



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): ☎ 5368 9280 or 0491 601 162
 ✉ 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: \$499.35
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$379.00
	Year to date:	\$26,627.73

Christmas Collections

Please note that there will be a second collection after communion at all Christmas masses which will cover the travel expenses of our visiting priests.

Plenary 2020 Update

Again, we would like to share more of your thoughts resulting from the recent Plenary Gathering in Gordon. We are also preparing to formulate these into a draft paper for our next step prior to submission. You will notice these themes could apply locally as well as nationally:

- Have church and school communities working closer as one
- Organise school masses 2 to 3 times per year
- Be helpful to people – our best gift to others is time
- Recognise diversity among people and their ideas.
- Respect and understand the differences
- Create opportunities for healing, listening and forgiving.
- Turn criticism into compliments, judgement into appreciation
- Set up Antioch or similar type groups for our youth



Church Cleaning – December

St Michael's 13th, St Brigid's 20th & St Patrick's 21st

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Tiffany Forde Family	Michelle Barnes Bianca Flint	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
 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: \$283.00	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.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
21 st & 22 nd December	4 th Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 7:10-14 ~ Romans 1:1-7 ~ Matthew 1:18-24			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Julie Moran	Jill Prendergast	Julie Moran	Mowing: Frank Mahar
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Burke	Michael and Therese Winter	Maria Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Bert Jarvis	Mary and Des Conroy	Denise Marshall & Patricia Binks	
24 th & 25 th December	The Nativity of the Lord (Year A) ~ VIGIL: Is 62:1-5 ~ Acts 13:16-17,22-25, Mt: 1:1-25 ~ DAY: Is: 52:7-10 ~ Heb 1:1-6 ~ John 1:1-18			
	Volunteers are required for Ministries for all Christmas Masses: ~ See mass times over page.			
28 th & 29 th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year A): Sirach 3:2-6,12-14 ~ Colossians 3:12-21 ~ Matthew 2:13-15,19-23			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Sue Daly	Molly Ronan	Sharon Daly	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Amanda & Olivia Elliott	Frank Hanrahan	M Elliott / L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30pm	Marie Whytakhe & Lloyd Lamb	Bridget Sims Family	Lorraine Tipple & Helen Conlan	

LITURGIES			
Fri 27 th Dec	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 28 th Dec	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 29 th Dec	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

Jack Geary, Jim Toohey, Eddie Mullane, Bill Winter, Charlie Mangion, Joe Mangion, Ted Mulcahy, Annie Prendergast, Roy Tynan, Victoria Everett, Gerald Leonard, Catherine Hanrahan, Neil O'Loughlin.

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

Parish Secretary Position

The Gordon and Bungaree Parishes are seeking secretaries to complete Parish administrative work. These roles could be combined into one position – currently 17 hours per week. Tasks include: parish accounting and returns, planned giving program and notice sheet. Remuneration based on Diocesan rates. Suitably skilled applicants with an on-going commitment to their Parish can apply by email to Damian Ryan (ryandjr@bigpond.com). Applications close at 4.00 pm on Monday, 30th December, 2019.

Baptism

Congratulations to Penny Rose Martin (daughter of Charles and Chloe), who is being baptised at St. Michael's, Bungaree this weekend. We welcome Penny into our faith community, and assure her and her family of our prayers and support.

Thank you

Many thanks to all who have contributed to flowers, music, cribs, church cleaning, etc., during this Advent and Christmas season. May this be a time of joy and peace for all families in our community.

We have vibrant parishes and that is due to the fact that so many parishioners make it that way. Our gratitude goes to families, committees, individuals, schools, and of course our priests. Whether it be up front or behind the scenes, your contribution makes us who we are.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATES GOD'S ENTERING INTO THE WORLD WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES.

Christmas Mass Times

	Christmas Eve	Clarkes Hill	6pm
		Gordon	6pm
		Springbank	6.30pm **Note change of time
		Ballan	8pm
		Bungaree	8pm
Christmas Day	Dunnstown	9.30am	

Christmas Offerings

Along with Easter Offerings (and donations at the time of baptisms, weddings and funerals), Christmas Offerings make an important contribution to the funds from which clergy salary and living expenses are paid. Additional envelopes are available at Church door.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Bishop's Christmas Appeal

A collection will be taken up after communion at Christmas Masses for the Bishop's annual Christmas Appeal, which is one way by which our Diocese can respond to the many people and communities around the world who turn to us for assistance each year. In many cases, these requests come from priests and religious who have bonds with the Diocese of Ballarat or who are in regions that are linked with our country. Our response is a practical demonstration of our solidarity with people in need, such as those affected by natural disasters.

Plenary Council Delegates from the Diocese of Ballarat

Bishop Paul is inviting us to nominate delegates from our diocese for the sessions of the Australian Plenary Council to be held in 2020 and 2021. You can read Bishop Paul's letter are www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Nominations to bishopsoffice@ballarat.catholic.org.au by Friday, Feb 7, 2020.

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Prayerful and Eucharistic**? 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. www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul CSsR has recently announced the following appointments:

- Administrator of Bungaree Parish and Visiting Priest to Gordon Parish from 15 January 2020: Fr Sajan Matthew
- Supervising Priest of Cororoake in addition to Parish Priest of Colac: Fr Michael O'Toole
- Assistant Priest East Wimmera Parish: Fr Jim McKay
- Administrator of Robinvale Parish: Fr Peter Jose CMI

Young Adult Retreat

Looking for a young adults retreat that will change your life? "Summer School of Evangelisation" is a powerful week of encountering God. Includes great speakers, uplifting worship, beautiful liturgies and a vibrant community of 16-35 year olds. To be held in Bacchus Marsh from 12-19 January. Ballarat Diocese Youth Ministry is offering financial support to help cover costs of attending the camp. If interested email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au for more information.

Pastoral Care Education

The South West Victoria CPE Centre is offering the opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care. More info contact Clinical Pastoral Supervisor and CPE Centre Director, Bernadette Wurlod ☎0455 033 321 or email bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au.

