

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

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**Recent Deaths:** Ernie Auchettl, Helen Houlihan

**Anniversaries:** Clive Conrick, William Davey, Lal Franc, Patrick Higgins, Sr Kathleen Merchovic, Andrew Prendagast, Fr Tom Russell, Eileen Ryan,

**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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016*      *12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Zechariah 12:10-11; 13:1      Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2      Galatians 3:26-29      Luke 9:18-24

**Masses:**      **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> June** 7.30pm Smythesdale      9.00am Skipton      10.30am Rokewood  
                 **25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> June** 7.30pm Snake Valley      8.30am Beaufort      10.30am Skipton

### **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program**

The Ballarat Diocese has initiated a Lay Pastoral Ministry Program that offers opportunities for formation, study, support and accreditation for lay workers, both employees and volunteers, in the diocese. Flyers are being posted to parishes and full information is on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) (under Services & Agencies/Pastoral Ministry) or you can contact Amanda Smith, ph. 5337 7125 or email [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **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/>

### **Asylum Seeker Fundraiser - Annual Soup Luncheon**

Please come along and hear how former child soldier from South Sudan, Isaac Moses, a Ballarat resident has risen from the trauma of war and displacement, to become an Australian citizen and student of Social Work at Federation University. Wednesday June 22nd, at 12.30 pm, Nazareth House Hall, Mill Street, Ballarat. Entry \$20 Conc. \$15. Cake stall and competitions.

All welcome - especially children. Inquiries - Carmel -53322103/0401175045

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### **Lucas Catholic Primary School Opening in 2017**

A Community Consultation Evening will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at St Thomas More Primary School Alfredton from 7.00pm- 8.00pm. This is your opportunity to have input into the school identity including the school name, motto, logo and colours and be updated on the building plans (flyer attached). All enquiries to Cass Klain [cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au) or website [www.lucascatholicprimaryschool.com.au](http://www.lucascatholicprimaryschool.com.au)

### **Walk-4-One Lunch**

St Michael's Parish, Bungaree presents "Walk-4-One" lunch with guest speaker, Sam Clear, on Sunday, June 19, 2016. Sam, a young Tasmanian, pledged himself to a mission: he would walk around the world in an effort to urge and inspire all Christians to unite. Tickets available from Amanda Elliott ph. 0427 713064 or [amanda@rumerz.com.au](mailto:amanda@rumerz.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](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!

### **Dr Riad Kassis Dinner**

Dr Riad Kassis and his family are Christians living in the middle of the Syrian Crisis.

You are invited to join Riad, his wife and 17 year old daughter as they share their experiences and perspectives on life as a Christian on the Syrian border, and how Australian Christians can support and encourage their brothers and sisters living in the Muslim World.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 6.30 – 9.00pm Red Door Pizzeria 401 Warrenheip St Buninyong  
Cost: \$22 per person (Drinks and dessert not included). Donations also gratefully accepted on the night RSVP (or further enquiries) to Mark Schnerring (Minister Buninyong Anglican Church) by Sunday 3rd July, including any dietary requirements: 0401 022 107 or

[mark@buninyonganglican.org.au](mailto:mark@buninyonganglican.org.au) Limited places

## **Federation Election: What can you do- 3 invitations below**

1. Attend organised local gatherings or send forth questions of concern: Ballarat - June 20 at 6.00pm at the Ballarat Central Uniting Church. Attendance of ALP, Liberals and Greens has been confirmed.
2. Writing to politicians now, with your concerns, is an important strategy to challenge seriously unjust matters. Two areas of concern are provided
  - Border protection and control and the unjust handling of Refugees and Asylum Seekers - see attached for possible questions to ask politicians. Also included are tips to ensure you receive a response, plus a sample letter, courtesy of Julian Burnside (QC, AOM).
  - Commitment toward climate change  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcP5E2trsX4&feature=youtu.be> "What kind of future are we leaving for our children and future generations?" For more information about Climate change go to <http://catholicearthcare.org.au/project/laudato-si-an-urgent-appeal-for-action>
3. Please consider distributing this message and Election Kit "The approaching federal Election is engendering much publicity. As Australians and as Christians, we are challenged to reflect on some of the values and issues we want our country to consider as we face a new moment in our history.

NetAct has prepared these reflection sheets in response to a number of current discussions. It seems that often the human and Christian dimensions of these issues are ignored in the ongoing debate and political wrangling. This Kit invites individuals and communities to reflect on issues from the perspective of our humanity and our faith, rather than allowing political rhetoric to colour our thinking. We hope that it will engender new conversations. We encourage the distribution of kits in parishes and for use in community and social justice groups or shared with friends. NetAct: A Project of Catholic Social Justice, Welfare and Educational Agencies

## **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)

## **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

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 2.00 pm At Saints Peter & Paul's Church Fiskin Street Buninyong, Tickets \$30 on sale from John & Geraldine White 53412675 or 0402808299