

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

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Prayer for the Synod on the Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalised find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

Recent Death: Leo Casey, Frank Jacobus Geurts

Anniversaries: Fr Dan Boylan, Eileen Bruty, Maurice Fay, Bill Heath, Alva Orsborne, Peter Reilly.



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

Next week's readings: *Sunday 25th October 2015* *30th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Ps 125. R. v.3 Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

Masses: **24th/25th October** 7.30 pm Snake Valley Vigil, 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton
31st Oct /1st Nov 7.30 pm Snake Valley Vigil, 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton

Liturgy of Lament and Hope

A Liturgy of Lament and Hope will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat at 2.00pm on Sunday, November 1st. This is being arranged in the context of the hearings of the Royal Commission relating to child abuse which will continue in Melbourne in November. The liturgy will offer people from throughout the diocese an occasion to lament the wrongs that have occurred in our Church, to ask forgiveness, and to pray for healing for all involved. The liturgy will include Scripture readings and prayers. Following the liturgy there will be a cuppa and time for a chat in the Cathedral Hall.

Catholic Theological College :

Catholic Theological College Open Day will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2015.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – register by October 23!

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is an immersion event for young people (year 9-25 years old) in Adelaide, December 3-5, 2015. **Closing date for Registrations is Friday, October 23.** If you are a Parish with only a few young people who might like to go, please contact the diocese for ways to help them get to Adelaide. Contact Ben or Amanda on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or ph 5337 7154 or 0427 748 867.

World Youth Day early registration is recommended!

Registrations are now open - register soon to ensure a place on the WYD Pilgrimage to Krakow in 2016. Pilgrim teachers: CEO Ballarat is supporting early-career teachers to go on the WYD Pilgrimage - contact CEOB on 5337 7131 or Amanda on 0427 748 867. More information on Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry webpage at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mercy Connect Ballarat – Volunteers needed

Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms (during 2016). Experience working in an educational setting is preferred. Training held in February 2016. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form.

St Martin's in the Pines 1970–75 40-year Reunion

Saturday, October 24, 2015. Info: Robyn Barnett, ph. 5337 2352 or connecting@damascus.vic.edu.au

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

CWL present a lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey

On Saturday, November 7 the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga (CWL) Ballarat Diocesan Committee, in conjunction with Ballarat General Members, will be hosting a lecture on Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ, Servant of God, in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 3 Lyons Street South, Ballarat, commencing with Mass in the Cathedral at 10.00am. Ballarat Cathedral CWL have donated an image of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ and a plaque to commemorate remarkable 97 years of dedicated service to the League by the CWL Ballarat Cathedral Branch (closed 2014)

New LUCAS Catholic Primary School

We invite you to a community information evening for the new Catholic primary school in Lucas, which will open in 2017. Monday 26 October 2015, 7:00pm- 8:00pm, Ballarat Community Health Centre. Applications for enrolment will be a key point of discussion as will planning for the school opening on the Lucas site. Come along and be a part of it - don't delay!! For more information or to register expressions of interest for the school, please visit our website:

www.ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au enquiries to ccklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or 5337 7186

St Patrick's College Enrolment Information

St Patrick's College warmly invites all families to attend our forthcoming 2017 Year 7 Information Evening. Wednesday, October 28 at 7.30pm in the St Patrick's College Chapel at 1431 Sturt Street, Ballarat. To register your attendance at this free event, please go online to www.trybooking.com/JBEX by Monday, October 26, 2015. To obtain a College prospectus, please contact Mrs Lorrie Liston on 5322 4449 or by emailing liston@stpats.vic.edu.au

Damascus College Enrolment Information

Damascus College warmly invites all families to attend our upcoming Information Evening and Open Mornings. The Information Evening will include a tour of the College, activities for students and an information session for parents. Open Mornings include a tour of the school with our students. Information evening Wednesday 4th November at 6.30pm, please arrive at 6.15pm for registration. Open mornings Thursday 12th and 19th November from 9am to 10.30am.

Integrity in the Service of the Church

Church Workers uphold the dignity of all people and their right to respect. "By daily acts that often surprised his contemporaries, Jesus made God's love for every human person very clear. He made a special effort to make it clear in the case of those who might have doubted it the most: the poor, the vulnerable, the sick, the young and those publicly regarded as sinners. He showed to them in particular that they were invited into the communion of God's love. For this reason the Church also, in all of its actions, makes clear the dignity and value of every human person, especially those most vulnerable." (Integrity in Ministry) People observing this principle will:

2.1 Church Workers treat all people with respect, sensitivity and courtesy

2.1.1 Listen attentively to and respond courteously towards all.

2.1.2 Respect gender difference and honour the dignity of women, men and children.

2.1.3 Resolve disputes amicably, fairly, justly through dialogue and mediation.

Church Workers embrace diversity and difference in those they serve or with whom they work.

2.2.1 Respectfully welcome diversity and difference.

2.2.2 Respond sensitively to the issues that arise when different cultures meet.

2.2.3 Be sensitive and helpful to those who have difficulty with language or communication.

2.2.4 Seek to understand and respect the beliefs, fears and desires of all irrespective of disability, culture, race, religious affiliation, gender or sexual orientation