

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

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**Recent Deaths:** John Kennedy (Ballarat East), Mary McInerney, Loyola McKenzie,  
Michael John Myers, Jessie Nestor, Stanley Alfred Russell

**Anniversaries:** Kath Lorensini, Maurice Muirhead, Bernard Vaughan

**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 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016      10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Kings 17:17-24      Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2      Galatians 1:11-19      Luke 7:11-17

**Masses:**      4<sup>th</sup>/65<sup>th</sup> June      7.30pm Smythesdale      9.00am Linton      10.30am Skipton  
                 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> June      7.30pm Skipton      8.30am Beaufort      10.30am Snake Valley

### **Sacrament of First Communion at St John's Skipton**

Over the past few weeks 9 young people Emma, Hannah, Madison, Avia, Sophie, Lachlan, Sophie, Alice and Grace, from across the Linton Parish have been preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion.

Today they will be celebrating the Sacrament with the parish community, their families and friends. All from across the Parish are invited to join us for the Celebration of the Sacrament at 10.30am Mass and then after at the Skipton Mechanics Hall for a light lunch and a cuppa.

### **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 & 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 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.

## **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)

## **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/)

### Positions Vacant

#### Cathedral Parish Finance Officer

The position is part time (20 hours per week) and requires skills in finance, administration, occupation health and safety and human resources. This position also serves as the finance officer for the parishes of St Aloysius' Redan, St James' Sebastopol and St Peter's Linton. A complete position description is available from the Parish Office. Applications to be forwarded to Fr Justin by Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. Both a current Working With Children Check and Police Check are required.

#### Pastoral Care – Ballarat Health Services

For many years, the Cathedral Parish has employed a pastoral carer to serve the pastoral needs of the Catholic patients and their families who are in the Base Hospital. Sr Paula Fleming SJG, Kathy Pollard and Kaye Stringer have each served in this pastoral care ministry. The current position is 12 hours per week and will become vacant when Kaye concludes in mid-June. Applications may be forwarded to Fr Justin by June 10<sup>th</sup> with the resume to include skills, qualifications (ideally a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education) and pastoral experience as well as referees. A current Working With Children Check and Police Check are required.



#### National Mass Count

Over the past four weekends the national count of attendance has been undertaken. The count was first held nationally in 2001. Thanks to all who undertaken this count for us at our Masses. The average numbers:

St John's Skipton	33	St Brigid's Snake Valley	62	St Mary's Smythesdale	37
St Peter's Linton	23	St Patrick's Rokewood	14		
Cathedral		Saturday 6.30 pm	238	Sunday 8.00 am	164
		Sunday 10.30 am	355	Sunday 5.00 pm	308

#### 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.