

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: Emma Basham, Kathy Muir, Bill Noonan, Martin Riesewyk

Anniversaries: Lewis Thomas Drew, Maureen Hutchinson, Kath Mulcahy, Evelyn Nash,
Joan O'Connor, Fr John Russell, Molly Waring



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

Next week's readings: *Sunday 13th September 2015 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*

Isaiah 50:5-9, Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9, James 2:4-18, Mark 8:27-35

Masses: **12th/13th September** 7.30 pm Skipton Vigil, 8.30am Beaufort, 10.30 am Snake Valley

19th/20th September 7.30 pm Smythesdale Vigil, 9.00am Skipton, 10.30 am Rokewood

Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry

Meeting on Thursday 10 September at 4pm at 3 Smythe St. Skipton. Bring any quilt blocks you have been working on (finished or unfinished), and remember to bring your glasses! Refreshments will be served, so stop by for a cuppa. Ring Donna Shepherd on 0416-219-361 for more information.

Plant Stall

Saturday October 10th from 7.00am-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.

Stories Jesus Told: The Parables

Sponsored by Anima Education and Catholic Women's League

This intensive course over one weekend will study the Parables of Jesus in 6 sessions looking at how they were heard by Jesus' first listeners, read in the Christian tradition and how we might interpret them today.

Nazareth House, Friday evening, 24th to Sunday 26th September

Enquiries: Maureen van der Linden Mob: 0431 273 953 Further details on Notice Board.

Retreat with Fr Brendan Murphy SDB

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 26. He will ask us to consider, "Who are we, Where are we going, and How will we get there?" More details later. To register interest please contact Maureen van der Linden, ph. 0431 273 953 or email mojo6163@hotmail.com Catholic Women's League.

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?

Integrity in the Service of the Church - Introduction

Integrity in the Service of the Church (A Resource Document) represents the third stage in the compilation of a document of principles and behavioural standards which will serve as a resource for Lay Church Workers, both employees and volunteers.

The principles and standards in this document, with due distinction, parallel those for religious and clergy found in Integrity in Ministry, and reflect the fundamental belief that all people are made in the image of God and are worthy of respect. Integrity in the Service of the Church aims to help Church Workers reflect on and uphold Christian vision and values in all relationships and actions.

The service of Church Workers has its origins in the Gospel and in particular in Jesus' statement that he had come that all might have life, 'life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10). The principles and standards put forward in this document are extensions of five basic principles for Church Workers in which they:

1. are committed to justice and equity
2. uphold the dignity of all people and their right to respect
3. are committed to safe and supportive relationships
4. reach out to those who are poor, alienated or marginalised
5. strive for excellence in all their work.

Service, given according to these principles, is life-enriching for both providers and recipients.

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.

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

Registrations are now open for Year 9 to 25 years old. See Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage or www.youthfestival.catholic.org.au.



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

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund. 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. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue *'caring for those who cared for us'*. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today. You may also return your envelope next week. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible.

Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers,

*Who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifices.

*Who have worked to become good fathers.

*Who have to parent on their own.

*Who continue to offer their children, now grown, their love and support.

*Who, despite family breaks, have remained in their children's lives.

*Whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

*Who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their children's love and respect.

*Who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men.

*Who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

*Who have "fathered" us in their role as teachers, coaches, mentors and guides.

*Who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. AMEN