

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 ~ Parish Pastoral Council: Dan Toohey (Chair), Christine Hall (Secretary),

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Bridget Sims, Mick Winter, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford

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, Funerals and Maintenance, 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

St. Patrick's Primary School

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:

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$200.00 | Parish: \$69.08 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$2,502.10 | 2018/19 Year to Date: \$2,654.70 |
| Total 2017/18: \$67,169.90 | | |

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

We are currently progressing the first stage of a 3 stage process. This Stage involves a review of our past Coordinator structure. Parishioners are now invited to finalise responses to our first survey (yellow paper), which has been available at church entrances for the last 2 weeks, seeking your views on 'What has worked well in our parish structure over the past 5 years?' The second theme for this retrospective component of the Commission is 'What challenges have we encountered over the past 5 years?' New blue forms are now available for parishioners to respond to this theme. Please see the information sheets and survey forms at the entrance to each church for more detail on how you can contribute. Future work will focus on exploration of potential options for the future governance structure of the parish and discernment of a preferred structure based on a consultation process with the parish community.

Parish Bulletin Via Email

If any Parishioners would like to receive the Bulletin via email

please contact parish secretary ☎: 5368 9280 or 0423 217 556

Volunteer Needed Gordon Parish Safeguarding Officer

Thank you to Lin Bowers for taking on the role as the Parish Safeguarding Officer. Lin is here to provide support, advice and information on all matters concerning the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in the parish.

RCIA Coordinator

Sister Kathleen is stepping down from RCIA Coordinator. We thank her for all the work she has done. The position is now available, if you are interested please contact Parish Secretary.

eConference: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

see over page for full details.

People interested in joining a local group for this are asked to contact Kathleen Moran ☎: 0438 812 449 with names and phone numbers. Venue will depend on numbers interested.

Coming Events & Meetings

- 19th August children's mass Gordon

Church Cleaning – August

St Michael's 10th, St Brigid's 17th & St Patrick's 24th.

| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
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| Marie Shanahan Anne Eskdale | Therese Winter Sue Petherick Debbie Goldie | Natalie Toohey Loretta Toohey |



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 las weekend

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| Presbytery: \$260.60 | Parish: \$529.00 |
| Annual Pope Collection: \$148.00 | |

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.

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Eight children from our parish are preparing with their families for Confirmation and First Eucharist: Emma Dash, Jonah Hall, Thomas Howard, Casey Leonard, Tierney Leonard, Frankie Macdonald, Tess Rafter, Bethany Toose. We assure them and their families of our prayerful support during this time of preparation.

Retreat Day

~ Tuesday 14th August: Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist ~ Saturday 18th August, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

Week 3 ~ Called by the Spirit: The Spirit in my life

- The Church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit on the feast of Pentecost
- There are many people who are filled with the Spirit and live their lives full of joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
- The Holy Spirit is present in the Church today and helps us to live as Jesus did
- The Rite of Confirmation involves renewal of Baptism promises, laying on of hands, anointing with chrism and a sign of peace



Parish Leadership Team

Meeting: Tuesday 7 August, 7.30pm

| LITURGIES | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|--------------|
| Tues 24 th July | Bungaree | 9.00am | Mass |
| Thur 26 th Jul | Ballan | 10.00am | Prayer Group |
| Sat 28 th Jul | Springbank | 6.30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 29 th Jul | Bungaree | 8.45am | |
| | Ballan | 10.30am | |

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| 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:

Marie McEldrew

Anniversaries

Margaret Maher, John Fuller, Angus Finlayson, Mary Flynn, Robert McGiffin, Carmen Buttigieg, Joe D'Arcy, Marie Britt, Patrick Maher, James Glenane, Ted Ryan, Margaret Maher, Tim Devereux, Kevin Leonard

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

Welcome back Fr Shane

We welcome Fr Shane back from his annual holidays. We hope you enjoyed a well-earned break, and we thank Fr Tom Brophy for celebrating masses with us during this time.

The National Redress Scheme

The Federal Government's redress scheme commences 1 July 2018. The Catholic Diocese of Ballarat, through the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference, has committed to participate in the scheme as another avenue of support for people who have experienced institutional child sexual abuse. People wishing to find out more and/or pursue support under the redress scheme can visit the Australian Government's Department of Social Services website www.dss.gov.au/redress or call the National Redress Information Line on 1800 146 713. I would like to confirm that any payments by our Diocese under the redress scheme will be paid from Diocesan resources, and not from the resources of parishes. Parish funds and assets belong to the local parish communities. They are a valuable resource for local communities and assist in fulfilling the mission of the Church at a local level. Andrew Jirik, Diocesan Business Manager.

eConference: Listening to the Spirit and Leading Change

The 14th National eConference will focus on engaging Australian communities in discussion around the future vision & direction for the Catholic Church. Participate at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Wed 8th August, 10am-3pm. BYO lunch. Info: <https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/111/event/217/synodality-in-practice-listening-to-the-spirit-and-leading-change>

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

Plenary Council Gathering

Notice of a gathering with Melbourne based "Catholics for Renewal" to discuss the 2020 Plenary Council called by the Catholic Bishops of Australia. Three members of the group will be in attendance. Sunday, July 29 at St Patrick's Cathedral Mackillop & Glowrey Rooms, Lyons St. 1.30pm-3.30pm. Parishioners of the Ballarat region and beyond are urged/encouraged to come to this important event.

Catholic Theological College Intensive Study Options Now Available

- Saturday Intensives: x 6. Meditation units or Ageing units.
- Weekend Intensives: x 3. Liturgy and Sacraments unit.

Audit and Credit options available. Enquiries: Mr Jude Caspersz (Registrar), ph. 9412 3309 or email ctc@ctc.edu.au

Grief to Grace - Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 - 31, 2019. To request an application contact Anne, email info@griegtograceaus.org.au or ph. 0478599241. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset: your marriage! No group sharing. Melbourne, 7pm Fri - 5pm Sun: 17-19 August, 9-11 November. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info: Andre & Maria ☎ 0411 225 992 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

Retreat for Bungaree and Gordon Parishes

Fr. John McKinnon has agreed to run a two day retreat at Donegan's Farm on 24 & 25 October, 9.15am-3.15pm. Further details later. If interested please contact Kathleen Moran ☎: 0438 812 449

| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 21 st & 22 nd July | 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Jeremiah 23:1-6 ~ Ephesians 2:13-18 ~ Mark 6:30-34 | | | |
| Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm | Tim Bennett | Joan Powell | Tim Bennett | Mowing: Andrew Miller-Schmetzer |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Beth Calleja & Michael McCarthy | Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright | Carmel Mahar | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Helen Blazek & Marie Shanahan | Julie Dargan Family | Bert Jarvis & Cathy Mullane | |
| 28 th & 29 th July | 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): 2 Kings 4:42-44 ~ Ephesians 4:1-6 ~ John 6:1-15 | | | |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm | Volunteer Required | Mark Hanrahan Family | Donna Simpson | |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am | Amanda & Olivia Elliott | F Hanrahan | D Ryan / M Frawley | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Lloyd Lamb & Marie Wytkamp | James & Alison Eskdale Family | Denise Marshall & Patricia Binks | |
| 4 th & 5 th Aug | 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Exodus 16:2-4 ~ Ephesians 4:17 ~ John 6:24-35 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Dominic & Liam Hanrahan | Dom Hanrahan Family | Dorothy Sheehan | Joshua & Will |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Joan Bourke & Eily Carey | Maria & Bernadette Donegan | Pat Barry | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Anne Eskdale & Angela Carr | Binks Family | Bert Jarvis & Winnie Zammit | |