

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) ~ 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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 Finance Council** Anita Lidgett (Chair), Stephen Conroy (Secretary), Tony Lynch, Brendan Maher, Reg Haintz, Tony Paarhammer

**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: \$200	Parish: \$221.15
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes: \$361.00	
	Year to date: \$38,370.00	

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

Many thanks to everyone who participated in our Parish Meeting last Sunday at Donegan's Farm. This meeting concluded the consultation processes for the Commission and established that the communities preferred governance model involves a Lay Leadership structure with responsibility for pastoral matters managed by the Parish Pastoral Council and responsibility for financial matters managed by the Parish Finance Committee. The structure would continue to be supported by a Supervising Priest and the parish secretary. Participants also identified key strategies for enhancing how this model works. We are now working towards a final report which will be submitted to Bishop Paul in the coming weeks. Thank you to all who have contributed to the work of the Commission.

#### Collection Counters

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

#### Support Motor Neurone Disease Association

**Sonata Classics** Miranda Brockman – Cello, Donna Coleman – Piano, Ballan Mechanics' Institute Hall, **3pm Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**  
 Tickets \$25/\$15, Includes afternoon tea. Enquiries 0437 682 325  
 Online Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BAMIX>

#### Farewell

In Celebration of 35 Years in service we invite you to help us farewell Mrs Lin Bowers Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1.00pm Mass at St Brigid's Church Ballan followed by afternoon tea.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parish Lenten reconciliation service at St Brigid's Ballan, Thursday April 11, 7pm

#### Church Cleaning – April

St Michael's 12<sup>th</sup>, St Brigid's 18<sup>th</sup> & St Patrick's 23<sup>rd</sup>

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Lin Bowers	Margaret McTigue Maree Toohey	Kath O'Neil Louise O'Neil



### 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

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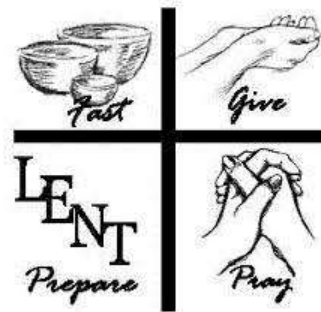
**Parish Schools**  
**St. Mary's School, Clarkes Hill** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 5280 [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Principal: Mr Chris Kavanagh ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

#### Collections last weekend

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$133.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$350.00
<b>Project Compassion (to date): \$40.00</b>	

#### 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.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>30<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C): Joshua 5:9-12 ~ Corinthians 5:17-21 ~ Luke 15:1-3,11-32</b>			
<b>Springbank ~ 6.30pm</b>	TBC	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
<b>Bungaree ~ 8.45am</b>	D Rix	Frank Hanrahan	D Ryan / M Elliott	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Winnie Zammit & R Canavan	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Lloyd Lamb & Angela Carr	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C): Isaiah 43:16-21 ~ Philippians 3:8-14 ~ John 8:1-11</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Peter Britt	Chris Leonard Family	Winnie Leonard	Cody, Josh & Thomas
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Joan Bourke & Eily Carey	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Monica Eastwood	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Lin Bowers & Sandra Miller	Mary & Des Conroy	Cathy Mullane & Lorraine Tipple	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday (Year C): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Luke 22:14-23:56</b>			
<b>Springbank ~ 6.30pm</b>	David Toohey & Family	Brendan Simpson Family	Julie Toohey	
<b>Bungaree ~ 8.45am</b>	Shelley Ryan	D Rix	A Elliott / M Frawley	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka	Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson	

LITURGIES			
Thur 4 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	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)			



### Anniversaries

Monica Hryncoyszyn, Monica Ramsey, Reg Haintz, Laurie O'Neil, Martin Wheelahan, Marie Dromey, Marie Leahy, Isabella Moran, Isabel Britt, Fr Thomas Linane

### 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 Justin Driscoll 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	

### Caritas Australia - Project Compassion



Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating

activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Michaela: use boxes and envelopes, or [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or Ph: 1800 024 413.

### Choir for Mass of the Oils Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group for this Mass. Contact Julie Boyd, Pastoral Ministry Office ☎ 5337 7159 or [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### 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>

### From the Vicar General's Newsletter

Recent weeks have been horrendous for our diocese. Some say the sentencing of George Pell is the worst thing to happen to the Catholic Church. I beg to differ; the worst thing for the Church was allowing paedophile clergy to operate after the fact. To save face for the institution at the expense of innocent children was inexcusable. With different leadership this would not have happened.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse reviewed the behaviour of all institutions from 1950-2010. It found 7% of Catholic clergy accused of child abuse and wide spread institutional cover-up. These findings, along with other disclosures, have led to nation-wide distrust of the Catholic hierarchy and the suspicion of clergy. Bishops weaved, ducked and failed to shoulder the responsibility for their actions. Victims and their families suffered. George Pell was certainly at the forefront of these activities as evidenced in his response to John Ellis in Sydney and the Foster family in Melbourne, whose two daughters were victims of the infamous Kevin O'Donnell. The Church's response to the victims was legalistic and inappropriate. For too long we did not believe victims. We argued with vocal victims and neglected the rest.

Today our diocese is part of the National Redress Scheme; we have procedures to respond to claims and professional standards policies; we have implemented child safety and reporting procedures; and responded to the Royal Commission's recommendations. The former Bishop Peter Connors and our present Bishop, Paul Bird, have overseen procedural changes and all bodies within the diocese strive to ensure the safety of children. As Vicar General I meet with victims and their families. I have seen the hurt they have suffered; I have also seen resilience, dignity and often, but not always, healing.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) used an ancient phrase to image the Church: "The people of God". This image sees the whole of the Church in communion and dialogue, and leadership with a strong sense of service. At the moment Church structures are still hierarchical. Vatican II asked bishops and clergy to be the shepherds of their communities. Decision making processes in the Church are still limited to a few, with transparency and inclusiveness not a strong suit. Decision making needs to be culturally sensitive and responsive to local need. For too long the Church has been perceived as critiquing western culture rather than in dialogue with it. Now that society has turned and its dialogue with the Church is devastating.

Many Church structures are based on historically cultural settings no longer relevant to our society. They may be seen as "catholic" but in today's milieu they are not perceived as relating to scripture and our foundational stories.

At present the Australian Catholic Church is undertaking a Plenary Council. This is the prime decision making body for the Australian church. The council is charged with giving direction and inspiration to the future of the church. Tens of thousands of responses have been received by the organising body. These responses are being processed and will form the agenda for the council. Once the themes for the 2020-2021 Council are established, the populace will be again encouraged to dialogue and present position papers to the council representatives. Australian Catholics need to get involved in this process because if we are to survive as a significant entity in the life of our country, things do need to change. **Fr Kevin Maloney**