

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) ~ 23rd & 24th February 2019



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

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: \$200.00	Parish: \$308.10
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$111.00	
	Year to date: \$33,209.60	

Presbytery Sale

Saturday 9th Feb the presbytery was sold at auction for \$790,000 which was in excess of market appraisals. Many are saddened and disappointed at the need for the sale but accept the reason and business case. The funds from the sale will be retained by the parish with the Catholic Development Fund. By diocesan policy the monies are only to be used for capital purposes, and will assist in funding some much needed works. The purchasers of the presbytery are an established local family from Gordon and parishioners of St Patrick's.

Parish of Gordon Commission Interim Report

The interim report is now available in each church. Vin Dillon and Sue Daly are seeking feedback, via the boxes in the church

foyers or email/post details in the report. A final community meeting to review all feedback and discern the parish communities preferred approach for our governance structure will be on Sunday 24th March at Donegans Farm, 5pm, followed by wood-fired pizza.

Mass Times change for Ballan Autumn Festival

To avoid parking issues for the Ballan festival, mass times will be swapped on Sunday 17th March: Ballan 8.45am; Gordon 10.30am.

World Day of Prayer

Prepared by committee from Slovenia Friday 1st March, 10am St Paul's Uniting Church, Inglis St. Ballan. All welcome.

Church Cleaning - February

St Michael's 8th, St Brigid's 15th & St Patrick's 22nd

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

St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown

Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604

www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend

Presbytery: \$281.60	Parish: \$584.00
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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.

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

Sunday 3rd March. More info and Registrations at: www.mountainoffunrun.com

St Patrick's Day Irish Festival ~ Dunnstown Football Club

2-day Festival over weekend of 16th & 17th March. Live music and Irish activities. Fun for all ages. U18 free entry. Info and Tickets at: www.dunnstownirishfestival.com.au or Facebook: Dunnstown St Patrick's Day Irish Festival

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
23 rd & 24 th 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	
2 nd & 3 rd Mar	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Sirach 27:4-7 ~ 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 ~ Luke 6:39-45			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Karen Cahir Family	Trish Ryan	Meg & Emma D
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Mark & Narelle Conroy family	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	James & Alison Eskdale Family	Bert Jarvis & Cathy Mullane	
9 th & 10 th Mar	First Sunday of Lent (Year C): Deuteronomy 26:4-10 ~ Romans 10:8-13 ~ Luke 4:1-13			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	Volunteer Required	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	D Ryan / J Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	James & Alison Eskdale & Family	Bert Jarvis & Cathy Mullane	

LITURGIES			
Tues 26 th Feb	Bungaree	9.00am	Mass
Thur 28 th Feb	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 2 nd Mar	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 3 rd Mar	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)			



Plenary Council 2020
 'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' 145:27

Anniversaries

Kevin McGuigan, Con Mctigue, Lil Wickson, Con Carey, William Rosenow, Bill Wheelahan, Tommy Simpson, Gert Cummins, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie, Harry Parkin, Kathleen Leonard, Jack O'Donohue, Maureen O'Halloran, Maureen O'Donohue

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.

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.

Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Program

New online short (3 weeks) subject: *Ministering in Times of Scandal and Division*. Begins 10 March. Cost \$55.00. Info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ Amanda 5337 7125 or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Invest in your most precious asset: your marriage! Couples and a priest present the weekend, with no group sharing. Based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Melbourne weekends: 29–31 Mar, 31 May – 2 Jun, 23–25 Aug, 15–17 Nov. 7pm Friday – 5pm Sunday. Accommodation & meals provided. Info: Mercy & James ☎ 0409 183 676 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au or www.wwme.org.au

World Day of Prayer – March 1

First Friday in March annually. Inspirational, international, intercultural and interdenominational day of prayer. Opportunities to participate:

- 2.00pm St Columba's Church, Ballarat North
- 7.00pm St Peter & Paul's Church, Buninyong:
- 7.00pm St Augustine's Church, Creswick
- March 14 10am Nazareth House

Nazareth House Ballarat – Auxiliary Membership

First Wednesday of each month 1.30pm. New members welcome. Info Margaret ☎ 0419 003 415.

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, 6 March, 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?

Bishop Paul has filmed a short video which can be viewed on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Latest edition of "Plenary Post" provides further information to assist participants <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/news/> Submit responses, get info and register for updates: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au Catholic School Parents Victoria are holding *Listening and Dialogue 2 Sessions* Wednesday February 27 at St Patrick's Cathedral Mary Glowrey Room. 1pm–2.30pm & 5pm– 6.30pm. All are welcome.

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



Palms Australia

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

Loreto College International Women's Day Breakfast

Guest speaker Danielle James (class of 1999) – co-founder and Director of Pipe Pro Directional Drilling. Friday 8 March, 7am Ballarat Golf Club <https://loreto.vic.edu.au/events-publications-media/loreto-event/>

Sacred Concert with David Parkes

Renowned international Irish singer and witness on the great mercy of Our Lord performing Thursday, 7 March, Nazareth House Chapel. Holy Mass 6.30pm, followed by Sacred Concert 7.00pm. All welcome.

Holy Hour for Vocations

Thursday, February 28, 7.00–8.00pm, concluding with Benediction, at Nazareth House Chapel. All welcome.