

St. Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday September 16th 2018 24th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B)

Recent Deaths: Brian Collier, Elaine Le Lievre, Paul Mahar, Anny Strik

Anniversaries: Ella Franklin, Sr Imelda Gallagher RSM, Cynthia Hucker, Margaret McManus, Steven Molloy, Brian Scarff, Francziska and Stanislaw Stodolny

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, especially

Margaret Cranko, Nancy Hand, Basil Torpy, Milly Yeoman

Next week's readings: *Sunday September 23rd 2018 25th Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*
Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Ps 53:3-6. 8. St. James 3:16 – 4:3 Mark 9:30-37

September 15th/16th 6.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood

September 22nd/23rd 6.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership - many subjects available – 5 weeks per subject. New subjects include *The Mass*. Next study cycle starts October 21. More info at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au ph. 5337 7125.

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.

Flooding in Kerala, India

Over recent weeks our thoughts and prayer have been with those in Kerala, India who have been affected by the worst floods in 100 years. Thank you to those who have already contributed. If you wish to make a donation, Caritas Asia Emergency Fund can be accessed through the Caritas website www.caritas.org.au. Any parishioner that wishes more information can contact Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413.

Plenary Council Preparations in Ballarat Diocese Update

The Ballarat Diocese is holding gatherings as part of preparations for Plenary Council 2020. Representatives from parishes, school communities, Catholic organisations and all others who might be interested, are invited to attend. The gatherings provide an opportunity to hear from and meet Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitator of the Australian Plenary Council 2020 Preparation Team.

Details of gatherings are available on website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 5337 7125.

End of Season of Creation 2018 talk:

An invitation is extended to a talk by Sr Adele Howard RSM who attended the two day conference at the Vatican on 5-6th July on the third anniversary of Laudato Si, titled "Saving Our Common Home and the Future of Life on Earth" at St Patrick's hall, Ballarat on Saturday 29th September at 10.30am following 10.00am Mass at the Cathedral. All welcome, tea/coffee available.



Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests

Thank you to those parishioners who have already contributed to the collection. The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for 15 retired priests including Frs Dan Arundell and Barry Ryan and other senior priests, many of whom regularly celebrate Masses in our parishes. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.