

**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, Sajan Matthew



**Recent Deaths:** Tom Rees, Bernie Segrave

**Anniversaries:** Nell Fay, Fr Gallagher, Jane Jackman, Austin Kerrins, Reta O'Rourke,  
Fr Barry Stickland

**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,**

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

**Next week's readings:** Sunday 29th May 2016    *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (C)*  
Genesis 14:18-20    Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4    1 Corinthians 11:23-26    Luke 9:11-17

**Masses:**    **28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May**    7.30pm Smythesdale    9.00am Linton    10.30am Skipton  
                  **4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> June**    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. The sacrament will be celebrated with the Parish community on the **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May St John's, Skipton at 10.30am**. We continue to pray for these children, their parents, families, catechists and teachers.

### **Pre-election Forum**

Federal Election July 2<sup>nd</sup> you are invited to attend a *Pre-election Forum* to hear the viewpoints of the Candidates for Ballarat on *Issues for a Just Society* and to ask them your questions Monday 20th June 6.00 – 7.45pm Ballarat Central Uniting Church corner Dana Street & Lydiard Street South, Ballarat

### **ACBC Statement re Federal Election**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have released a statement regarding the upcoming federal election, "Voice for the voiceless: A statement by the Catholic Bishops of Australia on the election" dated 16 May 2016 (attached). Further information, including a prayer for the election, is available from the ACBC website [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.org.au)

## **Parish Community Gatherings**

Following meetings of the Parish Finance Committee (April 14<sup>th</sup>) and Parish delegates (April 20<sup>th</sup>) 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 Peter's Linton, Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 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

## **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

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[pasquale\\_mammone@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.stmaryshamilton.org.au) Online Bookings [www.trybooking.com.au/KNVH](http://www.trybooking.com.au/KNVH)

## **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](http://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!

## **The Australian Welsh Choir**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 2.30pm Neil Street Uniting Church All tickets at concession price \$25.00 (cash only) Ticket sales: Alison Allen 5331 5801 or 0422 460 881

## ***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/>

## **National Reconciliation Week 2016: 'Our History, Our Story, Our Future'**

The week of May 27 – June 3 is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. See the Reconciliation Australia website for more information [www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/)

## **Cathedral Parish Finance Officer**

After almost 10 years working for the Cathedral Parish Office as our finance officer, Philip Westbrook has resigned from this position. Thank you Philip for your ministry with us and the Parishes of Redan and Sebastopol over these years. Following the Finance Committee meeting held during the week, this position will now be advertised and applications to Fr Justin can be left at the Parish Office. The position is part time (0.5) and requires skills in finance, administration, occupation health and safety and human resources. A complete position description will be available from Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> from the Cathedral Office.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass at St Columba's Streatham**

Fr Anthony will celebrate Mass at Streatham on Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.00 pm. All are welcome to the celebration of the Eucharist at Streatham. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is often associated with the Mass for the poor. In this year of Mercy, perhaps there could be a collection on this day at Mass that can be then given to the Linton Parish Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.