

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

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Recent Deaths: Margaret Austin, Lorna McCormack

Anniversaries: Raeleen Cahill, Nell Collins, Marian Crawford, Bernie Nestor, Mary O'Bierne,
Brian Smith,



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

Next week's readings: Sunday 19th September 2015 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6, James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

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

26th/27th September 7.30 pm Snake Valley Vigil, 8.30am Beaufort, 10.30 am Skipton

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN SYRIA

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.

 Caritas

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

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.

Intensive Course - The Parables, Stories Jesus Told

Sponsored by Anima Education and Catholic Womens' League, this intensive course will study the Parables of Jesus in six 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, September 18 - to Sunday, September 20. Contact Maureen van der Linden 0431 273 953.

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?

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.

Integrity in the Service of the Church - PREAMBLE

What is this Document about?

This Document outlines principles of conduct for any lay person who performs paid or unpaid work in the service of the Church (Church Worker). Church Workers, along with clergy and religious, contribute to the mission of the Church. This document deals with the behavioural standards expected of them in their work.

The principles and standards in this document, with due distinction, parallel those for religious and clergy found in Integrity in Ministry.

Who is the Document for?

- organisations or bodies within the Church to which Church Workers belong.
- those who employ, engage, assign, supervise, train or are responsible for Church Workers.

Child Protection Week *'Be Someone Who Listens to Children'*

Francis Sullivan CEO of the Catholic Church Truth Justice and Healing Council said the 2015 campaign highlights the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia. "This year's theme, 'Be Someone Who Listens to Children', sends an important message that the safety and wellbeing of Australian children should be at the very forefront of our approaches to protecting children and that listening to children is central.

The Royal Commission has recently released a major research report looking at how children understand and experience safety in institutions. In the report, [Taking Us Seriously: Children and young people talk about safety and institutional responses to their safety concerns](#), children and young people have identified what institutions should do to help them feel safe and be safe.

"Hearing directly from children is key to understanding how best to prevent and respond to child abuse in its many different forms", Mr Sullivan said.

"Unless we are able to provide environments where the primary focus is on children, their participation is valued, they are safe and their carers are appropriately selected and trusted, then children will continue to be at risk," Mr Sullivan said.

National Child Protection Week is coordinated by NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) and runs from 6-12 September 2015. NAPCAN was co-founded in 1987 by Rosemary Sinclair AO and Christine Stewart OAM and has made a major contribution to the safety and wellbeing of Australia's children and young people. Over more than two decades it has raised public awareness of child abuse and neglect and its impacts, and developed and promoted effective prevention strategies and programs.

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.