

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

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Recent Deaths: Lesley Driscoll, Maxwell George Hopwood

Anniversaries: Michael Alsop, John Boland, Ted Cahill, Gerard Casanova, Matt George,
Joan & Jack Hanlon, John Hurley, Daisy Leyden, Frank McDonald, Jack Rawlings,
Chris Stienhus, Georgia Thornton



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

Next week's readings: Sunday 29th November 2015 1st Sunday of Advent (B)

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Masses: 28th/29th November 7.30 pm Vigil Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30 am Skipton
5th/6th December 7.30 pm Vigil Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30 am Skipton

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

William Charles Sheehan son of Stephen & Rachel

Thomas Robert Dunne son of Timothy & Kate

May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.



Sacrament Of Confirmation at St John's Skipton

Over the past few weeks 9 young people Emma, Hannah, Madison, Avia, Sophie, Lachlan, Sophie, Alice and Grace, from across the Linton Parish have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Today they celebrate the Sacrament with the parish community, their families and friends. All from across the Parish are invited to join us for the Celebration of the Sacrament at 10.30am mass and then after at the Skipton Mechanics Hall for a light lunch and a cuppa.

Holy Hour

The last Holy Hour for the year will be held on Thursday 26th November in the Nazareth House Chapel. at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Gordon Cemetery Mass

Bishop Peter Connors will celebrate Mass at the Gordon Cemetery on Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 1.30pm. BYO chair, some provided

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced an Extraordinary Jubilee - Holy Year of Mercy to commence on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to attend the Opening of the Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, December 13, 2015, 10.30am. Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Parish Men's Weekends

menALIVE began by organising weekends for men in parishes - what better place to discover a supportive community of men than in your backyard? menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry for Men. The next weekend will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School, Ocean Grove on November 28 & 29, 2015. For brochure and to register go to www.menalive.org.au

Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ Lecture

Thursday 26th November, Cathedral Hall, Australian University, 20 Brunswick St Fitzroy, 6-7.30pm. To assist with catering please register at <http://www.trybooking.com/JKUF>, queries to Fiona at cwlprojects@bigpond.com or 9417 3379

Global Catholic Climate Movement

November 2015 is a historical month to take action against climate change. On November 30, 2015 world leaders will inaugurate the Paris Climate Summit (called COP21) and sign a treaty to tackle the climate crisis. And throughout November, we will pray and mobilize as never before, to put into practice the Pope's *Laudato Si* message. To get started, the Bishops of the world released this "Appeal to the COP21 Negotiating Parties" and our movement responded with this "Call for a Month of Climate Action". Events to participate in: Sign the Catholic Climate Petition -through this petition we urge our political leaders to commit to ambitious climate action and solve this urgent crisis. Petition signatures will be delivered in an event at the Paris Climate Summit; #Pray4cop21 - through the #Pray4cop21 prayer chain we are praying for world leaders to have courage at COP21 and put into practice the Pope's *Laudato Si* message; Join the Global Climate March – on November 29, hours before the COP21, we'll take the streets together with the wider climate movement to show that we really care about climate change and ask governments for bold action. See more at: <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/month-climate-action/#sthash.PlulAMGh.dpuf>

“The Blessing of Mercy” by Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Sr Veronica Lawson rsm has published a book, “The Blessing of Mercy” to help Catholics and other Christians celebrate the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by Pope. “*The Blessing of Mercy*” is also an ecological exploration of mercy in the Bible, connecting intentionally with Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si* and his proclamation of an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Copies of the book available from <http://morningstarpublishing.net.au/product/the-blessing-of-mercy/>

Save the Date

Gospel in the Garden. - 2 pm Sat Nov 28th, Come and rock with Sweet Mona's Gospel Choir, West Papuan singers, U3A Ukelele players, drummers and others and help raise funds for local asylum seekers and refugees. Stalls and competitions, face painting and fun for all. Afternoon tea. Entry \$15 - children free. Inquiries - Carmel [0401 175 045 / annkav123@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:0401_175_045_annekav123@yahoo.co.uk)

Care for Our Common Home: An Australian Group Reading Guide to Pope Francis' Laudato Si

Advent Reflection opportunity for all which will include weekly reflection on the on the Advent Sunday Gospel - Four Wednesdays during Advent, commencing Wednesday November 25th, 5.15 pm – 6.15pm in the smaller of the Cathedral Halls. There will also be an Advent Sunday reflection opportunity that will cover much of the weekly gatherings in an evening session, Sunday 6th December 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm. Please register your interest with Jacinta at the Cathedral Office (10am – 5pm Monday – Friday, ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au 53312933)

Integrity in the Service of the Church

Church Workers who are policy and decision makers work to create conditions where those who are poor, alienated or marginalised are treated with understanding and compassion.

4.5.1 Establish and support programmes that reach out to those who are poor, alienated or marginalised.

4.5.2 Assist all Church Workers for whom they are responsible to act always with sensitivity and compassion.

4.5.3 Provide a climate of warmth, welcome and connection when those who feel alienated or marginalised from the Church take tentative steps to return.

Church Workers strive for excellence in the performance of their work

Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you- so we want you to excel also in this enormous undertaking. [2Cor 8:7 (NRSV)].

Church Work calls for the application of skills appropriate to different types of service in the Church. Competence in the skills needed for each particular area of Church work is necessary for all Church Workers. The demand of justice means that they develop and maintain the skills their particular work requires. It also means that they recognise the limitations of their skills, and the implications that has for those being served.