

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday August 19th 2018 20th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B)

Recent Deaths: Ivan D'Cruz, Trent Elkins (Funeral Mass at the Cathedral 2.30pm Tuesday), John Fitzpatrick, Ian Larkin, Ivan Turkovic

Anniversaries: Lesley Bigarelli, Abby Button, Maree Clifton, Thomas Coffey, David Griffiths, Rita Mary Madden, Frank McAloon, Lawrie McCartin, Con & Bonnie McDermott, Molly Nunn, Jack Nuttall, Wendy & Rod Page, Thomas J. Torpy

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, especially Margaret Cranko, Nancy Hand, Basil Torpy, Milly Yeoman

Next week's readings: *Sunday August 26th 2018 21st Sunday, Ordinary Time (B)*
Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18 Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. Ephesians 5:21-32 John 6:60-69

August 18th/19th 6.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood

August 25th/26th 6.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

Joy Spreading in Ballarat - Stacey Atkins special guest!

Stacey Atkins is the guest speaker at the next *Joy Spreading* event for young adults (18-30yo) on Friday, September 14th, from 6.30pm – 9.00pm at the Lake View Hotel, Ballarat. An opportunity for young Catholic adults to share ideas and views in a friendly environment. Free event. This is a Year of Youth initiative - *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph. 53377125.

Youth Festival in Ballarat – Joy +

Ballarat Diocese is holding a *free* day-long Festival called *Joy+* for youth and young adults 15-30yo. Sunday November 25th Ballarat 2pm-8pm! Featuring Genevieve Bryant and band with Josh Angrisano and special guests, workshops, worship, food and friends. The Youth Minsters from the Diocese of Ballarat (Patrick Kennedy Noeline Hogan) are organizing this event as an initiative for the Year of Youth - *Opening New Horizons for Spreading Joy!* Free Event Registration is necessary and now open. More information youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Australian Catholic Church Plenary Council 2020

Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Church.

Plenary Preparation in Ballarat Diocese – new leaflet

Plenary Council 2020 wants to hear from people around Australia. As part of the Plenary preparation process we are asked to consider and respond to three questions. Ballarat Diocese has prepared a leaflet giving information about this *Listening and Dialogue* process. Individuals can also respond. Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Church. The leaflet and other Plenary information is on the Plenary page of the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact us on phone 5337 7125.

To promote our own prayerful thinking about our responses to the question – ***What do you think the Holy Spirit is asking the Church in Australia at this time***, parishioners reflections of 200 words or less will be included on the Parish newsletter each week. If you have a response to this question that is being asked in preparation for the Plenary Council that you would be willing to have included on the newsletter (with your name), please forward to the Cathedral Parish Office. We look forward to the many varied voices of Linton parishioners being heard.

Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA)

The National Week of Prayer & Action will be held on August 20th – 31st 2018. Once the Catholic community is being asked to come together to advocate for people seeking asylum, this time in the weeks either side of the 104th World Day of Migrant and Refugees. As a practical expression of Pope Francis' message to welcome, protect, promote and integrate migrants and refugees (recently distributed by the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office in their toolkit to promote Migrant and Refugee week), we are asking again for your support in facilitating action. From the 20th – 31st August CAPSA members and supporters will join with schools, parishes, community mobilizers and organisations across the country to advocate and raise awareness for people seeking asylum in our communities.