

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): ~ 22nd & 23rd 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
St. Patrick's Primary School Principal: Mr Tim Delaney ☎ 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: \$270.75
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$260.00
Year to date:		\$33,745.73

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:

1. 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)

2. 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.

Sacramental Preparation

Enrolment Mass for Reconciliation	Sunday 1 st March 8.45am Gordon 10.30am Ballan
Reconciliation Ceremony	Thursday 26 th March 4pm St. Patrick's Church Gordon
Confirmation/Eucharist Parent Information Night	Thursday 21 st May 7pm St. Brigid's School

Church Cleaning - February

Cleaning - St Brigid's 21st, St Patrick's 28th, St Michaels 14th

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
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
St. Brendan's School, Dunnstown Acting Principal: Mrs Shelley Ryan ☎ 5334 7604 www.sbdunnstown.catholic.edu.au

Collections last weekend:

Presbytery: \$313.30	Parish: \$390.00
Christmas Offering: \$920.00 (to date)	

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
22 nd & 23 rd February	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A): Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 ~ Matthew 5:38-48			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Helen Mahar	Jill Prendergast	Marty Forbes	Mowing: John Moran
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Maria Donegan & Eddie Davis	Michael & Therese Winter	Beth Calleja	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Winnie Zammit & Lloyd Lamb	Cairan & Janine Donohoe & Family	Lin Bowers & Linden Hall	
29 th Feb & 1 st March	First Sunday of Lent (Year A): Genesis 2:7-9; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Karen Cahir	Cahir Family	Winnie Leonard	
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Kate Carey & Marie Durham	Mark & Narelle Conroy	Josie Donegan	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Bert Jarvis & Lin Bowers	Eddie & Mary Cassar	Judith Hodgson & Denise Marshall	

LITURGIES			
Tues 25 th Feb	Gordon	10.15am	School Opening Mass
Wed 26 th Feb	Dunnstown	9.30am	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Gordon	11.30am	Ash Wednesday Mass
	Ballan	1.30pm	Ash Wednesday Mass
Fri 28 th Feb	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
Sat 29 th Feb	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 1 st Mar	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	Clarks 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

Veronica Bryce

Anniversaries

Bill Wheelahan, Tommy Simpson, Joan Arnel, Maria Steenhuis, Liam Begbie, Harry Parkin, Kathleen Leonard, Jack O'Donohue, Maureen O'Halloran, Maureen O'Donohue

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, Noel Craven, Patrick Hodgon, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Reg Haintz, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary

Plenary Council 2020: National Theme for Discernment

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is **Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform**? 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

Choir for the Rite of Election

All are invited to join the choir for the Rite of Election to be held on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at St Patrick's Cathedral 12.30pm.

Take action on climate change

The link below provides information about the current climate change bill and all it involves. The link also provides an opportunity for you to sign a petition in support of the bill. It takes only seconds to show your support of this important response <https://www.climateactnow.com.au>

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 or 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. Please be assured that all donations from Victoria will be directed to Victorians.

Damascus College Bright Futures Fundraising Breakfast

All are invited to this fundraising breakfast which supports the scholarship fund for Year 7 to be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 7.00am - 8.45am at the Ballarat Golf Club, 1800 Sturt Street, Ballarat. Special guest is Judy Brewer OAM, Sacred Heart Class of 1979. Purchase your \$40 ticket at www.trybooking.com/BGZVS or call the College (03) 5337 2222.

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

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 (kindly include contact details). Donation (to cover expenses and to make a contribution to ecological justice): \$5 per session.

February Language Cafe

The Language Cafe aims to regularly bring people from all walks of life together to chat in different languages, improve English conversation skills, make new connections and share culture, food and interests in an informal and inclusive environment. Thursday 27th February, 4pm-5.30pm **Venue:** Ballarat Library, 178 Doveton Street North. Register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/language-cafe-tickets-85911500611

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.

Thank You

To Dianne Reynolds for organising the Plenary Council Discernment session and to Debbie Ryan for preparing the notice sheet and Prayers of the Faithful over the past two weeks.

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

Blessed are You O Lord
 who gives us life and all things.
 Lead us into repentance and
 renew our lives with your grace.
 May the crosses of ashes that mark our
 foreheads be a reminder that we belong to your Son.
 May our worship and prayer be sustained
 throughout these days of Lent.
 I ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.