

The Most Holy Trinity (Year B) 26th & 27th 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

✉ 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: \$236.60
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$2,585.00	Year to date: \$44,885.05

An update from the Vicar General

Following on from last week's message, Vin Dillon and Sue Daly have met with Bishop Paul and are in the process of creating an action plan for the review of the Gordon Parish. In a few weeks time they will be making contact with the Parish Council, the Parish Finance Committee and communities associated with the Gordon Parish. I and Amanda Smith, Diocesan Pastoral Services Consultant, had a combined meeting with the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee this week. Every best wish, Fr Kevin Maloney.

St Patrick's Presbytery Update

The process of subdividing the land to allow the presbytery to have a separate title is dragging on with the Moorabool shire and Central Highlands Water sequentially requesting additional

information. It is hoped that no further information is required and the approval of the subdivision is forth coming.

Three Real Estate firms have inspected the property and have submitted marketing presentations for the sale of the presbytery. Quotes have been received for the erection of a boundary fence between the church and the presbytery. It is proposed that when the conditions of the planning permit are known work can commence on the septic fields, separation of utility services, erection of fencing, general clean up to enhance the presentation for market and the appointment of a Real Estate agent to handle the marketing and sale of the property.

Help wanted!

Would you like to welcome people to Sunday liturgies at St Brigid's, Ballan? This role could be shared between multiple people. If you are interested please speak with Ken Hillier.

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: \$236.50	Parish: \$395.00
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Confirmation and First Eucharist

Information Night for parents of children celebrating Confirmation and First Eucharist this year (Year 3 or above)

~ Tuesday 5th June, 7.30pm: Bungaree Parish Centre

Children enrol for the preparation program

~ Sunday 10th June, 10.30am: St Michael's, Bungaree

~ Saturday 16th June, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown



Retreat Day

~ Tuesday 14th August: Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

~ Saturday 18th August, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

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
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 Maher
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	
2 nd & 3 rd June	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Year B): Exodus 24:3-8 ~ Hebrews 9:11-15 ~ Mark 14:12-16,22-26			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Helen & Bridget Spratling	Spratling Family	Winnie Leonard	Charlie & Meg
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Helen Blazek	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Lloyd Lamb & Bert Jarvis	
9 th & 10 th June	10 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Genesis 3:9-15 ~ 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 ~ Mark 3:20-35			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Molly Ronan	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Amanda & Olivia Elliott	P Ryan	N Jeffrey / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Lloyd Lamb	Binks Family	Winnie Zammit & Patricia Binks	

LITURGIES			
Thur 31 st May	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 1 st June	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 2 nd June	Dunnstow	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 3 rd June	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
Sat 6.30pm	Dunnstow	Springbank	Dunnstow	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 Deaths

Peter Donohue, Marg Cahir

Anniversaries

Barry Wise, Jean Bourke, Jim Wheelahan, Molly O'Neil, John Egan, James Terris, Nick Cassar, Heather Marlsen, Kevin Dowsley, Winnie Flynn, William Jones, Tom White Snr, George Pearse, Barry Wise, Tommy White, Frank Brennan

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

Annual Mass Count

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

Week 1:	Springbank: 79	Bungaree: 41	Ballan: 125
Week 2:	Dunnstow: 52	Gordon: 42	Ballan: 118

Baptisms

Congratulations to Violet & Fergus Toohey (children of Chantelle & Michael), Lola Suckling (daughter of Olivia & Cameron), Ruby Plover (daughter of Kate & Clinton), Ruby Miles (daughter of Lucinda & Damien) and Genevieve Prendergast (daughter of Melinda & Ben), who are being baptised this weekend; and to Kiara & Bridget Grigg (daughters of Kate & Stuart), who are preparing for baptism. We welcome these children into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

A service provided by the St Vincent de Paul Society to assist low income earners in the Ballarat region to purchase essential goods and services up to the value of \$1500. Currently require volunteers to assist in running this service, Thurs 9am-1pm fortnightly. No experience required. More info: contact Richard Francis ☎: 5331 3907

Save the dates - Diocesan Youth Festivals!

Ballarat Diocese is holding 3 x day-long Festivals called **Joy+** for youth and young adults 15-30yo. Sundays 5 Aug, 2 Sept, 25 Nov. Free! This is an initiative for the Year of Youth - *Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy!* More details:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or e: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Liturgy Formation 2018

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

Listen to what the Spirit is saying

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at



Plenary Council 2020

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this time?" Find out more and register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.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 exultate* www.vatican.va)