

St Peter's Parish

Communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley



Sunday February 3rd Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Linton Parish Safeguarding Officer - Cecelia Rowberry

Masses February 9th - 10th	Smythesdale	Beaufort	Snake Valley
	6.30pm Vigil	8.30am	10.30am
Masses February 16th – 17th	Smythesdale	Skipton	Rokewood
	6.30pm Vigil	9.00am	10.30am

Next week's readings: *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

Isaiah 6:1-8 Ps 137: 1-5, 7-8

1 Cor 15:1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

St Peter's Parish respectfully acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Recent Deaths: Bernard Bradbury, John Moodie, Tess O'Callaghan

Anniversaries: Sr Margaret Gray (Loreto), Barbara Melican, Des Nolan, Peter Warden

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, especially Margaret Cranko, Basil Torpy, Milly Yeoman

Closing Mass at Springdallah

Last Sunday over 100 people gathered for the closing Mass at St Patrick's Church Springdallah, which was a wonderful celebration. Many former residents came back for this Mass and enjoyed the generous hospitality offered by parishioners.

One former parishioner emailed during the week that despite having moved away over 50 years ago said *"I was surprised at the depth of emotion and connection I felt on return to this little solid brick church. This was not only the centre of our spiritual life but the place where men arranged their next fortnights work supporting each other while women and children, often isolated for much of the week, kindled their close bonds of friendship."*

Thank you to all who were part of this closing Mass and special thanks to those who worked to clean the Church in preparation for the Mass. The collection taken up at the Mass totalled \$596.70.

During this past week the Sisters from the Missionaries of Love and Peace of the Most Blessed Trinity at Greendale visited the Church with a view to transferring the Altar to their newly built Chapel. They were delighted that this beautiful Altar will fit perfectly on the sanctuary and so have arranged for the Altar to be moved at 11am on Wednesday.

The **Smythesdale community** are invited to meet after 6.30pm Mass this Saturday to discuss the possibility of using some of the Church pews from Springdallah in St Mary's Church. Ann Williams and Helen Griffin will convene this meeting.

The **Linton Community** are invited to meet after 9.00am Mass this Sunday to discuss the possibility of using the Stations of the Cross from Springdallah in St Peter's Church. John Kennedy and Maureen Holding will convene this meeting.

The settlement date for the Church is Friday February 8th when the keys will be handed over to the new owner. By then, all items are to be removed from the Church. Descendants of family members who had given items in the Church in memory of their loved ones were invited to take them as part of the closing. These items have the family names inscribed on them and included the ciborium, lectern, holy water font, bells, processional cross. Candle sticks have been given to the Linton Anglican Church & the chalice (inscribed St Patrick's Church Derwent Jacks) and old vestments have become part of the collection of the archives of the Ballarat Diocese.