# St Peter's Parish Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley Please Contact the Cathedral Office 5331 2933 Fr's Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu

Parish Office: Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer: Philip Westbrook

Recent Deaths: Showrila Nagothu (Fr Anthony's mother), Noel Pidgeon, Brian Scarff, Kevin White

Anniversaries: Molly Cross, Tony Doyle, Catherine Hayes, James Quinn, Bill Reilly, **Garry Twyford** 

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

**Next week's readings:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) Numbers 11:25-29 Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9, James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

Masses: 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm Snake Valley Vigil, 8.30am Beaufort, 10.30 am Skipton

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm Smythesdale Vigil, 9.00am Linton, 10.30 am Skipton



God of Compassion, Hear the cries of the people of Syria Comfort those who suffer violence Console those who mourn the dead Give strength to Syria's neighbouring countries to welcome the refugees Convert the hearts of those who have taken up arms And protect those who are committed to peace.

God of hope, Inspire leaders to choose peace over violence and to seek reconciliation with their enemies Inflame the Universal Church with compassion for the people of Syria And give us hope for a future built on justice for all.

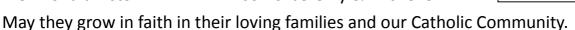
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Light of the world. Amen.

Prayer from Catholics Confront Global Poverty. Photo credit: Patrick Nicholson/Caritas

# We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Evie Mae Bruty daughter of Shane & Whitney

Alex Donald Liston son of Jeremy & Michelle





#### **Plant Stall**

Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 7.00 am-12pm at the Snake Valley General Store
Proceeds to St.Brigid's Altar Society for the upkeep of the Snake Valley Catholic Church
Donations of plants will be appreciated For further information - contact Kate on 53449327

## Online diocesan training course about safeguarding children and vulnerable adults

If you have a particular role in the parish, you may be contacted about providing your email address for the purpose of completing an online training course to be distributed by the Diocesan Professional Standards office. The training relates to two diocesan documents: "Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults" and "Code of Conduct for Caring for Children". The training aims to ensure that all those who work with children and persons in positions of responsibility in our parishes have read and understand the documents.

# Retreat with Fr Brendan Murphy SBD

Fr Brendan Murphy SDB will conduct a Retreat at Nazareth House all day on Thursday and Friday and on Saturday morning, September 24, 25 and 26th., beginning at 9.30 each day and finishing at 4.30. The overall theme, *Building a Civilisation of Love* will ask, "Who are we, Where are we going, and How will we get there?" A contribution of \$10 per day would be appreciated. Lunch \$10, if booked in advance. To register interest, please contact: Maureen van der Linden

Mobile: 0431 273 953 Email: mojo6163@hotmail.com

An evening session on Friday, beginning at 7pm will be held for younger parents and others interested.

#### St Francis of Assisi day

To celebrate St Francis of Assisi day, an evening is being held with speakers, Professor Singarayer Florentine, Federation University, on the topic of ecological restoration of landscapes and Sr Veronica Lawson on a Biblical perspective on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm at St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat. All welcome Enquiries 0438 448 942

## **Jubilee Year of Mercy**

(December 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 to November 2016)

How may we as a Parish celebrate this Year of Mercy, especially in Lent 2016?

## St John of God Hospital Ballarat Clinical Pastoral Education Program

From October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 to January 29<sup>th</sup> 2016. More information from the Cathedral Parish office.

# **Australian Catholic Youth Festival** in Adelaide, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

Registrations are now open for Year 9 to 25 years old. See Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage or <a href="https://www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au">www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au</a>.

#### St Martin's in the Pines 1970-75 40-year Reunion

St Martin's in the Pines 1970- 1975 year group are holding their 40 Year reunion on Sat 24th October. For bookings and further details please contact Robyn Barnett Ph. 5337 2352 or email connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

### **Corpus Christi College Building Appeal**

On the weekend of September 26 & 27, across all parishes in Victoria, a special appeal will be conducted to raise funds for the addition of new rooms for Seminarians at Corpus Christ Carlton.

# Integrity in the Service of the Church

The Principles and Behaviours Associated with the Service of Church Workers

1. Church Workers are committed to Justice and Equity

For the Church justice is central to its mission and way of life. There is a thread of revelation that runs through the First Testament reminding the people of God that their ritual and activities are incomplete if they do not live and act justly as a community. The prophet Amos expresses this clearly: "I hate, I scorn your festivals, I take no pleasure in your solemn assemblies...but let justice flow like water, and uprightness like a never failing stream." (Amos 5:21,24) Micah continues the theme: "You have been told what is good and what the Lord requires of you: To act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) Jesus took up the same message many times in his stories and actions. The reign of God is revealed when the hungry are fed, the naked clothed, the poor and outcast gathered back into the communion of God's love and given their just share in the gifts of creation.

Principle People observing this principle will:

- 1.1 Church Workers exhibit justice and fairness in relationships and service.
- 1.1.1 Familiarise themselves with the social justice teachings of the Church as they apply to paid workers and volunteers.
- 1.1.2 Encourage just action among all those in whose interests they work.
- 1.1.3 Extend courtesy and respect to all in the workplace.
- 1.1.4 Refrain from attributing motives and blame to those seeking help.
- 1.1.5 Behave in ways that are not discriminatory and use language that is appropriate and not sarcastic or belittling of others.