

Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) ~ 23rd & 24th March 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 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
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Collections last weekend

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

Loose	Presbytery: \$180.00	Parish: \$80.40
Planned Giving	Envelopes: \$870.00	Year to date: \$37,787.85

Parish of Gordon Commission Update – Sue Daly & Vin Dillon

Many thanks to everyone who has provided feedback on the Interim Report. We invite all members of the parish community to join us **this Sunday 24th March at Donegan's Farm from 5pm**, where we will review feedback on the Interim Report and collectively discern the key recommendations for our Parish leadership structure. This meeting will conclude the Commission consultation process. Following this meeting a final report summarising the communities views will be submitted to Bishop Paul. *The meeting will be followed by a Wood Fired Pizza evening!*

Parish Pastoral Council - Thankyou

A big thank you to Bridget Sims who has completed three years on the Parish Pastoral Council. Nominations are invited for a replacement representative for Ballan. Please contact Christine Hall ☎ 5368 7092.

Collection Counters

Any volunteers that would like to go on the roster for collection counting as a backup please contact parish office.

Lenten Program

Copies of the Wollongong Lenten Program which will be used for parish groups/individuals are available from Kathleen Moran, ☎ 0438 812 449, or rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au
 The Brisbane Lenten Program 2019 is now available as an App! Download from the App Store or on Google Play for Android™ devices for just \$1.99 (Search Lent 2019 Compassion)

Coming Events & Meeting

- Parish Leadership model interim report Sunday March 24th 5.00pm Donegan's Farm. Pizza dinner to follow
- Sacrament of Reconciliation offered at parish Lenten reconciliation service St Brigid's Ballan 7.00pm Thursday April 11th

Church Cleaning – March

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris & Cathy Mullane	Therese Winter Sue Patherick Debbie Goldie	Sharon Daly Sue Daly



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)

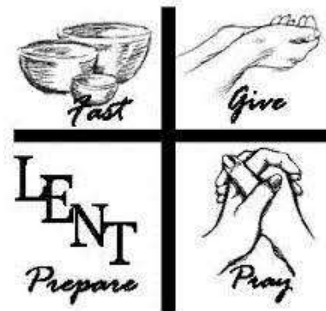
Parish Schools	St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown	Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280 Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604	www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au
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Collections last weekend

Presbytery: \$326.00	Parish: \$634.00
Project Compassion (to date): \$40.00	

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.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
23rd & 24th Mar	Third Sunday of Lent (Year C): Exodus 3:1-8,13-15 ~ 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 ~ Luke 13:1-9			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Helen Mahar	Helen Moran	Helen Moran	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Beth Calleja & Michael Winter	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Bert Jarvis	Mary and Des Conroy	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	
30th & 31st Mar	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C): Joshua 5:9-12 ~ Corinthians 5:17-21 ~ Luke 15:1-3,11-32			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Kath O'Neil	Peter Maher Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	D Rix	Frank Hanrahan	D Ryan / M Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & R Canavan	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Lloyd Lamb & Angela Carr	
6th & 7th April	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C): Isaiah 43:16-21 ~ Philippians 3:8-14 ~ John 8:1-11			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Peter Britt	Chris Leonard Family	Winnie Leonard	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Monica Eastwood	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	TBC	TBC	TBC	

LITURGIES			
Thur 28 th Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group @ Hostel
Sat 30 th Mar	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 31 st Mar	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

Emmanuel Muscat, Martin Spain, Tom Everard, Sarah Molloy, Fran Coen, Nellie Conroy, Kathleen McGiffin, Greg Slater, Eileen Sedunary, Mathew Cahir, Jim Flood, Ellen 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.

Welcome to Visiting Priest

Welcome to Fr Brian Glasheen who is celebrating parish masses this weekend, during Fr Shane's study leave (March-June). If a priest is needed during the week, please contact Fr Gary Jones ☎ 5301 8161.

Easter Mass Times

Thu 18 Apr	7.30pm	Bungaree	Holy Thursday Mass
Fri 19 Apr	3.00pm	Springbank	Good Friday Service
Sat 20 Apr	7.00pm	Gordon	Easter Vigil
Sun 21 Apr	8.45am	Dunnstown	Easter Sunday Mass
	10.30am	Ballan	

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.



Peter goes to a boarding school in the Solomon Islands which has experienced water shortages for 60 years. Previously, students would have to walk kilometres each day in search of clean water, which was particularly challenging for Peter who

is living with a disability. With Caritas Australia's support, the school has created a new reliable water system. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused by dirty water, Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with brighter future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Islands, providing hope for a brighter future: use boxes and envelopes, or online: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or ☎ 1800 024 413.

Get involved in Earth Hour.

Can you turn off the lights for one hour on Saturday 30 March at 8:30pm? Whether you're a school, business, community or individual, find out other ways you can take part in Earth Hour www.earthhour.org.au/get-involved

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

Buy Chocolates made without Slavery this Easter

A lot of chocolate is produced using child slavery. Make a difference and choose slavery-free chocolate this Easter. Find out more on the Youth & Young Adult Ministry page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

xt3 Lenten Calendar – online & free app

Each day of Lent there will be a new Lenten resource, a Lenten Challenge and daily Gospel reading. Online calendar and free app is now available at <http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3lent>

“Saving the Bishop” by Jordan Knottman

An action-adventure novel written specifically for Primary school students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Communion. The book combines adventure and theology; helping children to understand sacraments in a fun and exciting way. More info: <https://jordanknottman.com/>

Choir for Mass of the Oils Monday 15th April, 2019

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass. To register your interest contact Julie Boyd, Pastoral Ministry Office ☎ 5337 7159 or julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Plenary Council Update

With the *Listening and Dialogue* phase now complete, the National Centre for Pastoral Research will be conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received and will identify key themes that have emerged. In May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, Plenary Council Executive Committee and Facilitation Team will work together with National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment which will become the focus for the *Listening and Discernment* phase, beginning June 9, and will be the foundations for the Plenary Council agenda. One of the key aspects of the Plenary Council 2020 is prayer, please continue to pray the Plenary Council Prayer.

Holy Hour at Nazareth House Chapel

Holy Hour for Vocations, Thursday, March 28 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Concludes with Benediction. All welcome.

Historical Items Collection

The collection of historical items housed in the Ballarat Diocesan Archive is gradually becoming available to view online through at <https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisations/ballarat-diocesan-historical-commission#collection-records>