

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

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XIV Ordinary Synod of Bishops (4-25 Oct 2015)

Theme: The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World

So what is a Synod of Bishops? It's a coming together (usually every 3 years) of the Pope with Bishops from around the world to discuss important issues facing the Church.

So why all the attention on this Synod? It has attracted far more attention than any other Synod in living memory, probably because...

1. The topic, that is the family, is where we live our most intimate relationships
2. There are massive sociological changes that families face
3. There is wide interest in Pope Francis.

The Pope sees sharing 'the joy of the Gospel' as both affirming the goodness of faith-filled families and welcoming in a non-judgemental manner those who live outside these families. This is a huge challenge that families face daily. It may require a shift in Church attitudes at many levels. A two-year process In fact the Pope considers this so important that he has convened two synods on the topic, each with worldwide consultations. The first, held last year, will be used as the starting point for the coming XIV Ordinary Synod in October. So this is really a two-year listening process and we are called to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit through this careful process. Let's pray specially for our two attending Australian Bishops, Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane and Bishop Eugene Hurley of Darwin. Finally, the Pope is expected to publish his conclusions. *"The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society"* Pope Francis.

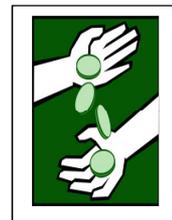
Prayer for the Synod on the Family

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: Jack Callander, Bryan Cleeman, Apolonia Kaciczak, Eddie Schreenan,

Anniversaries: Lin Bruty Snr, Francis Curran, Bill Fay, Mary Gallagher, William Leyden,
Desmond Troy.



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

Next week's readings: *Sunday 18th October 2015* *29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)*
Isaiah 53:10-11 Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:-30

Masses: **17th/18th October** 7.30 pm Smythesdale Vigil, 9.00am Skipton 10.30 am Rokewood
24th/25th October 7.30 pm Snake Valley Vigil, 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton

Gathering of Youth & Young Adults

St John the Baptist Catholic Parish Beaufort is hosting a gathering of Secondary School age youth and young adults to be held at the Beaufort Catholic Parish Centre Leichardt St, Beaufort on Sunday 11th October 2015 6.15 pm – 8.15pm Speakers for the evening: Fr James Kerr & Ben van Styn. Agenda - 6.15pm Meet in the Church followed by a meal in the Parish Centre. After the meal we will hear a few words from Father James and Ben about the opportunities that are available for youth in our diocese. RSVP Sister Helen Murphy Phone: 5349 2880 Email: helen.murphy@loreto.org.au
We look forward to enjoying the evening with you.

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

Faith Formation - St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy

Fr Kevin Lenehan presents reflections on St Luke, Evangelist of Mercy. All welcome at either: Ararat 4.00pm-5.30pm or Ballarat 7.30pm-9.00pm, both on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. Gold coin donation for Caritas Refugee Appeal. Venues - Ararat: Parish Community Centre, Immaculate Conception Church; Ballarat, St Patrick's Cathedral (small Hall). We are also making a dvd of Fr Kevin's presentation and it will be available for parishes. For more info phone 5337 7154 or go to Ballarat Diocese Faith Formation at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Linton Parish Confirmation Preparation

Communities of St Peter's Linton, St John's Skipton, St Mary's Smythesdale, St Brigid's Snake Valley.

To commence the Sacramental program an information/registration meeting **for parents** will be held on Thursday 15th October at 6.30pm at St John's Church, Skipton. The sacrament of Confirmation is for children who are baptised Catholic, currently in Grade 3 (or older) Parents are asked to bring their child(ren)'s original Baptismal Certificate on the night of the meeting. For further information please contact Angela Gowans 53402285

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Consistent with the sacramental policy of the Ballarat Diocese, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in 2015 on Sunday 22 November (Feast of Christ the King) at St John's Skipton and completed in 2016 with First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Holy Communion (Eucharist).

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.

Integrity in the Service of the Church

The Principles and Behaviours Associated with the Service of Church Workers

People observing this principle will:

1.4 Church Workers act responsibly and are accountable in the use of resources

1.4.1 Exercise responsibility and accountability for the financial and material resources they manage and use.

1.4.2 Exercise prudent judgment and proper accountability in relation to financial and property matters.

1.4.3 Keep accurate records of income and expenditure.

1.4.4 Maintain an assets register.

1.4.5 Have all accounts audited or monitored annually.

1.4.6 Present to stakeholders, at least annually, budgets, financial statements and reports on property administration and maintenance.

1.4.7 Not solicit gifts or favours from clients, even by implication.

1.4.8 Not misappropriate funds allocated for their work.

1.4.9 Issue receipts for all financial gifts and benefits for and on behalf of the works and projects in which they are engaged.

1.4.10 Use responsibly and ethically all work equipment and resources..