St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

Please Contact the Cathedral Office 5331 2933

ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Parish Office: Jacinta Westbrook,

Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew

Sunday 11th February 2018

Recent Deaths: Sr Margaret Gray(Loreto), Barbara Melican, Des Nolan

Anniversaries: Alexandra Chivers, Patrick Daly, Joyce Draffin, Clement O'Brien,

Fr Tom O'Brien, Sr Rosalie Rowley SJOG, Maisie Stickland.

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, especially Margaret Cranko, Nic Gowans, Nancy Hand, Grace Molloy, Milly Yeoman

Next week's readings: Sunday 11thFebruary 2017 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Job 7:1-4.6-7 Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23 Mark 1:29-39

Masses: 17th/18th February 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30 am Rokewood 24th/25th February 6.30 pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton

Ash Wednesday Mass Times - February 14th

Vigil Mass at **Skipton**, Tuesday February 13th at 7.30 pm Mass at **Snake Valley** on Ash Wednesday at 7.30 pm Cathedral Mass times 7.30 am, 10.00 am, 12 .05 pm, 7.00 pm Mass at Beaufort on Ash Wednesday at 7.00 pm.

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism at Snake Valley

Bridgette Anne Beames daughter of Beau & Kirsten

May she grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community.



Days of Fasting and Reparation

following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, February 14-17, 2018

Through these years, Australia's bishops and other Church leaders have often expressed their sorrow and have offered their apology for what has occurred in the past – the harm suffered by victims and survivors, the instances of cover-up, the failure to believe survivors' stories and to respond with compassion and justice, and the distress that many still experience. Our apologies have at time seemed too little – not because they were insincere, but because trust has been broken. We stand firm in our resolve to ensure that the abuse of children never happens again in the Catholic Church and to build new bonds of trust. With the Royal Commission concluded, our country and our Church enter into a new moment. We are calling upon the Catholic community in Australia to embrace this new moment by beginning the penitential season of Lent with four days of fasting and reparation. These are spiritual practices which express our desire for God's reconciling and healing grace.

Heavenly Father, who loves and cares for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable, we entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable adults, who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for so many broken lives. We pray that within their communities and families they may find understanding and support so that with the help of your grace their wounds may be healed, and they may again know peace.

There will be Evening Prayer of the Church in the Cathedral on Thursday, February 15th at 6.00 pm and the Holy Hour on Friday at 12.30 pm.