

Second Sunday of Lent (Year A): ~ 7th & 8th March 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, Tim Delaney, 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: \$280.20
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$145.00
Year to date:		\$39,158.75

International Women's Day

This is celebrated on 8th March every year. This year's theme is 'Each For Equal'.

Change of Mass Times

The Ballan Autumn Festival is Sunday March 15th. Mass times on this day will be 8.45 a.m. in Ballan, and 10.30 in Gordon.

Gordon Parish Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 16th March. If you have items for the agenda, could you please contact a Parish Pastoral Council member or phone the Gordon Parish Office.

Thank You

The Parish Pastoral Council would like to extend their gratitude for the generosity of all parishioners over the Christmas period shown to our visiting priests, as well as during Fr Des' time with us. Whether it was of a monetary

nature or with your time, or even a cuppa after mass – again we have been inspired by the extreme generosity of our Parish. Thank you.

Easter Cards

Now available for purchase from Aid to the Church in Need. Each packet contains 12 Easter cards and envelopes at a cost of \$23.00 for the first packet (includes postage) and \$12.00 for each additional pack. The cards feature the religious paintings of Swiss artist, Bradi Barth and include a bible verse inside. Phone orders: 1800 101 201 or online: www.aidtochurch.org

Sacramental Preparation

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 – March

BALLAN	GORDON	SPRINGBANK
Chris and Cathy Mullane	Beth Calleja and Josie Donegan	Sharon and Sue Daly



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: \$183.70	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	Other
7th & 8th March	Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) Gen 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	Volunteers required	Molly Ronan	Donna Simpson	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Shelley Ryan	C Frawley	Leah Hanrahan & Julie Boyd	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Cathrine Green & Sandra Miller	Binks Family	Simone Fodor & Helen onlan	
14th & 15th March	Third Sunday of Lent (Year A) Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42			
Dunnstown ~ 6.30pm	Mary & Declan Hanrahan	Hanrahan Family	Fran Peterkin	
Ballan ~ 8.45am	Michael Ryan and Anne Eskdale	Bridget Sims Family	Cathy Mullane & Winnie Zammit	
Gordon ~ 10.30am	Therese Winter and Debbie Goldie	Margaret Smith & Georgina Wright	Maria Donegan	
21st & 22nd March	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Helen Moran	Tim Bennett	Julie Moran	Tim Bennett
Gordon ~ 8.45am	Beth Calleja and Michael Winter	Maria and Bernadette Donegan	Eily Carey	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Marie Shanahan and Julie Dargan	Lorraine De Spirit and Vikki Boka	Patricia Binks and Bert Jarvis	

LITURGIES			
Tues 10 th Mar	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
Wed 11 th Mar	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
Thurs 12 th Mar	Ballan	10.00am	Prayer Group
Fri 13 th Mar	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
	Bungaree	10.00am	Stations of the Cross
Sat 14 th Mar	Dunnstown	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 15 th Mar	Ballan	8.45am	
	Gordon	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

Frances Powell.

Anniversaries

John Bernard Ryan, Frank Sims, David Carton, Andrew Barbara, Peter De Spirit, Harry Wise, Joseph Micallef, William Dridan and Roy Britt.

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 Hodgson, Christine Hall, John Ryan, Reg Haintz, Michael Wise, Thelma Keating, Lyla Geary.

Baptism Anniversaries

This month, we celebrate the anniversary of the following recent baptisms: Judd Thomas Boyd (2016) and Evan Rufus Sheehan (2017)

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

Lent Resources

Lent resources are available from the diocesan website. Click on the "Liturgy Resource" tab on front page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

St Patrick's Eve Celebration

Join the Ballarat Irish Association for a buffet supper, a stimulating guest speaker and musical entertainment on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6.30pm at the Ballarat Welcome Centre, 25-39 Barkly Street, Bakery Hill. Cost is \$25.00. For enquiries and/or bookings contact Marlene ph. 0402 447546.

Nazareth House Auxiliary St Patrick's Day Celebrations

Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 218 Mill Street Ballarat, 1.30pm. Musical entertainment, afternoon tea, lucky door prize, cake and produce stalls. Entry \$10.00. For further information contact Margaret, ph. 0419003415.

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>

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 0417 624 330 or email mercyconnectb@gmail.com

Hymns & High Tea

The Salvation Army invite you to attend Hymns & High Tea on Sunday, March 22 at the Ballarat Community Church, 102 Eureka Street Ballarat at 2.30pm.

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, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 17, July 15; Thursday Afternoon Series: 1-3pm, 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.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2020

Singers and musicians in the diocese are invited to join the music group which is being formed for the Mass of the Oils on Monday, April 6, 2020. Practice times are Sunday, March 29 and Sunday, April 5 from 6.00pm – 7.00pm (following 5.00pm Mass). Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7159.

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