

## 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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)

St. Patrick's Primary School

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:

|                       |                      |                                    |
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| <b>Loose</b>          | Presbytery: \$200.00 | Parish: \$135.25                   |
| <b>Planned Giving</b> | Envelopes: \$463.45  | <b>Year to date:</b><br>\$6,191.65 |

### Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

The second phase of work for the Commission involves identification of potential options for the future management of our Parish. Theme 1 responses (Yellow Form) on 'What has worked well in our parish structure over the past 5 years?' are now being collated – please submit outstanding yellow forms this weekend. The second theme for this 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. This week we begin considering potential options for the future governance structure of the parish and invite your input using the new Green forms available at church entrances. We welcome your input to the Commission which is vital for a successful outcome.

### 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.

### Coming Events & Meetings

- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August: Children's Mass, Gordon



### Church Cleaning – August

St Michael's 10<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 17<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 24<sup>th</sup>.

| BALLAN                         | GORDON   | SPRINGBANK                       |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Marie Shanahan<br>Anne Eskdale | Therese Winter<br>Sue Petherick<br>Debbie Goldie | Natalie Toohey<br>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](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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| <b>Presbytery:</b> \$279.60 | <b>Parish:</b> \$949.00 |
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### Confirmation and First Eucharist

Seven children from our parish are preparing with their families for Confirmation and First Eucharist: Emma Dash, 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 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

### Week 6 ~ Called and Sent Out: Remember, share, give thanks

- Jesus calls his disciples to a life of love and service
- We are called to live out the Eucharist by loving and serving God and others as Jesus showed us
- We can deepen our relationship with Jesus in prayer, listening to the Word of God and putting it into practice



### 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 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Bungaree  | 9.00am  | Mass                         |
| Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Dunnstown | 9.15am  | Mass: The Assumption of Mary |
| Thur 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug | Ballan    | 10.00am | Prayer Group                 |
| Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Dunnstown | 6.30pm  | Sunday Mass                  |
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug  | Gordon    | 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              | 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) |                        |                        |                        |

### Anniversaries

Nina Cassar, John Graham, John McCormack, Thomas Clifford, George Dusa, Peter Davies, Merle Blyiard, Michael Ronan, Jim Conroy, Joseph Camilleri, William Gleeson, Lorraine Polkinghorne, Margaret Britt, Thomas Torpy, Ken Ludbrook, Margaret Spence

### 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

### Our Diocesan Community

Latest edition available at church door

### Welcome

Welcome to Makayla Charli Abela (daughter of Nicole and William), who at Mass this weekend is beginning her preparation for baptism at St. Brigid's, Ballan. We assure her and her family 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.**

### Volunteer butcher needed in PNG



Palms Australia is a Catholic organisation that arranges placements to support church communities overseas. Right now, a butcher is needed in Madang, PNG. Info: Christine ☎ 02 9560 5333. More

opportunities: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

### 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](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au)

### 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](http://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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) or [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

### Sharing the Word

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

|   | READER/INTERCESSIONS   | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS            | COMMUNION MINISTER             | ALTAR SERVERS      |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug | 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug | 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 |                    |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Aug | 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 ~ Ephesians 5:21-32 ~ John 6:60-69 |                                  |                                |                    |
| Clarks Hill ~ 6.30pm                    | Marty Forbes   | Helen Moran                      | Marty Forbes                   | Mowing: John Moran |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am                         | Michael Winter   | Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield | Eddie Davies                   |                    |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am                        | Winnie Zammit & Bert Jarvis  | Mary and Des Conroy              | Judith Hodgson & Angela Carr   |                    |