

The Ascension of the Lord (Year B) 12th & 13th 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.

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

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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: \$264.20
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$1,746.75	Year to date:
Project Compassion (to date):	\$988.30	\$42,529.25

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

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 Fiona Conroy	Eily Carey Kate Carey Leisa Carey	Mary Simpson Donna Simpson



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

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery:	\$254.50	Parish:	\$350.00
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. 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 Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
26 th & 27 th May	The Most Holy Trinity (Year B): Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 ~ Romans 8:14-17 ~ Matthew 28:16-20			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Tim Bennett	Marty Forbes	Kate Bennett	Mowing: Maurice Mahar & Brian Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Sandra Miller & Bert Jarvis	Julie Dargan Family	Judith Hodgson & Denise Marshall	

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.

Spreading Joy: Young Adult Gathering

A new series of informal gatherings for young adults (18-30yo) in the Ballarat area, an opportunity to socialise and talk: short

presentation from a guest speaker and Q&A. Friday 25th May, from 6pm, Lake View Hotel, no charge: More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎: 5337 7160.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers. Registration for the May/June study cycle is open until 18 May. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Amanda 5337 7125 or e: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

LITURGIES			
Thur 17 th May	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 19 th May	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 20 th May	Gordon	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	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)			

Go out to the world and teach the Gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15

Anniversaries

Iala Wise, Albert Jarvis, Keith Holmes, Nell Wise, Jack Murphy, Alice Carey, Angela Teuma, Lillian Cullinan, Bill Deveraux, Tom Owens, James McDermott, Bryan Frawley, Fr Bill Moroney, Jack Mahar

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

Message From Fr Sam

It was a great experience for me to stay with you all in Gordon and Bungaree. I send my regards to all. Your hospitality and friendship will always be cherished. I will remember you all in my prayers. Regards, Sam

Blessing for Mothers

Loving God,
as a mother gives live and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless our mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we may always honour them,
and that they may be led one day to eternal life with you.
Amen.



Welcome

Welcome to Violet & Fergus Toohey (children of Chantelle & Michael), Lola Suckling (daughter of Olivia & Cameron), and Ruby Plover (daughter of Kate & Clinton), who at Mass this weekend are beginning their preparation for baptism at St. Michael's, Springbank. We assure them and their families 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 this Sunday. **Collectors please take note.**

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.

WYD 2019 Pilgrimage to Panama – update!

WYD Pilgrimage to Panama for 18-35yo. Let us know if you are interested. ☎: 5337 7125 Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Pope Francis: The Call to Holiness in Today's World

[14] ... We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves ... [16] This holiness to which the Lord calls us will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbour and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step ... [17] At times, life presents great challenges ... At other times, we need only find a more perfect way of doing what we are already doing ... When Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn van Thuân was imprisoned, he refused to waste time waiting for the day he would be set free. Instead, he chose "to live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love". He decided: "I will seize the occasions that present themselves every day; I will accomplish ordinary actions in an extraordinary way" ... [23] This is a powerful summons to all of us. We too need to see the entirety of our lives as a mission. Try to do so by listening to God in prayer and recognizing the signs that are given to us. Always ask the Spirit what Jesus expects from us at every moment of our lives and in every decision we must make, so as to discern its place in the mission we have received. Allow the Spirit to forge in us the personal mystery that can reflect Jesus Christ in today's world.

[77] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." Hunger and thirst are intense experiences, since they involve basic needs and our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come. We can cooperate to make that possible, even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts ... [79] True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. While it is true that the word "justice" can be a synonym for faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, if we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the orphan, plead for the widow" (Is 1:17). Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: that is holiness.

(from *Gaudete et exsultate* www.vatican.va)

Liturgy Formation 2018

Ararat Sun June 24; 10.30am Mass with Bishop Paul, 12 noon formation program. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au