

St Peter's Parish

Communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley



Sunday March 17th Second Sunday in Lent (C)

Parish Office hours: Tuesday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu & Sajan Mathew

Visiting Priests: Frs Dan Arundell and Barry Ryan

Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue, Admin Officers - Anita Houlihan and Selina Gaden

Linton Parish Safeguarding Officer - Cecelia Rowberry

Masses March 23rd – 24th Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Snake Valley Beaufort Skipton

6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 10.30am

Masses 30th – 31st Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale Linton Skipton

6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

St Peter's Parish respectfully acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Recent Deaths: Peter Calistro, Mary (Maimie) O'Sullivan

Anniversaries: June Blaby, Noelene Fletcher, Marion Hannigan, Alwyn Harbott, Charlotte and William Holmes, Maria Jarema, Ben Kavanagh, George Knight, Glenn Loader, Fr. Angelo O'Hagan, Leonie Slater, Veronica Slater

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

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Anthony Nagothu as Assistant Priest to the Western Border Parish (Casterton, Coleraine, Edenhope, Hamilton and Harrow). Fr Anthony will replace Fr John Corrigan who has been appointed Assistant Priest to the Parishes of Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy. Fr Bill van de Camp (PP of Koroit and Port Fairy) will retire. Fr Anthony has been with us in the Linton, Beaufort and Cathedral Parishes for just over four years and we thank him for his ministry amongst us. Fr Anthony will celebrate the Masses at Smythesdale, Skipton and Rokewood communities this week and will celebrate Mass at Snake Valley next weekend. This will provide each community with the opportunity to say goodbye to Fr Anthony.

Lenten Prayer

Throughout the weeks of Lent, parishioners are invited to undertake penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here are 5 of forty simple suggestions for the 40 days of Lent, shared from the Lenten Programme **“All I have is yours, forty days to freedom.”**

- Eat a tomato fresh from the vine.
- Look at the moon. Think that the next full moon means it will be Easter.
- Slowly read Psalm 63.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Find out the names of the ten poorest countries.

Mercy Connect Ballarat / Supporting refugee and asylum seeker students in local schools - Volunteer mentors needed.

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools, through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive ongoing training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in the next few months. Contact Donna Stewart - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

