

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

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Sunday 18th December 2016
4th Sunday of Advent 2016 (A)

Recent Deaths: Thelma Bogers, Gwen Calf, Tony Debono, Teresa Kingston

Anniversaries: Con Cahill, Eric Fay, John Hynes, Mary Molloy, Francis O'Bierne,
Henry & Mary O'Donohue

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

Cathedral Office Closed from Christmas Eve until Tuesday 3rd of January.

OLHC Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

Time 12.00 MD -2.00pm (Meal at 12.30pm) OLHC Parish Hall 482 Gillies St.Wendouree

Book Early as Numbers are Limited Phone: 0419 975 914

Developing a Culture of Safety

The Linton Parish continues to work towards developing a culture of safety for all, especially Children and Vulnerable adults. Guided by the policy of the Ballarat Diocese for *Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults* and the *Code of Conduct for Working with Children*, parishioners who work with children and vulnerable adults are required to have a current Working With Children Check and to have completed the Online training module about protecting children and vulnerable adults. To assist us we are seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would be interested in being the Parish Safeguarding Officer to provide support to other parishioners and ensure that all safeguarding procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct for Caring for Children and the new Child Safe Standards are complied with.

Training will be provided through Michael Myers, the Professional Standards Coordinator for the Diocese of Ballarat. Contact Fr Justin for further information.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Saturday)

6.00pm	Ballarat East
6.00pm	Ballarat Nth
6.00pm	Clarkes Hill
6.00pm	Redan
6.00pm	Skipton
6.00pm	Springbank
6.00pm	Wendouree
6.30pm	Cathedral
7.00pm	Buninyong
7.30pm	Gordon
7.30pm	Sebastopol
7.30pm	Smythesdale
8.00pm	Ballan
8.00pm	Ballarat Nth
8.00pm	Beaufort
8.00pm	Learmonth
9.00pm	Ballarat East
9.00pm	Cathedral
9.00pm	Redan
9.00pm	Rokewood
9.00pm	Snake Valley
9.00pm	Wendouree
10.00pm	Bungaree
12Midnight	Cathedral

Christmas Day (Sunday)

8.00am	Cathedral
9.00am	Ballarat East
9.00am	Ballarat Nth
9.00am	Linton
9.00am	Redan
9.00am	Sebastopol
9.00am	Waubra
9.00am	Wendouree
9.30am	Dunnstown
10.30am	Cathedral
10.30am	St John of God
12.00pm	Cathedral
(Syro-Malabar Rite Indian Mass)	

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul has appointed Fr James Kerr as Assistant Priest to the Sunraysia Parishes of Mildura, Merbein and Red Cliffs. Fr James has been with us for the past three years, beginning his ministry as a priest. We thank Fr James for his ministry with us. Fr Peter Sherman has been appointed Parish Priest of St Alipius' Parish Ballarat East and Buninyong, replacing Fr Adrian McInerney who is retiring in January. The appointment of a Parish Priest to serve the Parishes of OLHC Wendouree and St Columba's Ballarat North is yet to be made.

Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, this weekend,

Carols in the Cathedral

The Service of Carols will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday December 23rd from 7.30 pm.

Music by: Regina Caeli Choristers, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Vox Vocal Ensemble, Victoria Welsh Male Choir, Creswick Brass Band, Guest organist – Mr Leigh Askew, Christ the King, Anglican Cathedral Choir Ballarat. Bishop Paul Bird will preside at the Service.

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.

Mass and Carols at St Columba's Streatham

On Sunday December 18th Fr Anthony will celebrate Mass at Streatham at 6.00 pm which will be followed by the Streatham community Carols in the Church at 7.00 pm.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Frs Anthony and Sajan will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday evening (December 20th) in the Church at Skipton from 7.00 pm

Skipton Community Christmas Carols

On Friday December 23rd at 6.30 pm all are invited to St John's Catholic Church for Carols.

Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community

Summer School Melbourne - 8-15 Jan 2017 – Save the date...registrations opening soon!

Join other young people aged 16-35 for a powerful week of teaching, live music, sacraments, prayer, praise and great speakers in the context of a fun and vibrant community away from the noise and distraction of the city. More info: summerschool.org.au

Palms Australia – Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Samoa and other locations. Teachers, Hairdressers, Plumbers, Builders, Medical Practitioners and more are needed. More info:

www.palms.org.au/volunteer/postitions/ or email palms@palms.org.au

Mercy Connect Ballarat

Supporting refugee and asylum seeker students in local schools, Volunteer mentors needed. Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker 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 2017. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

BDSJC: Who is coming for Christmas Dinner?

In September the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement was titled '**A Place at the Table**' *Social Justice in an Aging Society*. In responding to this statement the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is asking the families in our Ballarat Diocesan community to consider whether there might be an extra place at their Christmas dinner table for an elderly relative, friend or neighbour who may otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2017 leads to Year of Youth 2018

The Catholic Bishops of Australia invite Catholics across the country to join in celebrating a Year of Youth from the beginning of Advent 2017 to the end of 2018. The theme is, 'Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment'. The emphasis is on local discussion and dialogue in parishes, schools, youth groups and dioceses. The Year of Youth will be launched at the next Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Sydney in December 2017.

