

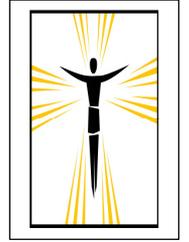
St Peter's Parish Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr & Anthony Nagothu



Anniversaries: Geoff Bruty, Mary Casanova, Jack & Mary Fay, Kathleen Lynch,
Nora Mulcahy, John O'Brien, Sr Veronica Spoules, Joseph Van der Lindon

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,

especially Margaret Cranko, Cath Kavanagh, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy, Narelle Pett,
Tom Preece, Patricia Yoeman

Next week's readings: *Sunday 15th May 2016* *Pentecost Sunday (C)*

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23

Masses: **14th/15th May** 7.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood
 21st/22nd May 7.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

Preparation for the Sacrament of first Communion

Incorporating the communities of St Peter's Linton, St John's Skipton, St Mary's Smythesdale & St Brigid's Snake Valley.

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Communion has commenced for those children who have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Preparation is being held in Skipton at the Catholic Church at 6.00 pm. These sessions will run each Wednesday until May 25th. Children and a parent/guardian will be expected to attend the four sessions over four weeks. The sacrament will be celebrated with the Parish community on the **Sunday 29th May St John's, Skipton at 10.30am.**

For further information please contact Angela Gowans, 53402285 nic.gowans@bigpond.com

Welcome back to Fr Anthony

Welcome back to Fr Anthony who will return this week from his visit to India where he has spent time with family, friends and the Salesians. Since Easter Sunday, the priests from the Cathedral parish are celebrating the weekend Masses in the parishes of Hopetoun, Nhill and Warracknabeal. Fr Neville Stanislaus is the Parish Priest of these parishes but is on compassionate leave in Canada where his mother is dying. We pray for Lourdes Stanislaus, for Neville and all of their family.

Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns

Bishop Paul Bird invites priests and people to join him at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat on Monday, May 16 at 12.05 pm to celebrate a Memorial Mass for Bishop Ronald Mulkearns.

menALIVE Men's Weekend - Hamilton

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church. St Mary's Parish Hamilton is hosting a menALIVE weekend on July 30 & 31, 2016. Contact John Hockey 0439 319 823

manager@stmaryshamilton.org.au Pasquale Mammone (W/bool) 0438 247 765,

pasquale_mammone@yahoo.com.au The weekend commences Saturday at 8:30am and concludes at 1:30pm on Sunday. Billed accommodation will be available. More information can be found at

www.stmaryshamilton.org.au Online Bookings www.trybooking.com.au/KNVH

Parish Community Gatherings

Following meetings of the Parish Finance Committee (April 14th) and Parish delegates (April 20th) with Fr Justin, a decision has been made to hold a series of meetings in each of the Mass centres. These meetings will consider issues of parish property and maintenance so the while the meetings are not expected to come to a consensus or reach a decision, they will be an opportunity for parish finance committee members and the parish delegates to listen in order to gauge the response of parishioners. One of the key issues is the future of the presbytery at Linton – it has not been lived in for over three years and continues to deteriorate. If it is to be retained by the parish then money will need to be spent on it to repair and refurbish. If it is to be sold, consideration needs to be given to where groups that currently meet in the presbytery can meet – St Vincent de Paul, Finance Committee, counters, Parish delegates... Information will also be provided on work to be undertaken at the Church in Snake Valley and the grounds at Smythesdale. A review of the 7.30 pm starting time for the Vigil Masses will also be undertaken. Meetings will be held after Mass in –

- St Brigid's Snake Valley, Sunday May 8th after 10.30 am Mass
- St Mary's Smythesdale, Saturday May 14th after 7.30 pm Mass
- St John's Skipton, Sunday May 15th after 9.00 am Mass
- St Peter's Linton, Sunday May 29th after 9.00 am Mass

Written submissions are also invited and may be given to delegates or Fr Justin for consideration.

Christian Dances of the 13th/14th Centuries

Dance played an important part in the life and liturgy of medieval times. Dances from the Court of Alfonso the Wise of Spain and the pilgrims of Montserrat will be seen at the Art Gallery of Ballarat on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 2.15pm, when the Rippon Lea Dancers and Early Music Consort present 'The Woman's Song'. Period costumes and instruments will be featured and soprano Erika Tandiono will perform with historic gesture. Admission to the one-hour program is \$20.00, \$40.00 family. Bookings, ph. 5320 5858 or www.artgalleryofballarat.com.au

Faith Circles / Free weekly small group resource

Faith Circles is a free weekly small group resource based on Pope Francis' Weekly Catechesis, with reflection questions and prayer points on a double-sided A4 sheet.. It will be available to download via email subscription or from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong website

faithcircles.dow.org.au. *Faith Circles* is free, no strings attached - we just want Catholics to be nurtured by doing life and faith in groups, not on your own!

You can print as many copies as you like.

Ballarat Interfaith Network

Bus trip to The Great Stupa's remarkable light show, in Bendigo, Saturday May 28th, for more information or to book tickets phone 0477477658 or go to <https://goo.gl/lfGehl>

Parenting Strategies for Teenage Success – Free Community Event

Success Coach, Darren Pereira, is founder and managing director of Success Integrated. His presentation will provide you with practical tools on how to create a positive home environment conducive to raising a child's academic performance, mental health and wellbeing.

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at Damascus College, Ballarat, John Shannon Centre at 7.00pm. Go to the Damascus College website to book your free tickets online at www.damascus.vic.edu.au.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – May 8-15

Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord

The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held each year in the week leading up to the Feast of Pentecost. All are invited to Evening Prayer at 5.30 pm in the following

Churches in Ballarat

Tuesday May 10th at St John's Lutheran Church Doveton St,

Wednesday May 11th at St Patrick's Cathedral

Thursday May 12th at Uniting Church Dana St

Friday May 13th at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral

Each of the Churches will use the resources prepared by the National Council of Churches

A Prayer for Mothers

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen