



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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015
Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au
www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au

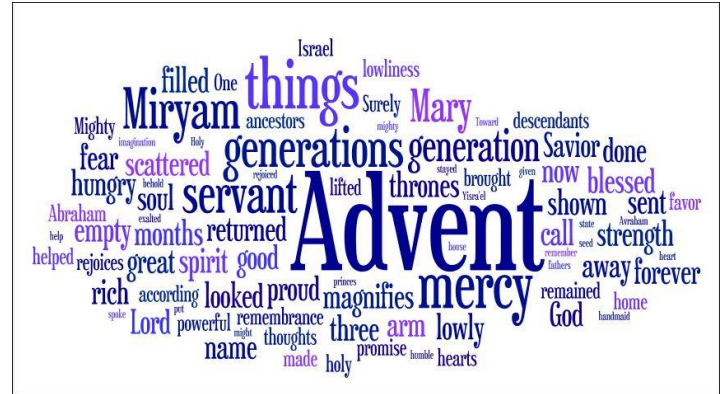
Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$167.00
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$220.00	Year to date: \$24,557.50
Christmas offerings (to date): \$200.00		

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

Christmas Cheer

Sherry & cake following masses:

- 10.30am St Brigid's, Ballan: Sunday 23rd December

Church Cleaning – January

St Michael's 11th, St Brigid's 18th & St Patrick's 25th.

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Anne Mullane Helen Conlan Sue Conlan	Kate Carey Eily Carey Leisa Carey	Molloy Ronan Julie Toohey



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
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280
Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au
www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery: \$298.00	Parish: \$404.00
Christmas offerings (to date): \$50.00	

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 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 Christmas Masses. Please fill in the sheet at the Church door.

End of Year Celebrations

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

- Clarkes Hill: Saturday 22 December



LITURGIES			
Thurs 27 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 29 th Dec	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 30 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	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

Jack Geary, James Toohey, Eddie Mullane, Bill Winter, Charlie Mangion, Joe Mangion, Ted Mulcahy, Michael Conroy, Annie Prendergast, Roy Tynan, Victoria Everett, Gerald Leonard, Catherine Hanrahan, Neil O'Loughlin, Kevin Jones

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, Palms Australia guided by Palms mission volunteers. Timor Leste Apr 7-19 / Sep 1-13; Samoa Jun 7-19; Myanmar Nov 16-28. Info: www.palms.org.au/encounters

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



Pope Francis and World Day of Peace – 1 January 2019

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace is that politics must be at the service of peace. Join the world in praying for peace on January 1. www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

World Youth Day in your Parish

The next World Youth Day is Sunday, January 27, 2019 in Panama City. Live stream of Vigil with Pope Francis will be available on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry pages of the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

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
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	
5 th & 6 th Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord ZZ Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Volunteers are required over this holiday period			
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Beth Calleja & Michael Winter	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Monica Eastwood	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Angela Carr	Leon and Pat Burvill	Patricia Banks & Judith Hodgson	