

The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A) ~ 4th & 5th January 2020



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: \$n/a
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$n/a
	Year to date:	\$26,627.73

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



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

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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:	25/12: \$995.80	Parish:	25/12: \$390
	29/12: \$163.00		29/12: \$954.00
Christmas Offering:	25/12: \$585.00		29/12: \$ 80.00

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.



	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
4th & 5th Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord (Year A): Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 ~ Matthew 2:1-12			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Whoever is available over the holiday season		Jennifer McKay	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Beth Calleja Michael Winter	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Rosemary Canavan & Helen Blazek	Julie Dargan Family	Cathy Mullane & Lloyd Lamb	
11th & 12th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord (Year A): Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 ~ Acts: 10:34-38 ~ Matthews: 3:13;17			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm				
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Julie & Sophie Boyd	S Steenhuis	L Jeffrey / D Ryan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Anne Eskdale	James and Alison Eskdale and Family	Bert Jarvis & Simone Foder	
18th & 19th Jan	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 49:3,5-6 ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ~ John 1:29-34			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Liz Britt	Nat MacDonald Family	Dorothy Sheehan	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Joan Bourke	Maria and Bernadette Donegan	Pat Barry	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Julie Dargan & Sr Kathleen Moran	Leon and Pat Burvill	Denise Marshall & Judith Hodgson	

LITURGIES			
Fri 10 th Jan	Bungaree	10.00am	Mass
Sat 11 th Jan	Springbank	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 12 th Jan	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)			

Recent Death

John Barton

Anniversaries

Maisie, Carey, Jack Shanahan, Patricia Coulson, Patrick Moran, Shane Everard, William Greaves, Mabel Canty, Rosina Gerada, Catherine Maher, Susan McDermott, Maurine Kiely, Henry Spratling, Patrick Moran

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

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Teresa Gleeson and James Forbes, who were married New Years Eve in St. Peter's Clarkes. We assure them of our prayers and support as they begin their married life together.

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.

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.

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 Sajjan 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

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.



Plenary Council 2020

'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 22

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 at 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

"The Year of Matthew" Retreat with Fr Frank Moloney SDB

This retreat will be held at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield from February 3-6, 2020. Cost is \$430.00 which covers the retreat, meals and accommodation. For further information contact the Retreat Centre, ph. 9752 2432 or dbrclysterfield@gmail.com.

St Joseph's Technical School South Melbourne Reunion

A reunion of students, teachers and staff will be held on Sunday, March 22, 2020 from 12.00noon to 4.00pm at the old school site, which is now home to Galilee Regional Catholic Primary School. BBQ lunch and light refreshments provided. Memorabilia will be on display. Info: Tony ph. 9580 7344.

