

Third Sunday of Lent (Year A): ~ 14th & 15th 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: \$378.15
Planned Giving	Envelopes 2019/20:	\$172.00
Year to date:		\$39,504.63

Harmony Day

This is celebrated annually on March 21st. It coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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.

Parish Feast Day

Parish Feast Day will be celebrated on Thursday 19th March at 11.00am at St Brigid's Church, Ballan

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:	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.

Thank You

Thank you to Helen and Maurice Mahar and Tim Bennett for volunteering with BlazeAid to work on fencing in the bushfire areas.

Congratulations

Congratulation to Shelley Ryan on her appointment as Foundation Principal at St. Joseph's – a new primary school in Werribee. Thanks to Shelley for the dedication and skill she has brought to our Parish schools.

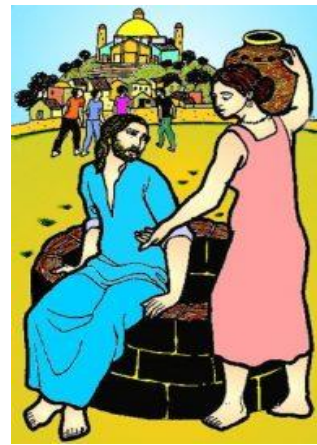
Working Bee

A working bee is to be held at the Parish Flat on Saturday, 21st March starting at 8.30 am. Work to include: wash down walls, remove mould, painting preparation and tidy up yard.

	READER/INTERCESSIONS	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	COMMUNION MINISTER	Other
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; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41			
Clarkes Hill ~ 6.30pm	Helen Moran	Tim Bennett	Julie Moran	
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	
28th & 29th March	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A) Ezek 37:12-14; Roman 8:8-11, John 11:1-45			
Springbank ~ 6.30pm	David Toohey Family	Mark Hanrahan Family	Julie Toohey	
Bungaree ~ 8.45am	Di Rix	Frank Hanrahan	A Elliott & M Elliott	
Ballan ~ 10.30am	Kathleen Mora & Rosemary Canavan	Julie Dargan Family	Lorraine Tipple and Lloyd Lamb	

LITURGIES			
Wed 18 th Mar	Bungaree	9.30am	Anointing Mass
Fri 20 th Mar	Bungaree	9.30am	Mass
	Bungaree	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat 21 st Mar	Clarke's Hill	6.30pm	Sunday Mass
Sun 22 nd 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	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

Albert Small

Anniversaries

Mary Winter, Joseph and Antonia Spiteri, Renee Barbara, Helen Kuczynski, Brian D'Arcy, Jack Ford, Joseph Cini, Doreen Torpy, Mona Nihill, Margaret O'Regan, des Frichot, Joan Shanahan, Pat Kennedy, Leo Davies, Lillian Meiklejohn, Kevin Meikeljohn, Jack Meiklejohn Jack Papworth, Peter Torpy and Maurice Frawley

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 – March:

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is a **joyful, hope-filled and servant community**? 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.

Lent Resources

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

Roundtable Conversations on Ecological Theology

Sessions with Sr. Veronica Lawson and Fr Barry Ryan at Mercy Gathering Room, 16 Gent Street (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 (include contact details). Donation (to cover expenses and contributions to ecological justice): \$5 per session.

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.

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 9, 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.

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.

Paschal Candles

Sr Kathleen Moran makes church candles available for purchase. Candles can be decorated or plain. The widest available is approximately 76mm, costing about \$50.00 varying according to length and decoration. Altar candles approximately 450mm x 250mm (coloured or white) also available for \$6.00. For more information contact Kathleen ph. 0438812449 or rsmmoran@vic.chariot.net.au

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.

Diocesan Religious Education Resource Centre Closure

With the ever-growing demand for office space for the Catholic Education Office, as well as changes in the tenancy of 5 Lyons Street South in 2021, the Bishop has advised that the Diocesan Resource Centre presently housed in the lower floor of this building will close by the end of this year. The Resource Centre has served parishes and schools in the diocese for over forty years and has been a valued repository of books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. Borrowings from the Centre will be available until March 27, after which it will be closed for a month while the collection is moved to a temporary storage area on site. From April 27, the Centre will be open Tuesday mornings only from 9.30am – 1.00pm. Enquiries or urgent borrowings can be directed to resources@ceob.edu.au or ph. 5337 7135. Towards the end of the year resources will be disseminated to parishes and schools, with explanation of this process forthcoming. Thank you for the support given to the Resource Centre over many years and may these resources find a welcome home in parishes and schools across the diocese. Any further enquiries can be directed to Kate Lawry: klawry@ceob.edu.au.