

The Nativity of the Lord (Year C) 24th & 25th 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
St. Patrick's Primary School

Principal: Ms Gabrielle Driscoll ☎ 5368 1015

www.sballan.catholic.edu.au

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: \$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

Church Cleaning – January

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

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



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

www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

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.

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



Bishop's Christmas Appeal

Funds from last year's appeal were distributed as follows:

Catholic Education in Myanmar	\$5,000
Caritas Australia	\$5,000
Catholic Mission	\$5,000
Coast FM Mackillop Family Services Christmas Appeal	\$3,000
3BA Christmas Appeal	\$3,000
Nazareth House Ballarat	\$3,000
The Soup Bus (Ontrack Foundation)	\$3,000
Opening the Doors Foundation	\$5,000
Food Bank Victoria	\$5,000
Buy a Bale – Victoria	\$5,000
St Columban's Mission Society	\$5,000
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans	\$2,000
Exodus Community, Wendouree	\$2,000
Total:	\$51,000



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, Gerald Leonard, Catherine Hanrahan, Neil O'Loughlin, Kevin Jones, Fr Patrick Culligan, John Thomas

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

Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Rupert Bowd, who is celebrating Christmas Eve Masses at Springbank and Gordon.

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.

Papal Midnight Mass from St Peter's Rome

Broadcast on ABC1: Christmas Day, 9.30am.

Thanks

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

Diocesan eNews

Subscribe to the diocesan eNews service to receive a fortnightly email with news, photos and information from around the diocese: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | News & Events | e-News

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/>

Plenary Council 2020 - Hearing your Voice

Welcome to everyone gathering to celebrate the joy of Christmas. The Catholic Church is currently asking people to share their thoughts about future directions. All are invited to reflect on and respond to the question "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" as part of preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council 2020. Submit responses, more info, register for updates at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Villa Maria Catholic Homes

Aged care, affordable housing, retirement living, home care, disability and specialist education for more than 7,000 people across Victoria. We celebrate the life of individuals and their communities in their physical, social and spiritual wellbeing. Info: ☎ 1800 036 377 or www.vmch.com.au

Vinnies' Assist a Student

Education is the key to enabling an individual to support themselves, their families and their communities independently in the future. \$70 provides an education sponsorship to train and educate a student in one of our partner countries for a year (primary, secondary or post-secondary). You will be informed of the student's name, country and course of study. Administration costs funded by Vinnies, so 100% of your donation goes towards the student's education needs. www.vinnies.org.au/aas

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

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

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.

