

## 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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)

Principal: Mrs Bambi Afford ☎ 5368 9495

[www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

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

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200	Parish: \$86.60
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes:	\$165.50
	Year to date:	\$29,385.20
<b>Christmas offerings (to date):</b>		\$1,010.90
<b>Bishop's Christmas Appeal:</b>		\$1,010.50
<b>Christmas Masses:</b>		\$1,011.00

### St Patrick's Presbytery Update

The new boundary fence has been completed and an Auction sign has been erected advising of the auction on 9<sup>th</sup> February. There will be open for inspections which will be advertised in the Courier and realestate.com.

### Parish of Gordon Commission Update-Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

We are now working towards a draft report which summarises the approach we have taken, presents key findings and explores the 4 potential options that have been identified:

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. This draft report will be distributed in early February for feedback from the parish community through the month of February. Based on the feedback received, we plan to prepare a final report for submission to Bishop Paul in March.

### Prayer Group

Will recommence Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10am

### Columban Calendars 2019

Available for purchase in church foyers \$9.00 each

### Church Cleaning - February

St Michael's 8<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 15<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 22<sup>nd</sup>

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Elaine Conlan	Beth Calleja	Eileen Haintz
Edith Paarhammer	Josie Donegan	Louise Haintz



## 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](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

[www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

### Collections last weekend

<b>Presbytery:</b>	\$252.00	<b>Parish:</b>	\$350.00
<b>Christmas Masses:</b>		\$1,434.30	
<b>Christmas offerings (to date):</b>		\$1,555.00	
<b>Bishop's Christmas Appeal:</b>		\$974.00	

### 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.

### 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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.

### Mountain of Fun Run ~ St Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. More info and Registrations at: [www.mountainoffunrun.com](http://www.mountainoffunrun.com)

### St Patrick's Day Irish Festival ~ Dunnstown Football Club

2-day Festival over the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March. Live music and Irish activities for all ages. Tickets and more info via Facebook: Dunnstown St Patrick's Day Irish Festival

### 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. Timor Leste Apr 7-19 / Sep 1-13; Samoa Jun 7-19; Myanmar Nov 16-28. Info: [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)



Palms Australia

LITURGIES			
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	
Thur 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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)			



Plenary Council 2020  
 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...'

### Anniversaries

John Ryan, Gerard Winter, Anthony Jarvis, Ron Spedding, Olive Andrews, Nina Cassar, Noel Quinlan, Catherine Torpy, Ross Peter, Ray Frawley, Frank Frawley, Greg Arnel, Margaret Maloney

### 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. 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

Thanks for your generous contributions to 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.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Clementine Lily and Henry William Murphy (children of Christopher & Alexandra), who are being baptised at St Brigid's Ballan this weekend. We welcome Clementine and Henry into our faith community, and assure them and their family of our prayers and support.

### A Prayer for young people

O God, we ask you  
 to guide and protect young people  
 Be with them, as they experience sickness and health,  
 sorrow and joy,  
 loneliness and friendship,  
 success and failure.  
 Gracious God,  
 give young people the courage and strength  
 to make the right decisions  
 as they journey through life.  
 With the help of the Holy Spirit,  
 may they come to know and experience your loving care.  
 We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Plenary Council 2020 – Hearing your Voice

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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

### Thirsting for God: Faith Seeking Understanding

Theology course led by Fr Barry Ryan and Sr Veronica Lawson. Five 2-hour sessions on faith commitment in the contemporary world (1–3pm or 7–9pm): Mercy Gathering Room, Gent St, Ballarat East; 14 Feb, 14 Mar, 11 Apr, 9 May, 6 Jun. RSVP 4 Feb with contact details (email & mobile) and afternoon/evening preference: Sr Veronica [veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au](mailto:veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) or SMS 0408 392 297. Donation: \$25. N.b., this is a new course, not a repeat of sessions held over the past 4 years.

### World Youth Day in your Parish

World Youth Day this Sunday 27 January. Live stream from Panama City of Vigil with Pope Francis will be available on the of the diocesan website Youth & Young Adult Ministry page: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### Catholic Man Breakfast Series

Breakfast for men of all ages, Craig's Royal Hotel, Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:chris.listo2@gmail.com)

### Joy Spreading with Bishop Paul

The next Joy Spreading event for young adults (18–30 y.o.) features Q&A with Bishop Paul Bird. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 6.30–8.30pm, Lakeview Ballarat. An opportunity for young adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Free entry. Info: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ☎ 5337 7125.

### Enrolment for Year 7, 2020

Loreto College [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au)

- Open Day: Tues 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 9am–12pm
- Applications close: 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2019
- Monthly Tours: ☎ 5329 6184 or [registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@loreto.vic.edu.au)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 ~ Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Dom Prendergast	Julie Moran	Tim Bennett	Mowing: Maurice Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Josie Donegan & Shane Carey	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Therese Winter	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Lloyd Lamb	Leon & Pat Burvill	Cathy Mullane & Denise Marshall	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 ~ Luke 4:21-30			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Hanrahan	Lisa O'Loughlin Family	Jennifer McKay	Cameron & Lyna
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Monica Eastwood & Mark Conroy	Brian & Kate Carey	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Sandra Miller & Marie Wytkamp	Mary & Des Conroy	Helen Conlan & Simone Foder	
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 61:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ~ Luke 5:1-11			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	Leah Hanrahan	S Ryan / E Clark	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Lin Bowers	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Lorraine Tipple & Patricia Binks	