

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

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Fr's Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu

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Recent Death: Clara Conlan, Marie Hermans, Frank Kennedy,

Anniversaries: Lynne Connors, Patrick Flanigan, Elizabeth Kelly, Sheila Leyden,
Con Mulcahy, Mary O'Donohue,



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

Next week's readings: Sunday 1st November 2015 All Saints Feast (B)

Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

Masses: 31st Oct /1st Nov 7.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30 am Skipton
7th/8th November 7.30 pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Snake Valley

Royal Commission Update: Public hearing into Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat

The Royal Commission will hold the second part of the public hearing regarding Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat at the County Court of Victoria, Melbourne. This hearing will be co-ordinated with the public hearing regarding the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and evidence from witnesses common to each hearing will be received. It is anticipated that the hearing regarding Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat will commence around December 7, 2015 depending on the progress of the hearing into the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The scope and purpose of the second part of this public hearing is to inquire into:

- The response of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat and of other Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious.
- The response of Victoria Police to allegations of child sexual abuse against clergy or religious which took place within the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.
- Any related matters.

Cardinal Pell is expected to give evidence during the last week of the hearing.

Responding to Sexual Abuse

Towards Healing Helpline – ph.1800 816 030 (free call) or towardsh@ncable.com.au

Police Ballarat Sexual Offences & Child Abuse Units (SOCA) ph. 5336 6055

(**CASA**) Ballarat Centre Against Sexual Assault Ph. 5320 3933 or Free Call 1800 806 292 or

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