



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.

St Patrick's Presbytery Update

A planning Permit has been received from the Moorabool Shire for the subdivision of St Patrick's presbytery. The conditions placed on the permit by Central Highland Water and the Shire will take time to satisfy; some of which will take some months to comply with.

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.

Mass at Gordon Cemetery

Sunday 18th November, 11am. Please bring a chair. Mass at Ballan will be held at 8.45am (no mass at St Patrick's church). Weather permitting.



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: \$504.40	Parish: \$350.00
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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.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 11th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to other people who may be interested.

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.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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			
Clarkes 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	
8 th & 9 th Sept	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Isaiah 35:4-7 ~ James 2:1-5 ~ Mark 7:31-37			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	C Frawley	A Elliott / Leah Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Lloyd Lamb	Bridget Sims Family	Patricia Binks & Denise Marshall	

LITURGIES			
Thur 30 th Aug	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 1 st Sept	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 2 nd Sept	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

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



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

Recent Deaths

Stephen Randle, Leda Cheswick

Anniversaries

Molly O'Loughlin, Malcolm McKenzie, Rita Fuller, Jack Mahoney, Peter Cefai, Rammy Sapuri, Tom McTigue, Sylvia Fisher, Dorothy O'Donohue, Elizabeth McDermott, Frank Cass

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 Makayla Charli Abela (daughter of Nicole & William) and Cohen John Pearce (son of Brooke & Chase), who are being baptised this weekend, and to Henry Arthur Montano (son of Claire & Sam), who is preparing for baptism. We welcome Makayla, Cohen and Henry into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.

Sharing the Word

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

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

Annual Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests – next weekend



Creating a secure retirement future for the priests of the diocese is a duty and care in which we can all participate. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by the Ballarat Clergy Support Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly \$1.8 million since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$50,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Joy Spreading (Ballarat)

Stacey Atkins is the guest speaker at the next Joy Spreading event for young adults (18–30 y.o.). Friday 14th Sept, 6.30–9.00pm, Lake View Hotel, free. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Our Diocesan Community

Latest edition available at church door

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

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating migrants and refugees

Pope Francis' Message:

Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Mt 25:35-43). The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future. This solidarity must be concretely expressed at every stage of the migratory experience – from departure through journey to arrival and return. This is a great responsibility, which the Church intends to share with all believers and men and women of good will, who are called to respond to the many challenges of contemporary migration with generosity, promptness, wisdom and foresight. In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that "our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate" ...

Welcoming means, above all, offering broader options for migrants and refugees to enter destination countries safely and legally. ... **Protecting** may be understood as a series of steps intended to defend the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees, independent of their legal status. ... **Promoting** essentially means a determined effort to ensure that all migrants and refugees – as well as the communities which welcome them – are empowered to achieve their potential as human beings, in all the dimensions which constitute the humanity intended by the Creator ... Many migrants and refugees have abilities which must be appropriately recognised and valued. ... I encourage a determined effort to promote the social and professional inclusion of migrants and refugees, guaranteeing for all – including those seeking asylum – the possibility of employment, language instruction and active citizenship ... The family's integrity must always be promoted, supporting family reunifications – including grandparents, grandchildren and siblings – independent of financial requirements. ... **Integrating** concerns the opportunities for intercultural enrichment brought about by the presence of migrants and refugees.

(full text: www.vatican.va)