

Third of Advent (Year C) 15th & 16th 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: \$221.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$927.00	Year to date: \$22,705.00

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

We recently met with Andrew Jirik (Business Manager for the Diocese of Ballarat) to explore costing data for each of 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. Andrew will be providing us more detail in the coming weeks. We will be taking a break over the Christmas period and look forward to working with the parish community to progress the work of the Commission in the New Year. In the mean time we wish you a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Columban Calendars 2019

Available for purchase in church foyers \$9.00 each

National Prayer of Sorrow and Promise

Mercy Place Chapel, Ballarat East, 16 December, 5pm. The Catholic Religious of Australia encourage people of the Diocese to join them in prayer for those who have been abused, their families, and communities. All welcome. Enquiries: 0407820622 or 0419575419

Choir Practice

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

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: \$167.00	Parish: \$470.00
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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.

Ministries at Advent and Christmas Liturgies

Volunteers are needed for ministries at Penitential Service and Christmas Masses. Please fill in the sheet at the Church door.

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.

End of Year Celebrations

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

- Dunnstown: Saturday 15 December
- Clarkes Hill: Saturday 22 December



LITURGIES			
Tues 18 th Dec	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
	Bungaree	7.30pm	Penitential Service
Thurs 20 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 22 nd Dec	Clarkes Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 23 rd 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

Ronald Graham, Roma Barry, Brian Barry, Sheila Gregory, Pleasance Conroy, Marie Graham, Anne Griffin, Monica McDermott, Fr Daniel Devane, Eileen Elliott, Fr Stephen O'Rourke

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.

Christmas Offerings

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

A collection will be taken up after communion at Christmas Masses for the Bishop's annual Christmas Appeal, which is one way by which our Diocese can respond to the many people and communities around the world who turn to us for assistance each year. In many cases, these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the Diocese of Ballarat or who are in regions that are linked with our country. Our response is a practical demonstration of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.

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 Faith Formation: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | [Services & Agencies](#)

xt3 Advent Calendar App

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

Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Breakfast for men of all ages, Craig's Royal Hotel, Thurs 21st Feb. Hosted by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR, guest speaker former leading radio executive, Shane Healy. Info: Chris Liston ☎ 0437 318 251 or chris.listo2@gmail.com

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: sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership – 5 weeks/subject. Next study cycle begins 20th Jan. RSVP 9th Jan: ☎ 5337 7125. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
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	
Christmas Masses:	Volunteers required for ministries			
29 th & 30 th Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph (Year C): 1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28 ~ 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 ~ Luke 2:41-52			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey & Family	Greg McAloon	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Amanda & Olivia Elliott	Frank Hanrahan	L Jeffrey / M Frawley	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Wytkamp & Mark Conlan	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Simone Foder & Lorraine Tipple	