

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:

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$167.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$165.00	Year to date: \$6,543.70

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

The Commission's consultation with parish community members continues. Please see the white information sheets and the coloured survey forms at the entrance to each church for more details. Blue forms are still available for parishioners to respond to the theme 'What challenges have we encountered over the past 5 years?' A new theme is now open for feedback via green forms. These ask for your thoughts about the future structure and management of our Parish. 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.

Gordon Yearly Cemetery Mass

Mass will be held on Sunday November 18th at the Gordon Cemetery 11.00am. Please bring a chair. Mass at Ballan will be held at 8.45am and there will be no mass at St Patrick's church. Weather permitting.

Our Diocesan Community

Latest edition available at church door

Church Cleaning – August

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

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



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 last weekend

Presbytery: \$184.00	Parish: \$540.00
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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

Seven children from our parish are celebrating confirmation and receiving communion for the first time this Saturday evening at St Brendan's, Dunnstown: Emma Dash, Thomas Howard, Casey Leonard, Tierney Leonard, Frankie Macdonald, Tess Rafter, Bethany Toose. We assure them and their families of our support and congratulations. Thanks to their families, who have been preparing with them, and especially to Sue Prendergast, who has coordinated the program and led the retreat day.



Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 30th October, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. The Assembly will focus on gathering input for the Plenary Council 2020.

Parish Leadership Team Vacancies

Thanks to Leah Hanrahan and Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, who will be completing their 3-year term as members of the Parish Leadership Team in October. New representatives will be needed for Bungaree and Clarkes Hill (representatives will need to apply for Police check and Working with children check). If interested, please speak with one of the PLT: Fr Shane, Tim Bennett, Karen Cahir, Lisa Elliott, Leah Hanrahan, Chris Kavanagh, Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, Di Reynolds, Damian Ryan.

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LITURGIES			
Tues 21 st Aug	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 23 rd Aug	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 25 th Aug	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 26 th Aug	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	



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

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

Velia Mcfall, William Nunn, Kathleen Ledwidge, Brian O'Regan, Con Toohey, Patricia Ryan, Therese Johnson, Maureen Everard, Maureen Mahar, Rita Powell, David Griffiths, Stan Slater, Bill Nunn, Martin Gleeson, Jim Caddy, Frank Kennedy, Emma Squire, Elsie Butler

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 Matilda Ellen Lily Stuart (daughter of Michelle and Stuart), 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.

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

Sharing the Word

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

Social Justice Support Survey

The purpose of this short survey is to find out what you want and need for learning about and living out social justice. Yes or No answers to 12 statements. To complete the survey go to <https://goo.gl/forms/LSaONqXBRCmljwv1>

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership - many subjects available – 5 weeks per subject. New subjects include *The Mass*, *Survey of Catholic Social Teaching*, and *Islam*. Next study cycle starts September 2, contact Amanda by August 20 ☎: 5337 7125. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.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

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

Joy Spreading in Ballarat - Stacey Atkins special guest!

An opportunity for young Catholic adults (18-30yo) to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Friday, September 14, 6.30pm – 9.00pm, Lake View Hotel. Free event. This is a Year of Youth initiative - *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎: 5337 7125.

Compassion Walk

Sunday, September 16, 10:30am-1pm. Participate in activities as you walk around the lake and enjoy food and entertainment. Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=404489>
 Email for more info: compassionwalk.ballarat@gmail.com

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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		
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Sandra Miller	Helen and Anthony Blazek	Helen Conlan & Lorraine Tipple	
25 th & 26 th Aug	21 st 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	
1 st & 2 nd Sept	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 ~ Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mick McKay	Nick McKay Family	Margaret Leonard	Isla & Paddy
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford	Pat Barry & Eily Carey		
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Helen Blazek	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Lloyd Lamb & Cathy Mullane	