

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

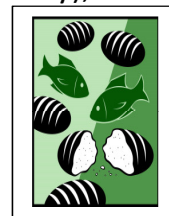
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Fr's Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu

Parish Office: Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer: Philip Westbrook

**Recent Deaths:** Joan Densley, Moira Lewis (Funeral Mass at the Cathedral 2.00pm Monday),  
Geoff Richmond, Joan Sinnott

**Anniversaries:** Bryan (Joseph) Dowling, George Morrison, William Raymer,  
Maria Sabo, Noreen Sherritt



**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, especially Geoff Hutchison**

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2015*      *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*

1 Kings 19:4-8      Ps 33(34):2-9      Ephesians 4:30 -5:2      John 6:41-51

**Masses:**    **8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> August**    7.30pm Skipton      8.30am Beaufort    10.30am Snake Valley  
   15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>      7.30 pm Smythesdale    9.00 am Skipton    10.30 am Rokewood

**Feast of the Assumption of Mary -      Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> (Holy Day)**

Masses	Vigil (Friday evening)	<b>Skipton</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>
		Cathedral	6.30 pm
	Saturday	Cathedral	8.00 am
		Cathedral	10.00 am

**Mass at St Columba's Streatham**

Fr Anthony will celebrate this first Friday Mass at Streatham on Friday, 7 August 2015 at 6.00pm.

**Linton Parish Finance Committee**

A meeting of the members (Joe Gale, John Kavanagh, John Kennedy, Cecilia Rowberry and Fr Justin) will be held in the Linton Presbytery this coming Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm. As part of a review of Parish buildings and an ongoing consideration of future needs and current maintenance requirements, valuations have been sought on some Parish properties including the Presbytery and vacant blocks. No decisions have been made regarding the future of any of these properties which is why the committee has sought to gather as much information as possible.

**Responding to Extremism - Fr Robert McCulloch**

6.00 pm Mass at Nazareth House on Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> followed by 7.30 pm Presentation in Nazareth House Hall. Entry by donation. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

## **Pope Francis' Ecological Encyclical**

Pope Francis' Encyclical on humanity and relationship with their environment is released For further information and follow up action prepared by Catholic Earthcare Australia (CEA) please refer to <http://catholicearthcare.org.au/ecological-encyclical/>

## **Laudato Si *On Care for our common home*, Diocesan Colloquium**

Rev Dr Denis Edwards will be in Ballarat on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to share his perspective on Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si* at OLHC Wendouree Mercy Centre, 480A Gillies Street, Wendouree from 9.00am – 4.00pm. Local practitioners will share their experience on how the encyclical is being lived out in the local context. All from the diocese are welcome to attend. Enquiries and bookings to Sue Searls [sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au), 0409 401 329 or Susan Crowe [scrowe@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:scrowe@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au), 0419 887 274. Booking is required for catering purposes. Cost \$15.00 to cover costs for morning tea and lunch.

## **Bishop's Secretary**

The secretary in the bishop's office, Bernadette O'Loughlin, will soon be retiring from this position. Bishop Paul is seeking expressions of interest in this secretarial role. An application package can be accessed on the website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) – Our Diocese – Employment. Inquiries can be directed to Cathy Dunbar, phone (03) 5337 7131 or email [cdunbar@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cdunbar@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au) Applications will close at 10 am on Monday, August 10th.

## **Mass at Nazareth House**

2.00pm **Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>** *Honouring the Fatherhood of God*, Mass **adoration and prayers**

**New Diocesan Website** (google chrome) [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au).

## **University of Melbourne - Newman College and St Mary's College**

Newman College and St Mary's College offer scholarships to academically gifted candidates and bursaries to financially-straitened families. Preference is given to Catholic students who come from the Catholic School system. It is important that students choose Newman College or St Mary's College as their first or second choice in their application.

## **St Vincent de Paul**

The Linton Conference of St Vincent de Paul is looking for some new members.

The meetings are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the second month at the Linton Presbytery.

Please contact President Paddy Kavanagh. 534 0 2165

**Reflection by Veronica Lawson rsm**

We have become so familiar with the sayings of Jesus that we can easily fail to notice the earth elements in the text or the constructed environment and treat them simply as backdrop for human activity rather than as having value in themselves. Jesus' claim "I am the bread of life" invites us to consider bread as matter essential to life as well as a metaphor for the God's Word become flesh. It invites us to consider what both material and symbolic dimensions of the statement might mean for living a gospel way of life. We

might note the close attention in this passage to the material and social context of Jesus' words. Boats, a town (Capernaum), the sea (of Galilee), the land on the "other side" all feature in this text. For those who have visited Galilee and seen the first century boat preserved in Kibbutz Ginnosar, reference to boats might evoke the diversity of wooden materials used in boat construction, in this case mostly oak and cedar. It might also alert us to the human communities that interacted with the material world to build the boats so integral to the life of the lake communities.

Those who have seen images of Capernaum will be aware of the basalt building materials used in the construction of the houses and might be led to wonder at the extraordinary processes of rock formation. The Sea of Galilee has agency in so many gospel stories. Here it is mentioned in passing, but must not be ignored, especially as we become aware of how perilously endangered it is since its waters have been exploited for irrigation over several decades. The "other side" evokes the rich agricultural land generally referred to as the "bread-basket" of the region. Mention of the crowd introduces children as well as women and men searching for Jesus. In other words, the text invites us into the whole Galilean world encoded in the text.

The question, "Rabbi, when did you come here?", is about time and place Jesus is addressed as teacher, as one who can lead his questioners from one physical and metaphorical place to another. It is his response to this question that introduces the discussion about bread. This in turn opens up a whole world of earth activity, of sun and soil and seed and plant, a world of planting and harvesting, of processing and cooking. Ironically, the words of the Johannine Jesus with their focus on the symbolic meaning of the bread turn his questioners away from the physical, material Earth elements that constitute both bread and flesh. Pope Francis invites us in his recent encyclical, *Laudato Si*, to value and respect the material world. The more we do so, the more attuned we will be to the challenge of Jesus' claim for our living of the gospel.