

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

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**Recent Deaths:** Mary Calvert, Geoff Hutchison, Eileen Marshall,

**Anniversaries:** Eddie Jackman, William Mark, Jim Quish, Monica Rawlings, Nina Rawlings,

**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,**

especially Lyn Alexander, Fr John Keane Kerrie Mulcahy, Patricia Yoeman

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2016*                      *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)*

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8 1Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 Luke 13:1-9

**Masses:** 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30am Skipton

### **Holy Hour**

Holy Hour for Vocations start on Thursday 25 February (because of Easter there will not be one in March) and every other 4th Thursday in each month, in the Nazareth House Chapel. 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm followed by supper & chat. All welcome to come and pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

### **Friends of Nazareth**

A meeting for The Friends of Nazareth will be on Sunday 28 Feb, 2pm in our Hall, followed by tea & chat then Adoration, Rosary and Evening Prayer. Please contact Sr Clare Ph 5329 5250

### **Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission**

During February all Expressions of Interest will be considered and the composition of the Commission finalised. Please note that the Social Justice Commission will meet on these days: March 5, May 14, August 27, November 12. The link to the Expression of Interest form is <http://tinyurl.com/bdjsc2016> any queries, please contact Vin Dillon, member of the BDSJC (M: 0409175273 Email: [vindillon@gmail.com](mailto:vindillon@gmail.com)).

### **Linton Parish finance committee meeting**

Thursday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Linton Presbytery. Members – Joe Gale, John Kavanagh, John Kennedy, Cecelia Rowberry, and Fr Justin

## Walk for Justice for Refugees 2016

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 2.00pm at the State Library, cnr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne. More information at [www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk](http://www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk).

## World Day of Prayer

A worldwide movement led by Christians of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> Please refer to Notice on Notice Boards for locations & times of services.

## Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 21, 2016

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 21, 2016. 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 2016 – 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)



The **Royal Commission** will hold the third part of the public hearing regarding the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat commencing February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016 at the Ballarat Magistrates Court with a focus on the Christian Brothers. Bishop Mulkearns will also give evidence via video link. Cardinal George Pell will give evidence from February 29<sup>th</sup> 2016 by video link from Rome concerning Case Study 28: Catholic

Church authorities in Ballarat and Case Study 35: Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Royal Commission will sit in Sydney commence at 08:00am AEDT. The Trench Room at Ballarat Town Hall will be made available for members of the community during the public hearing, including Cardinal Pell's evidence.

### A Hymn of Healing for the Church

Here we stand in silent witness to the Church we love and name.

Hearing pleas of children's voices, for our part in sin & shame.

Father we have hurt so deeply; trust betrayed, dark secrets kept.

Now the truth cries out in daylight.

Tears of old now freely wept.

Stir in us a deep compassion, firm resolve to heal the past.

Help us understand the darkness, lest again it comes to pass.

Lord we pray for those so wounded, hear the cry of victims' pain.

Help us seek the path of justice.

## Youth and Young Adult Ministry Update

WYD Krakow July 2016 - World Youth Day Pilgrims and Parishes: A resource to help pilgrims and their parishes prepare material for fundraising is now on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry - WYD page [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (link from front page) or contact Amanda on [youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au)



Second  
Sunday  
of Lent

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF  
PROJECT  
COMPASSION



With limited support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos, Duangmala feared that her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. However, he now has the chance to learn and thrive at a school for children with intellectual disabilities, supported by Caritas Australia.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos learn, grow and reach their full potential.** 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.

### The Lent Fast

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| Fast from judgement      | feast on compassion      |
| Fast from greed          | feast on sharing         |
| Fast from scarcity       | feast on abundance       |
| Fast from fear           | feast on peace           |
| Fast from lies           | feast on truth           |
| Fast from gossip         | feast on praise          |
| Fast from anxiety        | feast on patience        |
| Fast from evil           | feast on kindness        |
| Fast from apathy         | feast on engagement      |
| Fast from discontent     | feast on gratitude       |
| Fast from noise          | feast on silence         |
| Fast from discouragement | feast on hope            |
| Fast from hatred         | feast on love            |
| What will be your fast?  | What will be your feast? |