



## 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](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: \$221.90
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$1,446.00	<b>Year to date:</b> \$47,706.65

### Update from the Vicar General

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee recently met with the Vicar General Fr Kevin Maloney and Amanda Smith from diocesan pastoral services to discuss practical issues about the parish during this time when there are no appointed coordinators. It was a positive meeting with very helpful discussion. The following arrangements were confirmed: Fr Gary Jones continues as Supervising Priest of the Parish (and also as priest for funerals), Fr Shane Mackinlay continues as Visiting Priest on weekends. Regular operations of the Parish continue through the work of the various ministry teams and the Parish Secretary Natasha. The parish phone and email are very regularly checked by her and she forwards queries to the appropriate person. The Parish Finance committee and the Parish Pastoral Council through their Chairs Anita Lidgett and Dan Toohey will support both Natasha and the ongoing regular work of the parish, including communications with parishioners. Thank you to all involved.

The Commission Project Team, Sue Daly and Vin Dillon, are currently finalising details of the timeline and process. Information will be available next week.

~ Fr Kevin Maloney, Vicar General

### Volunteer Needed Gordon Parish Safeguarding Officer

The Parish needs a volunteer to fill the role of Safeguarding Officer. The role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer is to provide support, advice and information on all matters concerning the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in the parish. Training in safeguarding and child protection will be provided. The appointee will require a Working with Children Check Card and a Police Check. The position is voluntary and is supported by the Coordinator for Professional Standards. The position does not require a person to undertake investigations. The appointment is for a period of two years. This position needs to be filled as a matter of urgency as per the Parishes under the Victorian Safeguarding legislation that came into effect at the start of 2017. If you are interested in the position please contact the Parish Office for a position description or it is also available on the Parish Website.

### 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 - June

St Michael's 8th, St Brigid's 15th & St Patrick's 22nd.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Brigid Sims Caz Craggill	Ann Micallef Georgina Wight Monica Eastwood	Anita Maher Cathy Hanrahan



## 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  
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> \$177.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$350.00
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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 5<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm: Bungaree Parish Centre

**Children enrol** for the preparation program

~ Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am: St Michael's, Bungaree

~ Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

### Retreat Day

~ Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August: Bungaree Parish Centre

**Celebration** of Confirmation and First Eucharist

~ Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

LITURGIES			
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Jun	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	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

Jean Bourke, Fran Clifford, Edna Quinlan, Georg Dimech, Paula Scott, Leo Tuddenham, Brian Foley, Kristen Canty, Elizabeth Nunn, Daniel Greene, Myrtle Fuller

### 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, concluding this Sunday. **Collectors please take note.**

<b>Week 1:</b>	Springbank: 79	Bungaree: 41	Ballan: 125
<b>Week 2:</b>	Dunnstown: 52	Gordon: 42	Ballan: 118
<b>Week 3:</b>	Clarkes Hill: 40	Gordon: 38	Ballan: 117

### No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

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. Volunteers needed to assist, Thurs 9am-1pm fortnightly. No experience required. Info: Richard Francis ☎ 5331 3907

### Evening Prayer at the Cathedral

Five seminarians from Corpus Christi will be having Evening Prayer in the Cathedral on Monday, June 18, 6.30pm. All welcome.

### Liturgy Formation 2018

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

### 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or e: [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10 <sup>th</sup> 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	
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> June	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Ezekiel 17:22-24 ~ 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 ~ Mark 4:26-34			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Rachael Peterken & Children	Peterken Family	Fran Peterkin	Madalyn & Emma
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Marie Conroy & Michael Winter	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Wytkamp & Anne Eskdale	Leon and Pat Burvill	Mullane & Simone Foder	



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 27

### 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 this time?" Find out more and register for updates: [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### Report on Australian Catholic Youth Festival

We attended this festival in Sydney last December. It has been held every second year since 2013 and has grown exponentially, giving a great opportunity to encounter and celebrate the vitality of the church today. Activities included discussions on social issues of today, such as global warming and sustainability, challenging the sexualisation of society, and being more productive in our own lives; live music, games, as well as the time and space to reflect on what God's plan is for each of us, and how we can continue to live out our faith in a concrete and courageous way. There was an incredible sense of unity as people smiled, laughed and stopped for a chat. The overwhelming feelings of support through the contact of so many other young Catholics was inspiring. Some of the highlights of our experience include the quiet, prayerful moments during the plenary sessions, the adoration, and the final mass at the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Our group has a renewed sense that God is worth living for, as well as being more aware of the temptations we each face every day. The feeling is both encouraging and inspiring, and was made greater by a keen interest in all the contemporary issues covered at the event. The experience also helped us to reconnect with our faith, as well as what it means to be Catholic in today's society, having the courage to stand up and say what we believe in, and to trust in God.

~ Dorothy, Matthew and Jonathan Hall: St Brigid's, Ballan