

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B) 5th & 6th May, 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

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

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: \$299.95
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$196.00	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date):	\$988.30	\$40,478.30

A Brief Message from the Vicar-General

Bishop Paul Bird is attending the half-yearly Australian Bishops' Conference and has asked me to follow up on his recent letter regarding governance and management for the Gordon Parish. Bishop Paul has asked Vin Dillon and Sue Daly to review the Gordon parish structures, with the support of appropriate diocesan staff. Vin worked in the former bishop's office and assisted with pastoral planning. Sue is a local parishioner and former parish moderator. They will meet with the Bishop and me on Friday 11th May, then begin consultation with parish members and groups.

Every best wish, Fr Kevin Maloney

St Brigid's Primary School 2019 Enrolments

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

- Wednesday 9th May, 11.30am-12.30pm

Coming Events & Meetings

- Monday 14th May PPC Meeting
- Wednesday 16th May PFC Meeting

Church Cleaning – May

St Michael's 11th, St Brigid's 18th & St Patrick's 25th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anita Lidgett	Eily Carey Kate Carey Leisa Carey	Mary Simpson Donna Simpson

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.
John 15:9



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:	\$174.80	Parish:	\$1425.00
	Project Compassion (to date):		\$1,348.50
	Easter Offerings (to date):		\$1,465.00

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 (follow parish links.)

Parish Leadership Team

Next Meeting: This Tuesday 8th May, 7.30pm

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
5 th & 6 th 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	Fran & Hayley Peterkin	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	
12 th & 13 th May	The Ascension of the Lord (Year B): Acts 1:1-11 ! Ephesians 4:17-23 ~ Mark 16:15-20			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Greg McAloon	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	S Steenhuis	L Jeffrey/ L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	TBA	TBA	TBA	
19 th & 20 th May	Pentecost Sunday (Year B): Acts 2:1-11 ~ Galatians 5:16-25 ~ John 15:26-27; 16:12-15			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Diane Reynolds & Chris O'Loughlin	Peterkin Family	Margaret Leonard	Kiely & Rose
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Beth Calleja & Michael McCarthy	Volunteer required	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Winnie Zammit	Bridget Sims Family	Patricia Binks & Helen Conlan	

WYD 2019 Pilgrimage to Panama – update!

Calling for pilgrims! The Ballarat diocese WYD Pilgrimage to Panama will travel to Costa Rica for 'Days in the Diocese' then on to Panama City for WYD events with Pope Francis then a retreat by the Pacific Ocean. 16 January - 1 February 2019 for 18-35 year olds. Registration costs will be available very soon. Please let us know if you are interested in going p: 5337 7125 or e: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au More Pilgrimage information is on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

LITURGIES

Tues 8th May	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 10th May	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 12th May	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 13th May	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)			



Plenary Council 2020
 "Listen to what the Spirit is saying..."

Recent Deaths

Carole Steenhuis

Anniversaries

Irene Coulter, REV Norbert Olsen, Brian & Nellie Keighrey, Keith Eastwood, Doris Eastwood, Ray Smith, Mary Smith, Eddie Clark, Monica Kelly, Joan Blood, Barry Torpy

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

Wayne McKercher, Anna Bartaska, Mitchell Prendergast, Michelle Hall, Mary Cassar, Moira Myers, Louise Smith, George Roberts, 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.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Kylee Breust and Troy Mullane, who were married this Saturday in St. Brendan's, Dunnstown. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

Baptism

Congratulations to Meredith Ilona Cecilia Bodnar (daughter of Megan and Zsolt), who is being baptised this weekend at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We welcome Meredith into our faith community, and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.

**Baptism Anniversaries**

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Oscar James Britt (2013), Jai Basil Britt (2013), Scarlett Elizabeth Pearce (2014) Lucy Jade Ryan (2015), Harvey Joseph McKay (2016)

Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them, so they may walk in newness of life.

Annual Mass Count

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over 4 weekends in May/June, commencing next Sunday. Collectors please take note.

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.

Wallace and District Kindergarten 35th Mothers Day Luncheon

Friday 11th 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

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 are leading something of a mini mission in the Diocese, from 21 April – 6 May.

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.

Spreading Joy: Young Adult Gathering

A new series of informal gatherings for young adults (18–35 y.o.) in the Ballarat area, an opportunity to socialise and talk: short presentation from a guest speaker and Q&A as well as socialising. Friday 25th May, from 6pm, Lake View Hotel, no charge: Amanda Smith, *Being Catholic, a Multiple Choice Banquet*. Amanda works with the Ballarat diocese and is working on a doctorate exploring aspects of Catholic faith in the future in Australia. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 5337 7160

St Alipius Parish Coordinator Position

St Alipius Parish Ballarat East invites applications for the part-time position (16 hours/week) of Parish Coordinator. Applications close: 14 May. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Parishes | Ballarat East.

Liturgy Formation 2018

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is offering Liturgy Formation Sessions at Birchip – Sun May 27; Ararat – Sun June 24; Hamilton – Sun July 29. Bishop Paul will celebrate Mass at 10.30am with the formation program beginning at 12.00noon. More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

