

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) ~ 7th & 8th December 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: \$n/a
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$n/a
	Year to date:	\$26,397.18

Parish Dinner

Monday December 9, 6.30pm at Donegans Farm. Three course meal \$25 pp. Bookings please contact Lin Bowers 0414 782 044

Updated Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday, Dec 24 Springbank **6.30pm**, Gordon 6pm, Ballan 8pm

Note from the Parish Finance Committee

The sacrificial planned giving drive received 16 responses of which 4 were new pledges. Thanks to all those who contribute.

Plenary 2020 Update

Here are some more of your thoughts and sharings from the recent Plenary Gathering in Gordon. Again, you will notice these themes could apply locally as well as nationally

- Look out for people in our community who are in need. A policy to address loneliness and mental illness. Help guide those in need "give sight to the blind"

- Bring back third rite of reconciliation to encourage people back to the church
- Have uniform approach to religious teachings in all catholic schools with emphasis on Christ's teachings
- Have a willingness to change and forgive – be proactive
- Hold a combined parish event each year
- Each person has a story – listen to all

Procession with Gifts

Just as the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, so are we transformed as members of that Body. Gifts of money for the work of the Church symbolize our willingness to share what we have, to be used for the building of God's kingdom. The people taking up the gifts are doing this on behalf of us all. Would these people please see the notice beside the gifts at the back of the church and note possible changes to the way we have been doing this.

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: \$219.00	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
7th & 8th December	2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 11:1-10 ~ Romans 15:4-9 ~ Matthew 3:1-12			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	TBA	Brendan Simpson Family	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Damian Ryan	D Rix	M Elliott / L Hanrahan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Lloyd Lamb & Anne Eskdale	Binks Family	Cathy Mullane & Denise Marshall	
14th & 15th December	#rd Sunday of Advent (Year A): Isaiah 35:1-6 ~ James 5:7-10 ~ Matthew 11:2-11			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Katrina Griffiths	Griffiths Family	Trish White	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Beth Calleja & Michael Winter	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Lin Bowers	Leon and Pat Burvill	Lorraine Tipple & Bert Jarvis	
21st & 22nd December	4th 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	Mark Conroy & Caron Whitefield	Eily Carey	Eddie Davis	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Mark Conlan & Bert Jarvis	Mary and Des Conroy	Denise Marshall & Patricia Binks	

LITURGIES			
Thur 12 th Dec	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 13 th Dec	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 14 th Dec	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 15 th Dec	Gordon	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)			



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Recent Death

Greg Roberts

Anniversaries

Margaret Clifford, Margaret Fuller, Ronald Graham, Brian Shanahan, Jeanette Delbridge, Margaret Toohey, John McCarthy, John Senserrick, Raymond Butler, Jessier Robinson, Fred Begbie, Anne-Maree Block

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, Mike Hayward-Brown.

Christmas Mass Times

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

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Patrick William Robinson (Nov 2016) and Benjamin Michael Prendergast (Dec 2015).

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

Parish Secretary Positions

The Gordon and Bungaree Parishes are seeking secretaries to complete Parish administrative work. These roles could be combined into one position. Tasks include: parish accounting and returns, planned giving program, sacramental records and notice sheet. Suitably skilled applicants with an on-going commitment to their Parish can apply by email to Damian Ryan (ryandjr@bigpond.com). Applications close on 14th December, 2019.

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 Cororooke 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

Diocesan e-News for Recent Parish Events

The latest diocesan e-News has reports on recent parish events including the Mass of Thanksgiving held recently for Bishop Shane. Go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au – News & Events | e-News. You can subscribe to receive e-News from here also.

Making a Scene at Christmas

Displays will be at Ss Peter & Paul's Church Buninyong, December 12-15. All welcome including school groups.

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and many more. 5weeks study cycle begins January 12. Registrations close December 23. More info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au ☎ 0407 523 424 or e. kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Simbang Gabi

Is a Filipino Christmas tradition. A series of nine masses on the days leading up to Christmas, to be held at St James' Parish Church Sebastopol on Dec 16 & 17 at 7pm, Dec 18 at 8pm (following Advent Reconciliation Service), Dec 19-23 at 7pm, and Dec 24 at 2pm (Filipino Christmas Mass & Carols) celebrated by Fr Jorge De Chavez OSJ. All welcome. More info: Connie ☎ 0449 053 647, Cynthia ☎ 0419 547 514, Sherley ☎ 5338 1266 or 0417 331 756, Urbing ☎ 0419 558 965 or Dion ☎ 0427 876 533.

OLHC Parish Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

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

Advent Retreat

Sunday December 15th 2.00pm – 5.00pm at St Alipius' Hall Rachel McLoughlin and Natalie Houlihan will lead a spacious advent time of Reflections, Readings, Music, Images, Silence and ending with Spiritual Conversation. All welcome.

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.

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



Plenary Council 2020

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