

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

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Matthew



Recent Death: Barry Hill, Margot Driscoll (Fr Justin's mother), Andrew Warden

Anniversaries: Des Delaney, Dennis Farrington, Greg Hutchinson, Mavis Kelly,
Betty O'Brien, Elizabeth Rawliston,

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 3rd July 2016* *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Isaiah 66:10-15 Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1 Galatians 6:14-18 Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

Masses: **2nd/3rd July** 7.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30am Skipton
 9th/10th July 7.30pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Snake Valley

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

The Linton Conference of St Vincent de Paul are conducting their annual Winter appeal.
Envelopes are available in the churches.

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. Brochures are available and full information is on the diocesan website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au (under Services & Agencies/Pastoral Ministry) or contact Amanda Smith, ph. 5337 7125 or email amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Holy Hour @ Nazareth House, Thursday June 30th, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm

The Victoria Welsh Male Choir in concert

Sunday June 26th, 2.00 pm Saints Peter & Paul's Church Fiskin Street Buninyong, Tickets \$30 on sale from John & Geraldine White 53412675 or 0402808299. Afternoon tea provided.

Lucas Catholic Primary School Opening in 2017

With our new Parish Primary School preparing to open for the school 2017 school year, the next Community Consultation Evening will be held on Tuesday, July 12th 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. All enquiries to Cass Klain cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or the new school website www.lucascatholicprimaryschool.com.au

An evening with Dr Massimo Faggioli – The Catholic Church and Francis in the International Situation Today.

Massimo Faggioli is regarded as one of the most significant commentators on the Catholic Church in the Post Vatican II era.

His books - Vatican II: The Battle for Meaning (2012), Sorting out Catholicism: A Brief History of The New Ecclesial Movements (2014) and A Council for the Global Church: Receiving Vatican II in History (2015) have each received significant acclaim.

When: Thursday 21 July 2016 at 7:30 pm

Where: St Carthage's Church Parkville, 123 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052

Admission: \$20.00

Dr Riad Kassis Dinner

Dr Riad 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 6th July 2016, 6.30 – 9.00pm Red Door Pizzeria 401 Warrenheip St Buninyong *Limited places* 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

PROCLAIM 2016 Conference Sponsorship

The diocesan Foundation has offered sponsorship for six people from the diocese (two from each zone) to attend the PROCLAIM 2016 Conference in Sydney from September 1-3, 2016 (www.proclaimconference.com.au). If you are interested in attending, please complete an application form, addressing the selection criteria, from the Cathedral Office, and return this to the Pastoral Ministry Office by Monday, June 27, 2016. For any enquiries, please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or email pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Annual Collection For The Pope – Weekend Of July 2/3, 2016.

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world on a weekend near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul This collection will be taken up on July 2/3

Gospel Reflection: Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Gary Cohen's film, Judah & Mohammad, depicts the separate lives and education of two teenage school boys, one a Jewish Israeli and the other a Palestinian Arab. Judah and Mohammad have never met and are unlikely ever to do so. Geographically they are near neighbours, but their lives are separated by a "security wall" that keeps them and their people effectively separated and suspicious of each other, despite the desire for peace of many on both sides of the wall. Sandy Tolan's heart-wrenching novel, The Lemon Tree, tells a similar story of women on either side of the divide. Both stories reflect a contemporary story of violent conflict and hostility. That is more or less how it was between Jews and Samaritans in the first century, although the hostility in that instance had endured for centuries.

A gracious welcome for Jesus and his friends could hardly have been expected in that climate, although it seems they would have been welcomed had Jesus planned to stay and worship in the temple on Mt. Gerizim, the centre of Samaritan life and worship. The problem for the Samaritans is his decision to use Samaritan territory simply as a staging post on his journey to Jerusalem, the centre of Jewish life and worship. The Samaritans "did not receive him because his face was set towards Jerusalem".

The Galilean Jewish disciples James and John have an excessively violent reaction to the unwelcoming Samaritans: "Do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" The force of this question can easily be lost. James and John have heard Jesus telling them to love their enemies, to do good to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them (6:28-28). And yet they want to call down fire on those who do not receive him. Jesus makes it clear that violence is not the way of God's prophet, even in the face of rejection. He has no word of condemnation for the villagers who failed to receive him but simply moves on to another village. The text simply says that he turns and rebukes his two disciples.

There is a sense of relentlessness in this gospel passage. Jesus has "set his face to Jerusalem" and there is no turning back for him or for those who join him on the journey. Jesus, in the company of his disciples, now moves inexorably to Jerusalem where he will be "lifted up" in death and exaltation. Bringing the good news of God's kin-dom is the purpose of the journey. We are invited to enter into that journey with all its demands and deprivations. There is no room on this journey, it seems, for clinging to familiar securities.