

## Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): ~ 8th & 9th February 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 Ed Moloney Visiting Priest: Fr Sajan Mathew  
 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](http://www.sballan.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Patrick's Primary School** Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 5368 9495 [www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au](http://www.spgordon.catholic.edu.au)

#### Collections last weekend

Thanks to all who give generously to each of these collections:

<b>Loose</b>	Presbytery: \$200.00	Parish: \$n/a
<b>Planned Giving</b>	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$n/a
	<b>Year to date:</b>	\$26,627.73

#### Gordon Submission to Plenary Council from Oct 7th Group

*Aware that we are in a changing world with changing values and with special responsibilities to all of creation, human and non-human, Realising that people, are the number one asset, in any community, and must be heard, included, consulted and involved. Holding an awareness that the church is a working part of society, and a place of welcome of all, and Trusting in God who sends us out as community in a spirit of forgiveness and acceptance to:*

- Develop an outreach to families, youth ( e.g., 18 – 30), and the disengaged.
  - Run a 'Come Home' program in the parish
  - Include more people in liturgical ministries, (especially altar servers; not children only)
  - Organise Community activities/events (especially Family Events)
- Develop an improved relation between catholic schools and church communities.
  - Hold monthly Mass for school children to be involved, maybe on a weekday.
  - Organise Community activities/events

3. Review our parish mission statement to include 'mission and evangelisation'

#### Gordon Submission to Plenary Council from Nov. 7th Group

- Provide a contemporary, easy to understand version of the lectionary with inclusive language.
- Bring back the third rite of reconciliation; it allows people to come back to the church.
- Create opportunities for healing acceptance and inclusiveness for all who have been hurt.
- Create opportunities for healing listening forgiving.
- Be a Church that is inclusive:
- Respect and understand difference.
- Include those discriminated against and recognise diversity among people, and their ideas.
- Include divorced and remarried people.
- Recognise homosexual people.
- Stand up for refugees Develop a policy to address loneliness nationally. (Mental illness can relate to loneliness.)

Develop a national program to help parishes engage with non-practising Catholics.

#### Church Cleaning – February

St Brigid's 21st	St Patrick's 28th	St Michael's 14th
<b>BALLAN</b>	<b>GORDON</b>	<b>SPRINGBANK</b>
Elaine Conlan	Ann Micallef	Eileen Haintz
Edith Paarhammer	Monica Eastwood	Louise Haintz



### ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC PARISH ~ BUNGAREE

St Peter's, Clarkes Hill ~ St Brendan's, Dunnstown ~ St Michael's, Bungaree  
 Parish Administrator: Fr Sajan Mathew ~ ☎ 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** Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 5280 [www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smclarkeshill.catholic.edu.au)  
**St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown** Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 7604 [www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au)

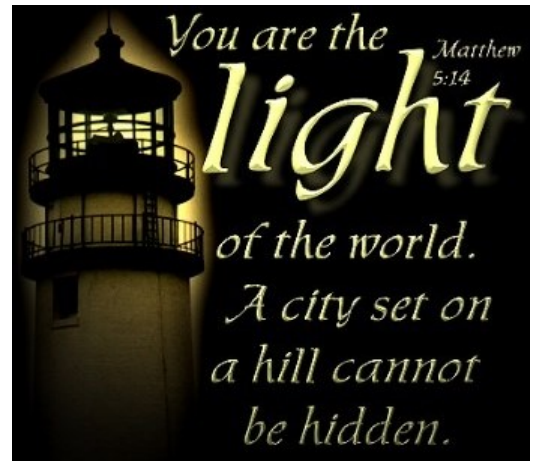
#### Collections last weekend:

<b>Presbytery:</b> \$285.00	<b>Parish:</b> \$520.00
<b>Christmas Offering:</b> \$895.00 ( to date)	

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Isaiah 58:7-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ~ Matthew 5:13-16</b>			
<b>Springbank ~ 6.30pm</b>				
<b>Bungaree ~ 8.45am</b>	Terry Elliott	Leah Hanrahan	S Ryan/ E Clark	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Kathleen Moran & Rosemary Canavan	Michael & Margaret Ryan	Patricia Binks & Bert Jarvis	
<b>15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ~ Matthew 5:17-37</b>			
<b>Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm</b>	Meegan Jenkins	Jenkins Family	Margaret Leonard	
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Kerryn Taylor	Pat Barry & Eily Carey	Joan Bourke	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Margaret Green & Mark Conlan	Gyan Schweighofa & Anne Eskdale	Lorraine Tipple & Lloyd Lamb	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 ~ Matthew 5:38-48</b>			
<b>Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm</b>	Helen Mahar	Jill Prendergast	Marty Forbes	
<b>Gordon ~ 8.45am</b>	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Michael & Therese Winter	Beth Calleja	
<b>Ballan ~ 10.30am</b>	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	Cairan & Janine Donohoe & Family	Lin Bowers & Linden Hall	

LITURGIES			
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Clarkes Hill	9.00 am	School Mass
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bungaree	9.30 am	Mass in the chapel
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ballan	10.00 am	Prayer Group
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ballan	2.00 pm	School Mass
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass in the chapel
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Gordon	8.45am	
	Ballan	10.30am	

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> 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**

Frank Britt, Tim Fletcher, Edna Carson, Catherine Parkin, Eileen White, Elizabeth Flynn, Carmen Galea, Arthur Jones, Louise Tubbs, James Robert Baynes, Thomas Mullane, Reg Hayes, John Trounce, John Ronan, Martin Molloy, Chris Maher, Laurie Wheelahan, Eily Mullane, Catherine Donegan.

### **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, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Reg Haintz

### **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](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/reports)

### **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.

### **Support those affected by the bushfires**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has provided information and resources to support those affected by the bushfires and this is available from the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires). The diocesan website also has media releases from Catholic Mission and Caritas regarding ways they are supporting those in bushfire affected areas. St Vincent de Paul is collecting donations for the "Vinnies Bushfire Appeal" at [www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw](http://www.donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw). Please be assured that all donations from Victoria will be directed to Victorians.

### **Damascus College Ballarat 2020 class reunion dates**

Damascus College Alumni (including past students or staff from Sacred Heart College, St Paul's College and St Martin's in the Pines) - it's time to celebrate your 2020 Class reunion: 50 Year - Class of 1970 on Sunday, April 19; 40 Year - Class of 1980 on Saturday, April 18; 30 Year - Class of 1990 on Saturday, March 21; 20 Year - Class of 2000 on Sunday, May 3; 10 Year - Class of 2010 on Friday, March 20. It is our aim is to have as many of your exit year group as possible attend and participate, including those who may have left at other times but identify

best with the above year group. For details regarding your Class Reunion please contact the Damascus Alumni Officer at [k.hegert@damascus.vic.edu.au](mailto:k.hegert@damascus.vic.edu.au) (03) 5337 2352 or visit the Damascus College Website.

### **Plenary Council 2020- Let's listen and Discern.**

Theme for our Meeting on the **18<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** in the Parish Centre at Bungaree - How is God Calling us to be a Christ centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Eucharistic.

**The Process for the evening** - Listening to the Holy Spirit, listening and sharing with each other and responding to the theme. It is anticipated that the meeting will be 1 ½ -2 hrs.

### **Before the evening you may wish to think about:**

- What questions do you have about the future of Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?
- What ideas do you have that can nourish our faith community- Bungaree and Gordon Parish?

### **Mercy Works - Mercy Connect Project**

Mercy Works recruits volunteers to support students from a refugee/asylum seeker background in Ballarat Schools. The project aims to provide mentoring for young people to optimize their literacy development, academic and social learning. Obtaining a current Working with Children Check is part of the application process. More information contact Donna Stewart, ph 0417624330 or email [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com)

### **Invitation to join 2020 Roundtable Conversations on Ecological Theology with Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr Barry Ryan at Mercy Gathering Room, 16 Gent Street, Ballarat East (side entrance).**

Wednesday Evening Series: 7-9pm, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15; Thursday Afternoon Series: 1-3pm, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 21, June 18, July 16.

Registration: email [veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au](mailto:veronica.lawson@mercy.org.au) (kindly include contact details). Donation (to cover expenses and to make a contribution to ecological justice): \$5 per session.

### **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](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (follow parish links.) Parish Safeguarding Officer: Leah Hanrahan.