

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

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Recent Deaths: John Brick, William Cronin, Steven Kirsteuer, Nic Naus, Bernie Maddocks, Molly Reilly, Daniel Toohey, Dr Jim Walker.

Anniversaries: Brian Fisher, Fr Donald Hurley, Paddy Kennedy, Rita Lynch, Don Mulcahy, Les Stevens

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,
especially Margaret Cranko, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy, Narelle Pett, Patricia Yoeman

Next week's readings: *Sunday 10th July 2016* *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Deuteronomy 30: 10-14 Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33 Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Masses: **9th/10th July** 7.30pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Snake Valley
 16th/17th July 7.30pm Smythesdale 8.30am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood

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

Annual Collection for The Pope

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 this weekend.

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

Courage Conference

Courage is an international apostolate of the Catholic Church, which ministers to persons with same-sex attraction. The five goals of Courage are Chastity, Prayer and Dedication, Fellowship, Support and Good Example. Each year, Courage holds a National Conference. This year the Conference will be in sunny Brisbane in August. For further enquiries and registration contacts are: Michael Curtin 0411 180 264 mcalutn@gmail.com or Rev Fr Bob Harwood 0418 730 011 bharwood@bne.catholic.net

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday 3rd July

Reflection by Bishop Joseph Oudemann Auxiliary Bishop Brisbane

It is a long standing tradition that the first Sunday of July is dedicated to our Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander brothers and sisters. May we be one in mind and heart with them as we listen to today's living Word in the Scriptures. The readings of our liturgy are taken from the 14th Sunday in Ordinary time from Isaiah 66, Galatians 6 and Luke 10. Firstly, let us remember and acknowledge again that for thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers, the sole inhabitants of this vast land were Indigenous peoples: the Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders. In a real sense the settlers were invaders in this land which was named "terra nullius", the land which was deemed to belong to no one! Many injustices and atrocities have been committed against the Indigenous people of the land since. A National Apology to the Stolen Generations by the Prime Minister on February 13 2008 was indeed an historic and hope-filled moment for Australia. The then president of the Australian Bishops Conference, Archbishop Wilson, said in his Statement: "Today is a great day in the history of our Nation, because it represents a much longed-for point of arrival. But it must not end there. For true healing to take place we must also acknowledge that this National Apology is a point not only of arrival, but a point of hope and a point of departure." The journey and process is one of reconciliation and healing. The reading from the prophet Isaiah today invites us all to "rejoice with Jerusalem....rejoice, rejoice all you who mourned her! Jerusalem: the City of Peace!...For Yahweh says this: Look I am going to send peace flowing over her like a river". The first words from the lips of the Risen Lord to his shocked and fearful disciples are: Peace be with you! It is a very profound peace, that transforms our relationships and attitudes, and which helps us overcome the hurdles and tensions as we dialogue and witness for a better world. God's world and our "common home". (Laudato si- Pope Francis). The simple and profound prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord make me an instrument of Peace" captures such a transformation of the heart. The challenge of reconciliation and bringing healing requires fortitude, wisdom and patience. When we read St. Paul's letter to the Galatians Ch.5 -6 we are reminded of the self-indulgence and the self-importance at the centre of our lives, which prevents us to love and to reach out to our needy sisters and brothers. Today's reading from Galatians 6, is the concluding exhortation of St. Paul, namely to boast in (i.e. to proclaim) the cross of Jesus Christ, the self-giving of Christ, as the great focus of our lives. "It is not being circumcised or uncircumcised that matters but what matters is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this as their rule and to the Israel of God" The Gospel reading of St. Luke sends us all out to mission and visit the towns and places Jesus himself would be visiting. There are all kinds of instructions for the disciples about trust in God's presence and providence, and about being and remaining a person of peace, hospitality and respect, which is all contained in the Jewish greeting: "Shalom". Also is mentioned the need to bring healing and to reassure everyone that the Kingdom of God is near. Let me finish with our Responsorial psalm of today: "let the earth cry out to God with joy!" Ah! Mother Earth! Crying out to God with joy! It is same kind of joy and gratitude which mark the words of Pope Francis, in his pastoral letter "Laudato si", where he speaks of our common home and the responsibilities we all have to look after our "mother" and the incredible variety of "offspring"! And where he speaks of its beauty and the interconnectedness of everything! Yes, the Kingdom of God is very near. But we need eyes to see. We need ears to hear. We need hearts to treasure. We need hands to put to the plough, and to sow good seeds, as we live and work in hope toward a rich harvest