

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

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr & Anthony Nagothu

**Recent Death:** Margaret Whelan, Fr Justin Woodford.

**Anniversaries:** Kate Firns, Molly Hogan, Harry Kennedy, Theo Peters, Ann Prendergast

**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,**  
especially Lyn Alexander, Geoff Hutchison & Kerrie Mulcahy



**Next week's readings:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (B)

Zephaniah 3:14-18      Is 12:2-6 R. v.6      Philippians 4:4-7      Luke 3:10-18

**Masses:** 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm Vigil Skipton      8.30am Beaufort      10.30 am Snake Valley  
19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 pm Vigil Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton      10.30 am Rokewood

**Christmas eve Masses, Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup>**

6.00 pm Skipton,      7.30 pm Smythesdale,      8.00 pm Beaufort,  
9.00 pm Snake Valley,      9.00 pm Rokewood  
(Cathedral Masses 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm, 12 Midnight)

**Christmas day Mass, Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

9.00 am Linton      (Cathedral Masses 8.00 am & 10.30 am)

**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.

**OLHC Wendouree Christmas Day Lunch**

You are invited to join us on Christmas Day for Lunch (no cost) 12.00 Midday -2.00 pm (Meal at 12.30 pm) at OLHC Parish Hall 482 Gillies St. Wendouree. Transport provided Bookings by 24<sup>th</sup> December (with dietary requirements) 0419 975 914

## **Making a Scene at Christmas**

Making a Scene at Christmas will be on show for public viewing on Wednesday, December 9 at Lumen Christi Primary School, Delacombe and St Thomas More Primary School, Alfredton from 4.00pm – 7.00pm and Thursday, December 10 at Our Lady Help of Christians, Wendouree and St Francis Xavier Primary School, Ballarat East from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Part of the collection will be on display on Friday, December 11 at Nazareth House from 1.30pm – 4.00pm for residents and their families. Entry is free and our Nativity guides will be most happy to talk to you about the collections. Special this year are Nativities from Africa, South America, Indigenous Australia. You may be introduced to Kevin, the oldest sheep in Australia or see a coin minted the year Jesus was born.

## **Recently published Books**

### **“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/>

**“The Wonder of Her Love” the Biography Trish Franklin IBVM** by Michael Adams. To know Trish is to wonder at her work in developing the Loreto-Vietnam Australia program which has lifted 30,000 children to higher levels of dignity, education and hope. Available from John Garratt publishing 1300 650 878 or [sales@garrattpublishing.com.au](mailto:sales@garrattpublishing.com.au)

## **Diocesan e-News**

Diocesan e-News is available to all members of the Diocese and those associated with and with an interest in the life of the diocese. It is published every two weeks and distributed via email. You can subscribe to receive e-News on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or you are welcome to submit items for publication to [enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:enews@ballarat.catholic.org.au). News items submitted should have relevance to the life and activity of the parishes and schools of the diocese and include photos where possible.

## **Polish Arts Festival**

Our Polish friends in Melbourne invite all to PolArt, the 13<sup>th</sup> National Polish Arts Festival, December 27 - January 3. Free Opening Day in Federation Square on Sunday, December. Free Children’ program on December 29 and a packed program of cinema, music, theatre and dance - [www.polart2015.com.au](http://www.polart2015.com.au). Highly recommended if you are going to World Youth Day 2016.

## **Centacare Annual Toy Drive**

Centacare Ballarat's 2015 Annual Toy Drive will run until December 15, 2015. Centacare are seeking donations of toys for all families engaged with Centacare programs and the drive aims to provide each child with a gift for Christmas. The appeal allows children who may not otherwise receive a gift the opportunity to experience the wonder that Christmas brings. In 2014 the appeal assisted over 100 families and 200 children to celebrate. To donate please purchase an age specific toy, select a name tag from one of the Centacare gift trees located at Toyworld Ballarat, Curves Sebastopol or Curves Wendouree and place your gift under the tree. The Toy Drive will be launched at Toyworld Ballarat on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 11.00am-1.00pm with a free barbeque, face painting and a visit from Santa. For more information on donating and assisting this Christmas, please contact our appeal coordinators, Keryn Monshing, Jenny Grima or Joanne Woodland on 5387 7900 or email [keryn.monshing@centacareballarat.org.au](mailto:keryn.monshing@centacareballarat.org.au)

## **Integrity in the Service of the Church**

Church Workers commit themselves to ongoing professional development

5.2.1 Maintain the currency of their competence.

5.2.2 Engage in ongoing spiritual formation, especially when holding a leadership or teaching role.

5.2.3 Provide appropriate modelling, advice and guidance to assist others in their professional development.

5.3 Church Workers commit themselves to effective professional working relationships with colleagues, clients and all to whom they minister

5.3.1 Maintain appropriate boundaries in their working relationships.

5.3.2 Establish professional relationships that prioritise needs of others.

5.3.3 Be alert to the inherent risks of conflict of interest, personal gain, manipulation and emotional dependence.

5.3.4 Be fair and equitable in dealing with others, and use consistent and appropriate methods of settling grievances.

5.3.5 Maintain clear communication with colleagues, clients and with their designated supervisor/mentor.

5.3.6 Use consultation methods that provide appropriate transparency, collaboration and involvement in decision-making.

Church Workers do not operate beyond the limits of their competence and qualifications

5.4.1 Show willingness to seek guidance and advice from others.

5.4.2 Not engage in tasks or activities for which they have inadequate expertise or qualifications, especially Pastoral Care, Counselling or Spiritual Direction.

5.4.3 Recognise the appropriate time to make referrals to those with proper qualifications/expertise.