

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)

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals and Maintenance: contact Parish Secretary ~ Safeguarding Officer: Lin Bowers

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: \$250.00	Parish: \$122.40
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$825.00	Year to date:
Retired Priests (to date):	\$372.00	\$12,819.65

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

We have taken a staged approach to gather your views on specific themes relating to our parish structure. Many thanks to everyone who has provided their input to this process. Forms remain available for *Looking to our future what are you worried about?* (September 1st - September 30th). Future work will focus on options for our future governance structure. A consultation process with the parish community to discern a preferred structure will be convened at a **Parish Meeting on Sunday 21st October at Donegan's Farm from 5pm with wood-fired pizza to follow.**

Save the date Donations for drought relief

The St Patricks Parish will be holding morning tea after masses at Springbank 13th October, Ballan 14th October and Gordon to be advised.

Retreat at Donegan's Farm

Fr. John McKinnon will be director of a two-day retreat at Donegan's Farm, 24-25 October. Info: church foyer or ☎ 0438 812 449

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.*

Anointing Mass

Thursday 11th October, 10.00am Gordon church. If anyone requires a home visit contact Maria Donegan ☎: 0406 241 240 or Marie Conroy ☎: 0412 662 834

Church Cleaning – September

St Michael's 7th, St Brigid's 14th & St Patrick's 21nd

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Winnie Zammit	Margaret McTigue Maree Toohey	Julie Toohey Molly Ronan



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:	\$186.00	Parish:	\$379.00
Retired Priests (to date):	\$735.00		

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.

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
29 th & 30 th Sept	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Numbers 11:25-29 ~ James 5:1-6 ~ Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Darren Rix	Barry Jeffrey	M Frawley / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan	Binks Family	Denise Marshall & Helen Conlan	
6 th & 7 th Oct	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B): Genesis 22:18-24 ~ Hebrews 2:9-11 ~ Mark 10:2-16			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Liz Hanrahan	Fran Peterkin	Kiely, Rose & Tierney
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Kim Newman Family	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Winnie Zammit	Leon and Pat Burvill	Angela Carr & Lloyd Lamb	

LITURGIES			
Thur 4 th Oct	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 29 th Sept	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 30 th Sept	Bungaree	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	
Thurs 11 th Oct	Gordon	10.00am	Anointing Mass & Home visits

	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)			

Anniversaries

Jim Field, Thomas Davis, Des Shanahan, Mary Wheelahan, Cornelius Mahar, Maureen Mullane, Josie Tudor, Sr. Patsy Ford (SRM), Marguerite Eddy, Eileen Frawley, Frank Quinlan, Allan Smith, Ethan Seccull, Maureen O'Donohue, Joseph Rice

We offer our prayerful support for the sick

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 to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Tom Brophy, who is celebrating Masses this weekend, while Fr Shane attends a conference in Sydney.

Sabbatical for Fr Shane

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has approved study leave for Fr Shane from March to June next year. For most of this time, Fr Brian Glasheen (former parish priest of Bacchus Marsh) will be celebrating weekend masses. Other arrangements are still being finalised.

Enrolment for Year 7, 2020

St Patrick's College:

Wed October 17, 7.30pm. Information followed by College Tour, supper, Q&A with teachers. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/XKXV
Info: Kathryn Mundy kmundy@stpats.vic.edu.au

Loreto College:

- Open Days: 9.00am-12.00pm Wed Oct 17, Tues Feb 5
- Info Evening: Monday, October 22, 7.00pm
- Applications close: 7th February, 2019
- Monthly Tours: ☎: 5329 6184 or 5329 6100 or email: registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au. Info: www.loreto.vic.edu.au

"A Mission for Life" presented by Fr Richard Leonard

Hosted by Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 29-31 Oct. Topics: "Going out into the world we need all the help we can get", "Nine steps to making better choices for my life" and "Where the hell is God - Holding on to Faith through the tough times." More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Centacare Housing Service

Long-term affordable community housing options for people on low incomes aged 18+. An affordable alternative to public housing and private rental accommodation. For more info: <https://www.centacareballarat.org.au/services/housing/>

Joy+ Youth Festival!

Joy+ Youth Festival for 15-30yo. Sunday 25 November, Ballarat 2.00pm - 8.00pm. Fantastic music with Genevieve Bryant and her band, special guests and Bishop Paul. Free event, lunch included. Registrations and info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Gatherings with Plenary Council Facilitator

Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Plenary Council Preparation Team, will discuss the process of Listening and Dialogue that is now open to hear the voices of all who wish to respond. Lana will also talk about the overall 3-year process of



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'

preparing for the Plenary Council 2020 and answer any questions. Glowrey-MacKillop Hall, Cathedral precinct: Wed 10 Oct, 7pm OR Thur 11 Oct, 10am. Info ☎ 5337 7125.

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

Bishops' Social Justice Statement 2018

'A Place to Call Home: Making a Home for Everyone in our Land'

More than 116,000 Australians are homeless – something unacceptable for a rich and well-resourced nation like ours. Yet these people are only the tip of the iceberg: welfare agencies report growing numbers of families and individuals struggling to meet the cost of mortgages or rents and turning to specialist housing services, which are often unable to meet demand. House prices and even rents are spiralling out of reach of too many families and placing huge financial stress on ordinary people, even when they are employed. For those living on pensions or allowances, finding secure housing can be a far greater challenge – one that often takes a terrible toll on social wellbeing and mental health.

The Statement draws on the example of people who have gone out of their way to assist those in great need, of agencies and charities of the Church that have provided shelter, safety and care, and of Pope Francis, who himself has reached out to people on the streets of Rome and reminded us forcefully of the rights of those experiencing homelessness around the world.

The Bishops consider the extent of our housing crisis and Australia's falling rates of home ownership. They focus especially on those in our society who are most vulnerable to housing insecurity and homelessness. Safe and secure housing is a human right, recognised by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It is the inherent dignity of each person that urges us on to confront the growing challenge of homelessness and housing insecurity in Australia.

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Many subjects available – 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle begins October 21, contact us by October 12. ☎: 5337 7125 or email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au