

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

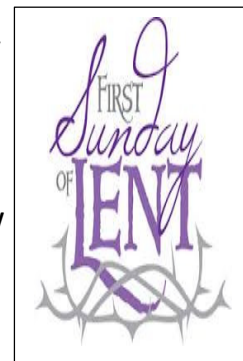
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Sunday 5th March 2017

1st Sunday of Lent (A)



**First Sunday of Lent
5th March 2017**

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death. But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours in her vulnerable community.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Recent Deaths: Diana DeCarli, Susan Nielsen, John (Jack) Nolan

Anniversaries: Sue Briody, Jim Conway, Mavis Drew, Mia Geurts, Madge Hickey, Mary Jackman, Sheila Parsons, Tommy Simpson, Eileen Sproules, Ante Tudorovic

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 12th 2017*

2nd Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 12:1-4 Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9

Masses:	11th/12th March	6.30pm Skipton	8.30am Beaufort	10.30am Snake Valley
	18th/19th March	6.30pm Smythesdale	9.00am Skipton	10.30am Rokewood

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 16th 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.

Call for Nominations – Diocesan Pastoral Council

The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for nominations for the 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. More information is on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.au under Services & Agencies, or check with your parish priest/parish leader, or phone Amanda in the Diocese office on 5337 7125.

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) is back for 2017 YESS will run on 2nd and 4th Sunday every month and is held in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. High School age young people are welcome to attend. The Young Adult Leadership team – Michaela Corrigan, Daniel Van Styn and Esther De Losa and Chiara Angeli have met with Fr Anthony and Justin to plan their year. Please contact Michaela Corrigan on 0431295207. Young people from the Linton parish are always welcome!

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.

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2016

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

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 15th, 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 17th in the Hall.
All welcome.

xt3 Lenten Calendar – online & free app

Starting on Ash Wednesday March 1st, every day see a new Lenten resource, a Lenten Challenge and the Gospel reading for that day. For youth, young adults and everyone - online Lenten calendar and free app for your mobile device is now available at <http://www.xt3.com/lent/>



The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS)

Encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*.

Francis (of Assisi) helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human..... if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled. *Laudato Si* 11

Bush Dance at Donegan's Farm, Gordon

Ballarat Friends of Ainaro Health Group are holding a Bush Dance at Donegan's Farm to raise funds for the Health Student Scholarship Fund to tertiary train Timorese health-workers so they can work in their local community. Fun, music, dance, auction, Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 6.30pm to 11.00pm, \$25.00 each or \$60.00 a family. Part of Harmony Fest – Cultural Diversity Week Ballarat. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/ONIR enquiries 0409 458 053.

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.