of Bishop Paul, thank you for your discussions over the last few weeks in relation to future pastoral care of the Parish. The current Coordinators continue in their roles until 30 April. There have been no nominations for the role of Coordinators beyond that time. Bishop Paul appreciated hearing the views of parishioners at the meeting of 20 March. He has also discussed possibilities with the Diocesan Consultors. He will advise you of the future arrangements next week. *Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant*

#### 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.*

#### ANZAC Remembrance Book

Anzac Day is next week and to commemorate those fallen we have a remembrance book at the back of the church in Gordon to pray for those in the battle for our country. Please feel free to fill it in.



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

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

- 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

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May PPC Meeting
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May PFC Meeting

#### 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

✉ 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

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$251.40	<b>Parish:</b>	\$350.00
<b>Project Compassion (to date):</b>		\$1,318.50	
<b>Easter Offerings (to date):</b>		\$1,325.00	

#### 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.)

#### 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

I am  
the Good Shepherd  
John 10:11



LITURGIES			
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Springbank	7.30pm	ANZAC Day Mass
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ballan	10.00am	Anointing Mass
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bungaree	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	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)				

### Recent Death

Frank Conroy

### Anniversaries

Giuseppe Spataro, Sheila Patmore, Kath Moloney, Jeffrey Micallef, Philip Camilleri, Brenda Jones, Len Maher, Kath O'Keefe

### 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 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.

### 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.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Florence Minnie Powell (daughter of Marcia & Simon) and Zara Lil Toohey (daughter of Jenna & Damian), who are being baptised in Gordon this weekend. We welcome Florence and Zara into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

### No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

No interest, fees or charges. Available from Good Shepherd Microfinance through Centacare Ballarat to eligible people living on low incomes for household goods and other necessities, such as: furniture, white goods, education items, medical expenses, school uniforms, car repairs. Info: ☎ 5337 8999.

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

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

### 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.

**April Sat 21:** Mass at Clarks Hill, followed by supper

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

**Mon 23:** Bungaree

**Wed 25:** 7.30pm Springbank Mass followed by supper

**Thurs 26:** 10am Ballan Anointing Mass followed by lunch and discussion

**May Wed 2:** '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
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 10:11-18			
Clarks 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	
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B): Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 ~ 1 John 4:7-10 ~ John 15:9-17			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Diane Reynolds & Chris O'Loughlin	Mark Howard Family	Trish Ryan	Cameron J & Lyna B
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Brian & Kate Carey	Volunteer Required	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Matthew Hall & Anne Eskdale	Mary & Des Conroy	Angela Carr & Patricia Binks	

