

## St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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*Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017*



Second Sunday of Lent  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2017

PROJECT  
COMPASSION

In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive community.



**Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning

1800 024 413.

**Recent Deaths:** Rupert McKenna, Bernard Spicer

**Anniversaries:** Brian Bagnall, Nick Bomitali, Madge Conrick, Max Gilbert, Peg Giuliano, Barbara Gleeson, Peg Lines, James Maloney, Morris Nash, Patricia Pearce, Michael Preece, Barry Ridsdale, Patricia Torpey

**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,** especially Margaret Cranko, Bill Gordon, Nic Gowans, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy, Milly Yeoman

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> 2017*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)*

Exodus 13:3-7 Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

<b>Masses:</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.30pm Smythesdale	9.00am Skipton	10.30am Rokewood
	<b>25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.30pm Snake Valley	8.30am Beaufort	10.30amSkipton

### **Linton Parish Delegates Meeting**

The first quarterly meeting for 2017 of the two delegates from each of the faith communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley will be held on Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7.30 pm in the presbytery at Linton. Amongst the agenda items will be the proposal for an independent school in the Catholic tradition to be opened at Snake Valley. Damian Meade will attend the meeting to address this issue. Other items for the agenda can be given to delegates a week prior to the meeting or to Fr Justin or the Cathedral parish office.

### **Youth Ministry in the Cathedral Parish**

"Yess youth will start following 5 pm mass in the Cathedral with the Rosary followed by games and Dinner. Fr. John Corrigan will then stop by to give a talk on Confession. Please bring along a Gold donations. Any questions contact Michaela Corrigan on 043129520."

### **Lenten Recollection 2017**

The Filipino Rosary Group & the Good Shepherd Servant Community Prayer Group invite you to join them for a Lenten Recollection on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm at St. James' Parish Church. Facilitator Rev Fr. Berny Agustines. Booking is essential due to limited seating arrangements. For more details & RSVP Imelda & Shane 0418 956 493 and Urbana 0419 558 965.

### **Child Safety Standards**

New state government legislation has come into effect with the New Year which sets standards for child safety. The Cathedral parish has appointed Cecelia Rowberry (Smythesdale) as our Safeguarding officer and have a [Child Safety Policy](#) to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#) has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish.

### **Youth Ministry in the Cathedral Parish**

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) for high school age young people will gather this Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> following 5.00 pm Mass, gathering in the Cathedral for prayer followed by activities and dinner. Fr John Corrigan will offer a talk on the Sacrament of Penance which is also known as Reconciliation and Confession. Please bring along a Gold donation. Any questions contact Michaela Corrigan on 043129520.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Interfaith Harmony**

You are invited to celebrate with the Jewish Community at a Festive Purim Party Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 5.00pm at 2 Barkly St Ballarat East. BYO Vegetarian Kosher, optional donation to charity will be collected.

## ***Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 10, 2017***

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or [pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## **Choir for Mass of the Oils**

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass on Monday, April 10, 2017. Practice times will be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## **The Catholic Church**

Fr Kevin Murphy will facilitate monthly discussion on issues, questions, suggestions that emerge in the Catholic Church. To be held in the Green room at St Patrick's Cathedral hall, Ballarat beginning on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm and then each third Wednesday of the month.

## **Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party**

Nazareth House Auxiliary will be hosting a Coffee Party on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the Hall.  
All welcome.

## **Friday's in Lent**

The law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any of the following:

- (a)**Prayer:** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary...
- (b)**Self-denial:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments (digital detox?).
- (c)**Helping others** for example, taking the family to visit the elderly, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.