

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

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr & Anthony Nagothu

Recent Deaths: Peter Conlon, Jack Costa, Kevin Daly, Basil McKay (Fr Jim's father. Vigil prayers on Monday evening, January 18th at 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Colac Funeral Mass on Tuesday morning, January 19th at 11.00am, St Mary's Colac.)



Anniversaries: Morrie Holloway, Nell Keane, Kevin Lenaghan, John Leyden, Frank O'Bierne,

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,

especially Lyn Alexander, Geoff Hutchison, Fr John Keane, & Kerrie Mulcahy

Next week's readings: *Sunday 24th January 2016*

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Ps 18(19):8-10, 15

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Masses: 23rd/24th January 7.30pm Snake Valley

8.30am Beaufort

10.30am Skipton

30th/31st January 7.30pm Smythesdale

9.00am Linton

10.30am Skipton

Prayer Quilts

2 Prayer Quilts will be presented for blessing and prayers at Skipton over 2 consecutive Sundays on the 17th and 24th of January. Please come and add a prayer or two for the recipient to each of these quilts. Someone will be on hand to assist you through the process and answer any queries

World Interfaith Harmony Week

A flag raising ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 to mark World Interfaith Harmony Week. The ceremony will be at 11.00am in Sturt Street, Ballarat at Victoria Square, opposite the Ballarat Town Hall. Bishop Paul Bird CSsR will be in attendance and anyone else who wishes to attend would be very welcome.

Gordon Parish Community Festival

The Gordon Parish Council will hold a special Picnic and Festival at the Springbank Football & Netball oval on Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 11.00am–4.00pm. Activities include jumping castle and climbing wall, Peppa Pig & George Pig for children. Expressions of interest are being sought from anyone who would like to have a stall at this event to promote or sell their products. Info: Margie Quinlan, ph. 0417 587 237.

Review, Reimagine, Renew: Mission making a difference in a changing world, Melbourne, 24-26 February 2016

“Review, reimagine, renew: Mission making a difference in a changing world” aims to equip leaders, practitioners and supporters to set new directions wisely, make difficult decisions, and build their networks for mission-impact by informing and inspiring around the drivers and directions of change; providing valuable opportunities for reflection and spiritual development; strengthening connections and information sharing; and capacity building to create change for the common good. Leading US writer and journalist John L Allen Jr is a keynote speaker, and will lead a workshop on media engagement. Other specific content includes Catholic Social Teaching in action, and social investment for mission-impact. For more information to go <http://www.css.org.au/MissionRenew>.

Mercy Connect Ballarat

Supporting refugee students in local schools. Volunteer mentors needed. Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive ongoing training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in February 2016. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email:

mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

Applications close on February 5, 2016.

New Catholic Primary School in Lucas – Opening in 2017

Community information evenings for the new Catholic Primary School in Ballarat’s newest development in Lucas have created great interest from many prospective families including those from Haddon. The new school will be designed to accommodate a long term enrolment of approximately 350-400 students and will encompass Prep/Foundation to Year 6. The position of Principal or Co-Principals for the new school has been [advertised](#) with applications closing on February 12th with a commencement expected mid-2016. The [architects Y2](#) have been appointed to master plan the site and have commenced working with the Steering committee (Frank Stuart – Cathedral Parish, Fr Justin – Governing Authority, Mark Hogbin and Rosa Tocchet – the current Parish School Principals, Brad Carr, Julie Duynhoven and Tony Perkins – Catholic Education Office Ballarat). There are currently approximately 100 children enrolled in the existing ten Catholic Primary Schools in Ballarat who live within the boundaries of the Linton Parish.



Mary MacKillop: From Portland to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Sainthood
Events are planned on the weekend of Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 January, 2016 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mary MacKillop departing Portland
All enquiries to Portland WorkSkills Ph: 0355 231645 PO Box 188, Portland, Vic or pnhp@workskillsemployment.com.au In Portland, Mary gained her first experience of formal teaching and established her first school; the Catholic Bay View House, Portland, Establishment for Young Ladies'. She was also confronted by great challenges and adversity during her Portland years.

Soul Food

Soul Food is a great opportunity for young Catholic adults of 18-35 to come together for Adoration and prayer, whilst getting to know a wonderful group of friends. Please come and join us at Nazareth House beginning at 7pm on every first and third Thursday of the month. It would be great to have you along!

YESS Youth

A group is for high school aged youth and focuses on learning about the faith, making like-minded friends, and out-reach. This is achieved by having guest speakers, activities,

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,

proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.