

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

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr & Anthony Nagothu



Recent Deaths: Marie Hased, Margaret Ruby Turville, Margaret Whitehouse

Anniversaries: Vera Martin, Adam Milenkovic, Gladys Sharp, Nell Stevens,

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,

especially Lyn Alexander, Kath Kavanagh, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy, Patricia Yoeman

Next week's readings: Sunday 6th March 2016 4th Sunday of Lent (C)

Joshua 5:9-12 Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Masses: 5th/6th March 7.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30am Skipton
12th/13th March 7.30pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Snake Valley

Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission

During February all Expressions of Interest will be considered and the composition of the Commission finalised. Please note that the Social Justice Commission will meet on these days: March 5, May 14, August 27, November 12. The link to the Expression of Interest form is <http://tinyurl.com/bdjsc2016> any queries, please contact Vin Dillon, member of the BDSJC (M: 0409175273 Email: vindillon@gmail.com).

Diocesan RCIA & Sacrament Facilitator

Applications are sought for a new position within the Ballarat Diocese - Diocesan RCIA and Sacrament Facilitator (3 days per week). Please contact the Cathedral office for a detailed position description. Applications close March 15, 2016.

10th Anniversary of Ordination for Fr Matthew Thomas

Mass will be held at St Patrick's Church, Camperdown on March 17, 2016 at 7.00pm to celebrate Fr Matthew's 10th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. Supper will follow.

RSVP to Michael McKenzie, ph. 0409 962148

Nazareth House Ballarat St Patrick's Day Coffee Party

St Patrick's Day Coffee Party on Thursday, March 17, 2015 at 1.30 pm in the Hall at Nazareth House. All welcome.

Walk for Justice for Refugees 2016

Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 2.00pm at the State Library, cnr Swanston and La Trobe Streets, Melbourne. More information at www.facebook.com/palmsundaywalk.

World Day of Prayer

A worldwide movement led by Christians of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year. Friday March 4th Please refer to Notice on Notice Boards for locations & times of services.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, March 21, 2016

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, March 21, 2016. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2016 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, Musicians and Singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au



The Royal Commission Bishop Mulkearns will continue to give evidence via video link. Cardinal George Pell will give evidence from February 29th 2016 by video link from Rome concerning Case Study 28: Catholic Church authorities in Ballarat and Case Study 35: Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The Royal Commission will sit in Sydney commence at 08:00am AEDT. The Trench Room at Ballarat Town Hall will be made available the community during Cardinal Pell's evidence.

A Hymn of Healing for the Church

Here we stand in silent witness to the Church we love and name.

Hearing pleas of children's voices, for our part in sin & shame.

Father we have hurt so deeply; trust betrayed, dark secrets kept.

Now the truth cries out in daylight.

Tears of old now freely wept.

Stir in us a deep compassion, firm resolve to heal the past.

Help us understand the darkness, lest again it comes to pass.

Lord we pray for those so wounded, hear the cry of victims' pain.

Help us seek the path of justice.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Update

WYD Krakow July 2016 - World Youth Day Pilgrims and Parishes: A resource to help pilgrims and their parishes prepare material for fundraising is now on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry - WYD page www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (link from front page) or contact Amanda on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Third
Sunday
of Lent

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF
PROJECT
COMPASSION



Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic's community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learnt communication and problem solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help empower communities in Papua New Guinea to lead their own development and create more harmonious futures. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

The Lent Fast

Fast from judgement	feast on compassion
Fast from greed	feast on sharing
Fast from scarcity	feast on abundance
Fast from fear	feast on peace
Fast from lies	feast on truth
Fast from gossip	feast on praise
Fast from anxiety	feast on patience
Fast from evil	feast on kindness
Fast from apathy	feast on engagement
Fast from discontent	feast on gratitude
Fast from noise	feast on silence
Fast from discouragement	feast on hope
Fast from hatred	feast on love
What will be your fast?	What will be your feast?