

First Sunday of Advent (Year C) 1st & 2nd December, 2018



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: \$269.15
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$294.00	Year to date: \$21,387.00

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

We have commenced discussion on the following four options: reinstating the Coordinator model, establishing a single Parish Leadership team (including designated roles), appointing a pastoral associate and establishing a shared priest model. The first three options retain a Supervising Priest role. We will be providing more detail on each of these options for further consideration by the parish in the coming weeks.

Columban Calendars 2019

Available for purchase in church foyers \$9.00 each



Parish Christmas Dinner

Monday 10th December, 6.30pm at Donegan's Farm. Three course meal \$25.00pp. Bookings can be made directly with Josie 0438 689 448

Christmas Cheer

Sherry & cake following 8.45am Mass at St Patrick's, Gordon on Sunday December 16. All welcome.

Caring Group

Should you require assistance with transport to parish events contact Marie Shanahan 5368 7255 or Helen Ryan 5368 9314.

Church Cleaning – December

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Tiffany Forde Family	Michelle Barnes Bianca Flint	Kath O'Neil Louise O'Neil



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: \$197.40	Parish: \$380.00
Retired Priests (to date): \$925.00	

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.

Parish Leadership Team Vacancies

Thanks to Leah Hanrahan and Andrew Miller-Schmetzer, who completed their 3-year term as members of the Parish Leadership Team in October. Maurice Mahar has agreed to be the new representative for Clarkes Hill; a new representative will also be needed for Bungaree (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.

Advent Anointing Mass

Anointing for sick, and for frail elderly: Dunnstown, This Tuesday (4th Dec), 9.00am

Advent Penitential Service

Bungaree, Tuesday 18th Dec, 7.30pm. Please bring unwrapped gift of food or toys to be distributed by St Vincent de Paul.

Pre-Christmas Bungaree Church Cleaning

Wed 5th December, 7pm. Jobs for both men and women; new cleaners very welcome. Many hands will make light work!

Bungaree Liturgy Rosters 2019

New volunteers welcome for 2019 rosters, which will be distributed prior to Christmas. For liturgy rosters, contact Leah Hanrahan ☎ 0411 859 544 or lg3@optusnet.com.au For cleaning roster (requires free working with children check), contact Debbie Ryan ☎ 5334 0224 or ryandjr@bigpond.com

End of Year Celebrations

Port and Christmas cake to mark the final Masses of the year:

- Bungaree: Sunday 9 December
- Dunnstown: Saturday 15 December
- Clarkes Hill: Saturday 22 December



LITURGIES			
Tues 4 th Dec	Bungaree	9.00am	Anointing Mass
Thurs 6 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 8 th Dec	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 9 th Dec	Bungaree	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	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)				

Recent Death

James (Jimmy) Simpson

Anniversaries

Maisie Frawley, Peter Quinlan, Maurice Torpy, Maureen Frawley, Ron Devlin, John Senserrick, Bill Mahar

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, Patrick Hodgson

Sabbatical for Fr Shane

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has approved study leave for Fr Shane from March to June next year. Fr Brian Glasheen (retired parish priest of Bacchus Marsh) will be celebrating most weekend masses, with occasional assistance from St Patrick's Cathedral. Fr Gary Jones will be available during the week if needed.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Ashlee McPhee and Ryan Van Egmond, who were married this Saturday in St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

Baptism

Welcome to Isla Kate & Evelyn Lorraine Carey (daughters of Kristin & Tim) and Henry Alexander & Rose Victoria Cain (children of Louise & Peter), who are being baptised this weekend in Gordon; and to Oliver Charles Dalton (son of Aliesha & Daniel), who is preparing for baptism in Ballan. We welcome Isla, Evelyn, Henry, Rose and Oliver into our faith community, and assure them and their families of our prayers and support.



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Leon Harry Sheehan (2014), Benjamin Michael Prendergast (2015).

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

Free Advent Resources from St Columban Mission Society

"Pathways: Hope for the Journey." Download from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | [Services & Agencies](#) | [Faith Formation](#)



FIRST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve:	Clarks Hill	6.00pm
	Springbank	6.00pm
	Gordon	8.00pm
	Ballan	8.00pm
	Bungaree	10.00pm
Christmas Day:	Dunnstown	9.30am



Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service (Diocese of Broome)

Urgently wanted: Volunteer Workers in Balgo and La Grange / Bidadanga to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. Info: Anneliese Rohr ☎ 08 9192 1060 or volunteers@broomedioocese.org or www.broomedioocese.org

Palms Australia



Palms is a Catholic Lay Mission Association. Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours,

Palms Australia guided by Palms mission volunteers

Enrolment for Year 7, 2020

St Patrick's College:

Enrolments close 7th December, 2018. For prospectus, contact Kathryn Mundy ☎ 5322 4449 or kmundy@stpats.vic.edu.au

Loreto College www.loreto.vic.edu.au

- Open Day: Tues 5th February, 9am–12pm
- Applications close: 7th February 2019
- Monthly Tours: ☎ 5329 6184 or registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
1 st & 2 nd Dec	First Sunday of Advent (Year C): Jeramiah 33:14-16 ~ 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 ~ Luke 21:25-28,34-36			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Chris Leonard & Chris O'Loughlin	Chris Leonard Family	Trish Ryan	Cody & Thomas
Gordon ~ 8.45	Kerryn Taylor & Bambi Afford	Debbie Goldie & Caron Whitefield	Volunteer Required	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Angela Carr & Winnie Zammit	Mary and Des Conroy	Judith Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	
8 th & 9 th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent (Year C): Baruch 5:1-9 ~ Phil 1:4-6,8-11 ~ Luke 3:1-6			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Volunteer Needed	Brendan Simpson Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	D Rix	M Elliott / L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Rosemary Canavan	Lorraine DeSpirit and Vikki Boka	Winnie Zammit & Angela Carr	
15 th & 16 th Dec	Third Sunday of Advent (Year C): Zeph 3:14-18 ~ Phil 4:4-7 ~ Luke 3:10-18			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Katrina Griffiths	Katrina Griffiths Family	Margaret Leonard	Joshua & Matilda
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Volunteer Required	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Bridget Sims Family	Bert Jarvis & Cathy Mullane	