

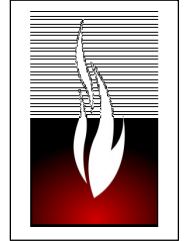
St Peter's Parish Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Parish Office: Jacinta Westbrook,

Finance Officer: Philip Westbrook

Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr & Anthony Nagothu



Recent Deaths: Fr Cyril Blake, Robin Lines, Tom Murphy,

Anniversaries: James Cornips, Eugene Grigg, Terry Grigg, Peter Hammond, Fr Paddy King,
Theresa McDonald, Alwyn Parker, Vinnie Ver Dooran,

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 22nd May 2016 *The Most Holy Trinity (C)*

Proverbs 8:22-31

Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

Masses: 21st/22nd May 7.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

28th/29th May 7.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 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

Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns

The proposal to offer a Memorial Mass for Bishop Mulkearns has been reconsidered in the light of the level of distress that this proposal has prompted. A public gathering for Mass in an environment of protest would raise concerns for public safety, exacerbate the pain and suffering of victim survivors and compromise the occasion as one of prayer. The Mass for Bishop Mulkearns was proposed in line with the Catholic practice of prayer for those who have died. However, the adverse reaction to the proposal must be listened to and the concerns heeded, so the Mass will not proceed.

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 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.

OLHC Parish Coordinator Vacancy

OLHC Parish Wendouree invites applications for the part-time position of Parish Coordinator (12 hours per week). From Monday May 16th a role description and application form can be accessed on the Diocesan Web-site <http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/> search Employment or Wendouree Parish

Infant Viability Bill

Please show your support for the, which seeks to prevent abortions post 24 weeks, and the beautiful lives it will save by attending the Infant Viability Bill Rally: At 2pm – 3:30pm on Saturday 21st of May In front of the steps of Parliament House, Spring Street, East Melbourne (Please gather at 1:30pm in the Parliament Gardens, corner of Spring St. and Albert St., for a 2pm start) We must prove to the Victorian Parliament, through our presence at this rally, that Victoria wants this change! Every life deserves a lifetime. For more details, please visit us at www.infantviability.org.au

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.

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

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.

PROCLAIM 2016

Early Bird Registrations are now open for the PROCLAIM conference to be held in Sydney from September 1-3, 2016. Participants will gain invaluable support, ideas and pastoral initiatives for their parish communities from keynote speakers Cardinal Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington, Bishop Nicholas Hudson of the Archdiocese of Westminster;

Dr Susan Timoney (Washington) and Mr Daniel Ang Director, Office for Evangelisation, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. Complementing these keynotes, specialists from a wide variety of fields from all over Australia will deliver practical workshops specifically designed to promote and cultivate evangelising parishes in the local context. Go to website for more information

<http://proclaimconference.com.au/>