

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) ~ 2nd & 3rd November, 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: Mick Winter (Chair), Lin Bowers (Secretary)

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

Supervising Priest: Fr Gary Jones. Visiting Priest: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR

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: \$187.65
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$174.00
	Year to date:	\$18,794.08

Maintenance Work from 28 Oct – 6 Nov 2019.

Due to Occupational Health and Safety issues the pathway/driveway to the front of St Patrick's church will be replaced. Please be aware of tripping hazards during this time.

Anointing Masses

Are currently being arranged leading up to Christmas. More information as dates are confirmed.

Parish Dinner

A tentative date has been set for December 9 at Donegan's Farm. More information to come when date is confirmed.

Plenary Council 2020 – "Listen to what the Spirit is saying....."

Last weekend a flyer regarding the six National Themes for Discernment was handed out in preparation for the meeting on Sunday, November 17. Please take time to reflect and consider one of the themes which could be relevant in the listening and discernment encounter, and return the tear off slip by November 10. A link to the web address is also printed which may assist. If you would like any more information, please see one of the leaders. This is a wonderful opportunity to have our voices heard.

Church Cleaning – November

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

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Patricia Binks Family	Ann Micallef Monica Eastwood	Sharon Daly Sue Daly



ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree

Priest in Residence: Fr Des FitzGerald CSsR ~ ☎ 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: \$230.00	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.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Sunday 10th November, 9.30am. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Please pass on information to other people who may be interested.

Parish Leadership Team and Parish Assembly

Meetings: Tuesday 12th November PLT 7.00pm; Assembly 7.30pm

Preparation for Reconciliation

Six children in our parish are preparing with their families to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time: Oscar Britt, Tara Carlson, Lucy Dash, Ahlia Sarra, Sullivan Toose and Patrick Rafter. We assure them of our prayers and support.

Retreat Day: Tuesday 26th November

Reconciliation: Tuesday 26th November, 5.30pm

Children in Year 6 or above are encouraged to reflect again on this sacrament by preparing for individual reconciliation, which they will be able to celebrate during Advent.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
2nd & 3rd November	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Wisdom 11:22-12:2 ~ 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 ~ Luke 19:1-10			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish & Nicole White	White Family	Margaret Leonard	Rose, Tierney & Lena
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Maria & Bernadette Donegan	Monica Eastwood	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lin Bowers & Sandra Miller	Leon & Pat Burvill	Cathy Mullane & Lorraine Tipple	
9th & 10th November	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): 2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14 ~ 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 ~ Luke 20:27-38			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Molly Ronan	Brendan Simpson Family	Donna Simpson	
Pootilla ~ 9.30am	N Jeffrey	C Frawley	N Jeffrey / A Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Anne Eskdale & Mark Conlan	Lorraine DeSpirit & Vicki Boka	Patricia Binks & Bert Jarvis	
16th & 17th November	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): Mal 3:19-20 ~ 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 ~ Luke 21:5-19			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Trish & Nicole White	White Family	Margaret Leonard	Rose, Tierney & Lyna
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Gary & Margaret McTigue	Joan Bourke	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan & Julie Dargan	Bridget Sims Family	Simone Foder & Lloyd Lamb	

LITURGIES			
Thur 7 th Nov	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 8 th Nov	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 9 th Nov	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 10 th Nov	Pootilla	9.30am	
	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 22

Anniversaries

Jack Molloy, John Ronan, Bart Fuller, Paul Wheelahan, Joseph Toohey, Grace Bartaska, Bob Conroy, Valerie Adams, William Kennedy, Lucy O'Donohue, Basil Britt, Daniel Jones and Danny Hanrahan

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 Hodgon, Kevin Mullane, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Tom Hanrahan, Mike Hayward-Brown.

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.

Music Group for Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the Ordination of Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass. Practice times are Sunday, November 3 and Sunday, November 10 at 6.15pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest ph: 5337 7159 or julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

RCIA Diocesan & State Conferences: "It takes a Village" Registrations Now Open

"It takes a village" is the theme of both the Diocesan and State RCIA conferences this year. The Diocesan Conference will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct Friday, November 15 5.30pm – 9.00pm followed by the State Conference Saturday, November 16 8.30am – 4.30pm. More info and to register: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Those attending the Diocesan Conference are welcome and encouraged to attend the State Conference.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome. 15-17 November. 7pm Friday - 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Info/Bookings: wwwme.org.au Ph: 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwwme.org.au

Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete

Saturday, November 16, 2019 at Mill Street, from 10.00am. Cake and produce stalls, plants, spinning wheel and raffles, morning tea, sausage sizzle, horse rides and much more. Contact Margaret, ph. 0419 003 415 for more information.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser

The House of Welcome Ballarat Annual Garden party. Sunday, November 24, 30 Waller Avenue, Newington at 2.00pm. Fun for all the family. Lorne Holiday drawn at 4.00pm. Entry \$20 adults, children free. For more information ph. 0401 175 045.

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**

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment – November:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

Jillian Hogbin and Felicity Knobel are facilitating Discernment gatherings in the Cathedral parish for each of the six themes of the Plenary Council, Sunday afternoons, 2.30pm– 4.30pm. The discernment process is a prayerful one, commencing with Scripture, silence, spiritual conversations and proposed actions.

Sunday November 17 - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is humble, healing and merciful

Sunday December 1 - How to be a Christ-centred Church that is inclusive, missionary & synodal

Plenary Council: Listening & Dialogue Stage Final Report

The report on the Listening and Dialogue stage captures the voices of the more than 222,000 people who shared their submissions, questions and stories of faith during the process: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

Loreto College Ballarat Past Pupils

The Past Pupils High Tea & Annual Mass of Remembrance. High Tea will be held in the Loreto Café on Wednesday 6 November from 2pm and will be followed by the Past Pupils Association AGM. The annual Mass of Remembrance will then follow the AGM, in the Chapel. ph: 5329 6137 or email development@loreto.vic.edu.au

Year 7 ~ 2021 Enrolment Information

Loreto College: Enrolment applications close on Thursday 6 February 2020. www.loreto.vic.edu.au

Damascus College: Enrolment applications close on Friday 14 February 2020. www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-visit-us

St Patrick's College: Applications close 4pm Friday, 6 Dec. <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

OLHC Parish are hosting lunch on Christmas Day in the Parish Hall, from 12.00noon – 2.00pm. Transport is available. For bookings or further information ph. 0419 975 914 or email christmaslunchwendouree@gmail.com