



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

St. Patrick's Primary School

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: \$150.00	Parish: \$223.95
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$229.00	
	Year to date: \$32,133.00	

### 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.

### Sacramental Program 2019

Commencing Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 7.00pm St Brigid's School compulsory parent only meeting for children of the

parish in year 4 or above. Please contact parish office for further details or brochure can be viewed on parish website.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Black Saturday Fires

#### A Prayer of Blessing for Firefighters, Police Officers, Medical Workers, and All Who Serve Us in Times of Crisis

God of mercy, through your Son  
you gave us a marvellous example of charity.  
Send down your blessings on your servants,  
who so generously devote themselves to helping others.  
Grant them courage when they are afraid,  
wisdom when they must make quick decisions,  
strength when they are weary,  
and compassion in all their work.  
When the alarm sounds  
and they are called to aid both friend and stranger,  
let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 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> \$267.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$707.00
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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](http://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.

### Parish Leadership Team

Meeting: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

### 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 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)



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LITURGIES			
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dunnstown	9.10am	Opening Mass for Parish Schools
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ballan	2.00pm	School Mass
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	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...'

### Recent Deaths

Brigid White

### Anniversaries

John Trounce, John Ronan, Martin Molloy, Chris Maher, James Baynes, Laurie Wheelahan, Peter Bretherton, Frank Leonard, Patrick Mahar, Kathleen Rix, Betty Martin, Don Murphy

### 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.

### Baptism

Congratulations to Ruben Shaun Borg (son of Shaun and Melissa), who is being baptised at St. Brigid's, Ballan this weekend. We welcome Ruben 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: Billy Nellie Kate Cheeseman (2015) and Aiden Antonio Sarra (2016)

*Lord God, strengthen your Spirit in them,  
so they may walk in newness of life.*

### Clergy Appointments

- Fr Bill van de Camp will retire as Parish Priest of Koroit and Port Fairy after Easter 2019.
- The Redemptorist Congregation is sponsoring five newly ordained priests to work in our diocese during this year to give them further practical experience working in parish settings. They have been appointed to the parishes of Ballarat Cathedral, Redan, Maryborough, Ararat and Hamilton.

### Nazareth House Ballarat - Auxiliary Membership

Would like to contribute in supporting Nazareth House? Come and join us first Wednesday of each month at 1.30pm. More info contact Margaret ☎ 0419 003 415. *New members welcome.*

### 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)

### Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers and volunteers in parish and other ministries. Many subjects available, completed in 5 weeks. Next study cycle begins 10 March, RSVP by 25 Feb. Info: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ☎ 5337 7125

### 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 (18–30yo) features Q&A with Bishop Paul Bird. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 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.

### Damascus 2019 Class Reunions

Past students and staff of Damascus College and its foundation colleges, Sacred Heart, St Paul's and St Martin's in the Pines are invited to celebrate the following reunions:  
 Classes of 1969 Sun 24 Mar 12.30pm, 1979 Sat 23 Mar 2pm, 1989 Sat 16 Mar 2pm, 1999 Fri 15 Mar 6.30pm, 2009 Fri 22 Mar 6.30pm. Details and booking: [www.damascus.vic.edu.au/past-students-reunions-events](http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/past-students-reunions-events)

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Isaiah 61:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:11-11 ~ 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	
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 ~ Luke 6:17,20-26			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Meegan Jenkins	Jenkins Family	Dorothy Sheehan	Kiely, Rose & Tierney
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kerryn Taylor	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Angela Carr & Winnie Zammit	Bridget Sims Family	Judith Hodgson & Lloyd Lamb	
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 ~ Luke 6:17,20-26			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Con Powell	Joan Powell	Marty Forbes	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Michael & Therese Winter	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Rosemary Canavan	Julie Dargan Family	Angela Carr & Winnie Zammit	