



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: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)

Shane Carey, Frank Simpson, Gabrielle Driscoll, Bambi Afford, Marie Shanahan

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, Dan Toohey, 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:

Loose	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$133.60
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$185.00
	Year to date:	\$7,365.35

Parish Pastoral Council Report

At the regular meeting recently, two new members, Marie Shanahan and Lin Bowers, attended representing Ballan. They were welcomed by Dan Toohey who also tendered his resignation from the PPC leaving a vacancy on the PPFC for a Springbank representative. Dan will take on a position on the Parish Finance Committee. In leaving, Dan wished to convey on behalf of the Council his sincere thanks and best wishes to Christine Hall who has retired as secretary due to ill health. The PPC also extends their thanks and appreciation to Dan for his work as Chair. Nominations for positions were declared. Mick Winter accepted the position of Chair and Lin Bowers was appointed Secretary. Discussion regarding the

appointment of Fr Shane and the flow on effects to the parish of Gordon took place. We wait to hear from Bishop Paul in due course what and how our future will be. Regarding the appointment of Fr Shane and his ordination as Bishop of Sandhurst, plans were discussed as to hiring a bus for parishioners who would like to attend. More details will follow, so watch this space. The next meeting of the PPC will be Monday October 7. Please forward any agenda items to the secretary by Monday, September 30. If you have any queries, please contact any members of the PPC.

Combined Farewell Celebration for Father Shane

Tickets are available at mass this weekend from Beth at Gordon or Judith at Ballan. Cost: \$22.00 Adult & \$10.00 child.

Church Cleaning - September

St Michael's 13th, St Brigid's 20th & St Patrick's 27th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Winnie Zammit Carole Barr	Beth Calleja Jodie Donegan	Julie Toohey Molly Ronan



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarks 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, Clarks 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:	\$158.00	Parish:	\$390.00
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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.

Parish Leadership Team

Meeting: Tuesday 10th September, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Confirmation and First Eucharist

Nine children are preparing with their families to be confirmed and receive communion for the first time. We assure them of

our support and prayers as they take this next step on the journey begun at their baptism: Sienna Cahir, Lola Card, Raffertie Dennis, Joshua Elliott, Oliver Elliott, Sophie Howard, Bonnie Macdonald, Kade McKay, Stella Slater.

Retreat Day

~ Tuesday 10th September: Bungaree Parish Centre

Celebration of Confirmation and First Eucharist

~ Saturday 14th September, 6.30pm: St Brendan's, Dunnstown

Week 5 ~ Jesus Present: Remember, share, give thanks

When we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus is present in:

- The community that gathers
- The Word that is proclaimed
- The consecrated bread and wine
- The priest who presides

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
31st Aug & 1st Sept	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29 ~ Hebrews 12:18-19 ~ Luke 14:1,7-14			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mick McKay	McKay Family	Trish White	Will & Cameron
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Therese Winter & Debbie Goldie	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan	Binks Family	Bert Jarvis & Lloyd Lamb	
8th & 9th Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Wisdom 9:13-18 ~ Philemon 9-10,12-17 ~ Luke 14:25-33			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Louise Haintz	Greg McAloon	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Terry Elliott	C Frawley	A Elliott / Leah Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Helen Blazek	Leon and Pat Burvill	Judith Hodgson & Simone Foder	

LITURGIES			
Thur 5 th Sept	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Sat 7 th Sept	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 8 th Sept	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)			



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 2:7

Recent Deaths

Tim Fischer, Patrick Keating

Anniversaries

Tom McTigue, Gerald Clifford, William Bourke, Kath Mulcahy, Alma Eastwood, Evelyn Nash, Kevin Reddie, Peg Shanahan, Peter Duffy, Eileen Prendergast, Evelyn Nash, Mary O'Loughlin, Noel Kelly, Katherine Maher

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, Jan Quinlan, Douglas Keating, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgson, Kevin Mullane, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Tom Hanrahan, Mike Hayward-Brown

Welcome

Welcome to Alice Anne Berens (daughter of Susannah and Steven), who at Mass this weekend is beginning her preparation for baptism at St. Patrick's, Gordon. We assure her and her family of our prayers and support.



Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Thomas Patrick Maher (2017), Henry Arthur Montano (2018), Jim Timothy Ryan (2018)

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

Catholic Women's League Social Afternoon

Speakers: John and Margaret Millington OAM. Free entry. Wed September 4, 1.30pm, Mary Glowrey Room, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall. Info: Carmel ☎ 0401 175 045 or annekav1234@gmail.com



Fr Shane's final weekend in our parishes will be on 5/6 October. The weekend prior to this (28/29 September), Fr Tom Brophy will celebrate Masses, while Fr Shane undertakes a retreat in preparation for his ordination.

Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has invited Fr Shane to return to the diocese and celebrate a Mass of thanksgiving after his episcopal ordination: St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat, Wednesday 13th November, 7.00pm, followed by supper.

Resident Priest: October – January

Bishop Paul has advised that Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR will be resident at St Michael's, Bungaree, providing sacramental ministry in Bungaree and Gordon parishes from 10th October 2019 to 13th January 2020. Bishop Paul is planning to write to

parishioners in the next week or so to elaborate on his plans for the parishes.

Combined Farewell Celebration for Father Shane

Sunday 15th September, 12.30 pm, Bungaree Community Centre. 2-course meal: adults \$22/children \$10. Tickets (cash or cheque): St Brendan's School, Dunnstown (Mon–Thurs); St Mary's School, Clarkes Hill (Tues–Fri); St Patrick's School, Gordon; St Brigid's School, Ballan; Parish Offices or after Mass. Info: Damian Ryan ryandjr@bigpond.com RSVP: Friday 6th Sept.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has announced the following appointments:

- Fr Peter Sherman has concluded his service in priestly ministry
- Administrator of Cathedral & Ballarat East: Fr Justin Driscoll
- Parish Priest of Redan, Sebastopol and Linton: Fr Kevin Maloney VG
- Parish Priest of Ballarat North, Wendouree and Beaufort: Fr Marcello Colasante

Plenary Council – National Themes for Discernment Announced

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is:

1. Missionary and Evangelising
2. Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
3. Prayerful and Eucharistic
4. Humble, Healing and Merciful
5. A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
6. Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform

The discernment process will involve establishing working groups for each National Theme. People in faith communities across Australia will be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters.

Plenary Council: Listening & Dialogue Stage Final Report

Listen to what the Spirit is saying, the final report of the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council. The report captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the 10-month process:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

Annual Appeal for Sick and Retired Priests

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund will conduct its annual appeal this weekend. Fifteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly \$1.9 million since its inception in 1991, including nearly \$47,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$33,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Contributions over \$2 are tax-deductible.

