

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

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Fr's Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu

Parish Office: Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer: Philip Westbrook

Recent Deaths: Mary Baldock, Peter Fanning, Helen O'Neil, Pat Roberts, Mary White,

Anniversaries: Geoff Alford, John James Boland, Kevin Currie, Winifred Donovan,
Peter Leyden, Monsignor McKenzie, Roger Henry O'Bierne, Mary Quirk,



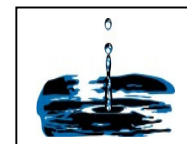
Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, especially Geoff Hutchison

Next week's readings: *Sunday 6th September 2015* 23rd *Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*
Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 145:7-10. R. v.1, James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37

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

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism at Skipton;

Alex Donald Liston son of Jeremy & Michelle
May Alex grow in faith in his loving family and our Catholic Community.



Jubilee Year of Mercy

(December 8th 2015 to November 2016)

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

Looking Forward Gathering

To be held at OLHC Wendouree on Tuesday September 1st 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm. This is the pastoral planning process of the Diocese of Ballarat and continues from 2014 with a focus on evangelisation, parish improvement and resource sharing amongst parishes.

Palms Australia

Are in need of more volunteers, especially teachers, to go to East Timor & other countries.

Palms director Roger O'Halloran will be in Ballarat on August 23rd and will be at an informal dinner at the Wallace Hotel at 6.00 pm. Inquiries & bookings Frank Hanrahan 0427 051 046

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/>

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Nazareth House Hall Friday 4th September 2015 at 1.30pm admission: \$5.00, Entrance Prize, Devonshire Tea, Raffle, Spinning Wheel, Produce and Fancy Goods Stall

Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Adelaide, December 3rd – 5th 2015

Registrations are now open for Year 9 to 25 years old. Early bird prices available until August 27th. See Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage or www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au.

Sacred Heart College Ballarat East Reunion – Class of 1965

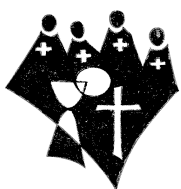
November 7th 2015 for the Sacred Heart College, Ballarat East class of 1965 (Year 7, 1960 to matriculation in 1965). For further information contact Jan Mullaly (Favaloro), 0418 522180 janmull65@gmail.com, or Carmel Frost (Frith) carmel@frost.net.au

St John of God Hospital Ballarat Clinical Pastoral Education Program

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

Sacred Heart College Ballarat Reunion – Class of 1965

A gathering is being planned for the Sacred Heart College, Ballarat class of 1965 and anyone who was part of this class from Year 7, 1960 to matriculation in 1965, on November 7, 2015 at the Barkly, Main Road, Ballarat at 12.00noon. For further information contact Jan Mullaly (Favaloro), email janmull65@gmail.com, ph. 0418 522180 or Carmel Frost (Frith) email carmel@frost.net.au or Anne Mibus (Watt) email annemibus@me.com



Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests 5th - 6th September

Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat North or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$67,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$40,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Envelopes will be available.

Church without Frontiers, Mother to All - 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his message for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 2015, has chosen the theme “Church without frontiers, Mother to all”. It is part of our Christian mandate from Jesus Christ to care for others and in particular the most vulnerable (c.f. Mt 7:12 and 25:35-36). The Holy Father, wishing to draw attention to and remind us of this, has chosen this theme. He wishes us to go beyond ourselves, to live an authentic Christian life, and show compassion and solidarity to those at the furthest fringes of society. In particular, Pope Francis has identified migrants and refugees to be in need of our special attention and care, as they are our brothers and sisters *“who are trying to escape difficult living conditions and dangers of every kind.”* (Message, 2015). The Holy Father mentions that, *“from the beginning, the Church has been a mother with a heart open to the whole world, and has been without borders.”* (Message, 2015).

We need to continue this tradition and welcome our brothers and sisters who are in most need of our assistance, in particular, those who have come from distant lands seeking a better life. Whilst the plight of refugees is often present and visible on our television screens, let us not forget the difficulties faced by the many migrants who have come to call Australia home. Often their hardships are not evident, but nonetheless still present.

In this message, I would like to draw your attention to the on-going conflict in the Middle East and the issues closer to home faced by asylum seekers, as well as the often-unseen difficulties faced by migrants in our communities.

Bishop Vincent Long <https://www.catholic.org.au/migrant-and-refugee/home>

- This 101st World Day of Migrant and Refugees let us be aware that 51.3 million people are displaced globally;
- Three million refugees have been produced by the Syrian war;
- Six and a half million, or one-third, of Syrian people are displaced;
- Half of these refugees are children.

As people of faith, are our values in order? What do the values of today’s Gospel say to us as we celebrate World Day of Migrants and Refugees in Australia?