

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C) 8th & 9th 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: \$162.55
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$228.70	Year to date: \$21,888.25

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.

St Patrick's Presbytery Update

Works have commenced with the installation of a package treatment plant and the connection of water mains to the presbytery. There is a substantial amount of earthworks with trenching on the east, north and west side of the presbytery being undertaken to pick up all the connections for the existing services. When this is completed the boundary fence will be erected. We are still waiting on Powercor for the separation of the power supplies.

Columban Calendars 2019

Available for purchase in church foyers \$9.00 each

Budget for 2018/19

Budget has been approved by the PFC if anybody is interested in viewing 2018/2019 budget please contact Natasha at Parish Office.

Choir Practice

In preparation for Christmas Celebrations. Tuesday 18th December, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Church.

Parish Christmas Dinner

Monday 10 December, 6.30pm, Donegan's Farm. 3 course meal \$25pp. Drinks @ bar prices. Book with Josie ☎: 0438 689 448

Christmas Cheer

Sherry & cake following masses:

- 8.45am St Patrick's, Gordon: Sunday 16th December
- 10.30am St Brigid's, Ballan: Sunday 23rd December

90th Birthday Salutations

Congratulation to Judy Toohey, a life-long parishioner, who will celebrate her 90th birthday on 16th December. We wish her a very happy birthday.

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: \$296.00	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.

Parish Leadership Team Appointments

Thanks to Maurice Mahar (Clarkes Hill) and to Mick & Laura Steenhuis (Bungaree), who will represent their communities on the Parish Leadership Team over the coming three years.

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.

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			
Wed 12 th Dec	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	School End of Year Mass
Thurs 13 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
	Dunnstown	6.30pm	School End of Year Mass
Sat 15 th Dec	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 16 th Dec	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)			



Anniversaries

Margaret Clifford, Margaret Fuller, Ronald Graham, Brian Shanahan, Jeanette Delbridge, Margaret Toohey, John McCarthy, Raymond Butler, Jessie Robinson, Fred Begbie, Anne-Maree Block

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.

Baptism

Congratulations to Oliver Charles Dalton (son of Alisha & Daniel), who is being baptised this weekend in Gordon. We welcome Oliver into our faith community, and assure him and his family 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.**

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, guided by Palms mission volunteers



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



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](#)

xt3 Advent Calendar App

The FREE 2018 xt3 Advent Calendar App and Website are available. Go to: <http://www.xt3.com/apps/2018/advent.php> to download.

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. Sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership - many subjects available – 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle begins 20th January. Register by 9th January ☎: 5337 7125. More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or email: amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Enrolment for Year 7, 2020

Loreto College www.loreto.vic.edu.au

- Open Day: Tues 5th February, 2019 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
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	
22 nd & 23 rd Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C): Micah 5:1-4 ~ Hebrews 10:5-10 ~ Luke 1:39-44			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Julie Moran	Jill Prendergast	Julie Moran	Mowing: Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Volunteer Required	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Sandra Miller	Julie Dargan Family	Denise Marshall & Helen Colan	