

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

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Recent Death: Peter Healy

Anniversaries: Laurie Bruty, Mary Grigg, Tom Mulcahy snr, Bernie Nicholson,
Barry Stevens, Harold Yeoman



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

Next week's readings: Sunday 6th December 2015 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

Baruch 5:1-9 Ps 125, R. v.3 Philipians 1:3-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6

Masses: 5th/6th December 7.30 pm Vigil Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30 am Skipton
12th/13th December 7.30 pm Vigil Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Snake Valley

Gordon Cemetery Mass

Bishop Peter Connors will celebrate Mass at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 1.30pm. BYO chair, some provided

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee - Holy Year of Mercy to commence on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, December 13, 2015, 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

OLHC Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch

You are invited to join us on Christmas Day for Lunch (no cost) 12.00 Midday -2.00 pm (Meal at 12.30 pm) at OLHC Parish Hall 482 Gillies St. Wendouree. Transport provided Bookings by 24th December (with dietary requirements) 0419 975 914

What are we waiting for?

Finding meaning in Advent & Christmas books by Fr Richard Leonard SJ are available from the Cathedral Office. \$19.95 each.

Recently published Books

“The Blessing of Mercy” by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm has published a book, “The Blessing of Mercy” to help Catholics and other Christians celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope. “*The Blessing of Mercy*” is also an ecological exploration of mercy in the Bible, connecting intentionally with Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si* and his proclamation of an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Copies of the book available from <http://morningstarpublishing.net.au/product/the-blessing-of-mercy/>

“The Wonder of Her Love” the Biography Trish Franklin IBVM by Michael Adams. To know Trish is to wonder at her work in developing the Loreto-Vietnam Australia program which has lifted 30,000 children to higher levels of dignity, education and hope. Available from John Garratt publishing 1300 650 878 or sales@garrattpublishing.com.au

Care for Our Common Home: An Australian Group Reading Guide to Pope Francis' Laudato Si

Advent Reflection opportunity for all which will include weekly reflection on the on the Advent Sunday Gospel - Four Wednesdays during Advent, 5.15 pm – 6.15pm in the smaller of the Cathedral Halls. There will also be an Advent Sunday reflection opportunity that will cover much of the weekly gatherings in an evening session, Sunday 6th December 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm. Please register your interest with Jacinta at the Cathedral Office (10am – 5pm Monday – Friday, ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au 53312933)

Integrity in the Service of the Church

Church Workers strive for excellence in the performance of their work

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you- so we want you to excel also in this enormous undertaking. [2Cor 8:7 (NRSV)].

Church Work calls for the application of skills appropriate to different types of service in the Church.

Competence in the skills needed for each particular area of Church work is necessary for all Church Workers. The demand of justice means that they develop and maintain the skills their particular work requires. It also means that they recognise the limitations of their skills, and the implications that has for those being served. Principle People observing this principle will:

5.1 Church Workers commit themselves to providing professional and competent service

5.1.1 Carry out all requirements of their role with due diligence and commitment.

5.1.2 Strive for optimum performance in all areas of their work.

5.1.3 Respect and promote the particular mission/vision of the organisation.

5.1.4 Be conscious of their leadership role and responsibility as role models.

5.1.5 Work within their defined role and avoid the overstepping of boundaries.

5.1.6 Observe appropriate confidentiality and privacy.

5.1.7 Be open to processes of personal and organisational review and development.

5.1.8 Maintain an appropriate balance between pastoral concern and professional responsibilities.

5.1.9 Provide mutual encouragement and support and affirm the initiatives of co-workers.