

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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015
Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
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: \$167.55 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$144.00 | Year to date: \$5,047.45 |

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

Initial work for the Commission 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 3 weeks, seeking your views on 'What has worked well in our parish structure over the past 5 years?' The deadline for this theme is 5th August. The second theme for this retrospective component of the Commission is 'What challenges have we encountered over the past 5 years?' Blue forms are now available for parishioners to respond to this theme. Please see the white 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.

St Patrick's Presbytery Update

As reported previously 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. We have now received advice from CHW of their conditions to be included on the planning permit; this has been forwarded to council. In a follow up on 19th July council advised the permit should be available the following week. It is yet to be received.

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

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

- Sunday 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
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280
Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

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| Presbytery: \$181.50 | Parish: \$420.00 |
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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 5 ~ Jesus Present: Remember, share, give thanks

- When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is present in:
 - The community that gathers
 - The Word that is proclaimed
 - The consecrated bread and wine
 - The priest who presides



Parish Leadership Team

Meeting: this Tuesday 7 August, 7.30pm

| LITURGIES | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------|----------------------------|
| Tues 7 th Aug | Clarkes Hill | 9.00am | St Mary's School Feast Day |
| Thur 9 th Aug | Ballan | 10.00am | Prayer Group |
| Sat 11 th Aug | Springbank | 6.30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 12 th Aug | 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 | 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) | | | | |



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

Anniversaries

Celie Mullane, Eily Mahoney, Sam Galea, Joseph Barbara, Con Clifford, Sylvia Finlayson, Mary Lee, James Donegan, George Hamm, Anne & John Field, Frank Graham, Patrick McDermott, Rene Hanrahan, Marie Therese Leonard, Kath Jeffrey Bill McGuire, Leo Kelly, Sr Lawrence, Tom Parkin

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

Welcome to Hazel May Sheehan (daughter of Courtney and Luke), who is being baptised this weekend at St Brendan's Dunnstown, and to Jim Timothy Ryan, who is preparing for baptism. We assure them and their families of our prayers and support



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Madalyn May Bethune (2013), Emma Rose Bethune (2013), Billy Samuel Britt (2015), Baz Anthony Fitzpatrick (2015), Zahlia April Pearce (2016).

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

Feast of St Mary MacKillop (8 August)

Mary MacKillop Today is the new flagship ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph. It focuses on building dignity through education, health, financial inclusion and livelihoods. By partnering with local communities, organisations and groups, it brings dignity to thousands of children, women and families in Australia and throughout the world. Donation envelopes available today or via www.marymackilloptoday.org.au

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>

Plenary Council 2020. Phase 1: Listen and Dialogue

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?" Questions for individuals or groups (until Ash Wednesday 2019):

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Submit responses, get more information, and register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Three New Parishes

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has announced three new parishes, formed by joining groups of neighbouring parishes that have already been working together and sharing a parish priest. The priests who have been caring for these regions will continue to do so. This is the fruit of several years of consultation, with detailed proposals developed by local priests and parishioners over the past few months, and will make it easier for the local communities to share the tasks involved in pastoral care and parish administration. The new parishes are:

- Saint Mary MacKillop Parish, Western Border (Casterton, Coleraine, Edenhope, Hamilton, Harrow). Parish Priest: Fr Patrick Mugavin; Assistant Priest: Fr John Corrigan
- Holy Family Parish, Northeast Mallee (Swan Hill, Sea Lake, Boort). Parish Priest: Fr Matthew Thomas
- Mary Glowrey Parish, East Wimmera (Birchip, Charlton, Donald, St Arnaud, Wycheproof, Quambatook, Lalbert). Parish Priest: Fr Eugene McKinnon; Assistant: Fr Peter Jose

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

Sharing the Word

An eLibrary of Catholic resources, made available with the support of Catholic Mission Australia. <http://sharingtheword.info>

Our Diocesan Community

Latest edition available at church door

| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
|---|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 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 | |
| 11 th & 12 th Aug | 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): 1 King 19:4-8 ~ Ephesians 4:30 - 5:2 ~ John 6:41-51 | | | |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm | David Toohey & Family | Brendan Simpson Family | Julie Toohey | |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am | Julie & Sophie Boyd | P Elliott | M Elliott / S Ryan | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Julie Dargan & Lin Bowers | Leon and Pat Burvill | Winnie Zammit & Simone Foder | |
| 18 th & 19 th Aug | 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Proverbs 9:1-6 ~ Ephesians 5:15-20 ~ John 6:51-58 | | | |
| Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm | Confirmation families | | Trish Ryan | Lilli & Sam |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Josie Donegan & Shane Carey | Gary & Margaret McTigue | Marie Conroy | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Mark Conlan & Sandra Miller | Helen and Anthony Blazek | Helen Conlan & Lorraine Tipple | |