

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) ~ 6th & 7th April 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
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:

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| Loose | Presbytery: \$200 | Parish: \$196.95 |
| Planned Giving | Envelopes: \$225.00 | Year to date: \$38,791.95 |

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.

Anointing Mass

Anointing Mass at Ballan 10.00am Thursday 11th April celebrated by Fr Tom Brophy. If Transport required please contact Ballan: Colleen Ryrie ☎ 5368 1170 Gordon or Springbank: Maria Donegan ☎ 0406 241 240. An Anointing Mass will be held at Gordon or Springbank Wednesday 1st May Further information to follow.

Community Celebration of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation at parish Lenten reconciliation service, St Brigid's Ballan 7.00pm Thursday April 11th

Church Cleaning – April

St Michael's 12th, St Brigid's 18th & St Patrick's 23rd

| BALLAN | GORDON | SPRINGBANK |
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| Lin Bowers | Monica Eastwood Ann Micallef Georgina Wright | 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
 ✉ 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

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| Presbytery: \$197.00 | Parish: \$385.00 |
| Project Compassion (to date): \$240.00 | |

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.

Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator

Bishop Paul is inviting applications from appropriately qualified and experienced persons for the position of Diocesan Pastoral Development Coordinator, to support the development of parish life, assist with pastoral planning and promote formation in faith for people throughout the diocese. This is a full-time one year contract position, with ongoing contract after review. More info: at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ☎ 5337 7121. Queries can be directed to the Vicar General, Fr Kevin Maloney, on 0419 305 848. Closing date for applications Friday 26 April 2019 at 5.00pm.

| | READER/INTERCESSIONS | PRESENTATION OF GIFTS | COMMUNION MINISTER | ALTAR SERVERS |
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| 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 | Cody, Josh & Thomas |
| Gordon ~ 8.45am | Joan Bourke & Eily Carey | Gary & Margaret McTigue | Monica Eastwood | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Lin Bowers & Sandra Miller | Mary & Des Conroy | Cathy Mullane & Lorraine Tipple | |
| 13th & 14th April | Palm Sunday (Year C): Isaiah 50:4-7 ~ Philippians 2:6-11 ~ Luke 22:14-23:56 | | | |
| Springbank ~ 6.30pm | David Toohey & Family | Brendan Simpson Family | Julie Toohey | |
| Bungaree ~ 8.45am | Shelley Ryan | D Rix | A Elliott / M Frawley | |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan | Lorraine DeSpirit & Vikki Boka | Patricia Binks & Judith Hodgson | |
| 20th & 21st April | | | | |
| Gordon ~ 7pm | As Requested | As Requested | As Requested | |
| Dunnstown ~ 8.45am | Volunteers required | Volunteers required | Volunteers required | Volunteers required |
| Ballan ~ 10.30am | Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan | Bridget Sims Family | Denise Marshall & Bert Jarvis | |

| LITURGIES | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|---------|----------------|
| Thur 11 th Apr | Ballan | 10.00am | Anointing Mass |
| Fri 12 th Apr | Bungaree | 10.00am | Mass |
| Sat 13 th Apr | Springbank | 6.30pm | Sunday Mass |
| Sun 14 th Apr | Bungaree | 8.45am | |
| | Ballan | 10.30am | |

| | 1 st Sunday | 2 nd Sunday | 3 rd Sunday | 4 th Sunday | 5 th Sunday |
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| 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

Antonio Zumba, Katerina Camilleri, Jack Toohey, Bill Molloy, Jill Fradd, Sr Maureen Connelly RSM, Sr Margaret Houlihan RSM, Mary Britt, Barbara Frawley, Andrew Sherry

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.

Volunteers for Holy Week and Easter Liturgies

If you are able to assist with the various ministries involved in these liturgies, please contact the liturgy coordinator in your community.

| Easter Mass Times | | | |
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| Mon 15 Apr | 6.30pm | Cathedral | Mass of the Oils |
| 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



Salma was just 18 years old, pregnant and fearful for her life and that of her unborn child, when she featured in Project Compassion 2013. In Bangladesh, maternal and infant mortality rates are tragically high. During her first pregnancy, Salma was very sick and in distress, she sought the help of a midwife trained by Caritas' Safe Motherhood Program. Six years on, she's now a

healthy mother of two strong, happy children. Salma is committed to giving her children the education they need to provide them with the future she hoped for. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help reduce infant mortality rates in countries like Bangladesh and provide hope to pregnant women in remote communities for happy and healthy families: use boxes and envelopes, or online: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or ☎ 1800 024 413.

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

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group for this Mass. Practice times are 6.30pm Monday, April 8 and 6.30pm Sunday, April 14 at the Cathedral. Please Contact Julie Boyd, Pastoral Ministry Office ☎ 5337 7159 or julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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