

St Peter's Parish Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 5th February 2017

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



Recent Deaths: Nancy Coughlan, Rita Higgins, June McCarthy

Anniversaries: Con Cahill, Jim Hynes, Gerard Mischkins, Ted McGuane, Ann Quirk, Anne Thomas, Norma Walsh, Elizabeth Wansink

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,

especially Margaret Cranko, Bill Gordon, Nic Gowans, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy

Next week's readings: *Sunday 12th February 2017* *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

Masses: **11th/12th February** 6.30pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Snake Valley
 18th/19th February 6.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood

A Parish Mission for Linton and Beaufort Parishes

Jesuit priest Fr Richard Leonard will lead a Mission for the parishioners of the parishes of Linton and Beaufort in October 14th – 18th 2017. Fr Richard will celebrate the weekend Masses and then offer the following three days for the mission with two sessions each day – one in the Linton Parish and one in Beaufort. The Ballarat Diocesan Foundation has provided a grant to enable this Mission to take place. Arrangements are yet to be finalised with details of each day of the mission to be arranged in conjunction with the Beaufort Parish

Centacare Fundraiser

Movie night, I Daniel Blake, Thursday 23 February 7:00 pm at the Regent Multiplex to raise funds for the Clemente program. The Centacare program "Clemente" provides high support educational opportunities for people to find pathways out of the poverty cycle in alliance with Federation University, Australian Catholic University, The Smith Family, The City of Ballarat, United Way and the Ballarat Library. This program is unfunded, tickets are \$15 available from Debbie: 5337 8955

Call for Nominations – Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for nominations for the 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. More information is on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.au under Services & Agencies, or check with your parish priest/parish leader, or phone Amanda in the Diocese office on 5337 7125.

Youth Ministry Formation - Called and Sent: Developing foundations in youth ministry

Youth leaders are invited to a youth ministry formation camp. February 10-12, Safety Beach (south of Melbourne, equipping you with practical ideas and helping you set goals for 2017.

Phone 9287 5565 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has designated February 8, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking following a request from Talitha Kum, the worldwide Network of Consecrated Life Against Human Trafficking. Josephine Bakhita was born in Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine Bakhita dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She eventually became a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000. Like Josephine Bakhita, millions of children are trafficked into domestic servitude every year. They are also trafficked for sexual exploitation, pornography production, forced marriage, illegal adoption, forced labour, and to become child soldiers. Talitha Kum has declared the theme of this year's feast day celebrations, which are likely to be celebrated at Masses on the weekend of February 11 and 12: *They are children! Not slaves!*

Ballarat Catholic Secondary Colleges open days and 2018 Year 7 enrolments

Damascus College open mornings on Thursdays February 9th and 16th, 9.00 am – 10.30 am.

Applications for Year 7, 2018 enrolment close on Friday 17th February 2017.

Loreto College tours Tuesdays, February 7th and 14th commencing half-hourly between 9.00am – 10.30am from just inside the main entrance. Please visit www.loreto.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College applications for 2018 close on Friday February 17 with interviews to take place in early March. Download from <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

Youth Ministry in the Cathedral Parish

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) is back for 2017 beginning February 26th. YESS will run on 2nd and 4th Sunday every month and is held in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. High School age young people are welcome to attend. The Young Adult Leadership team – Michaela Corrigan, Daniel Van Styn and Esther De Losa and Chiara Angeli have met with Fr Anthony and Justin to plan their year. Please contact Michaela Corrigan on 0431295207.