

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

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



Recent Deaths: Patricia Bowes, Isobel Wright

Anniversaries: Alice Edna Cluff, John Donovan, John Jansan, Jean McInerney,
Roger & Ethel O'Bierne, Chris Stevens, Mary Patricia Thorp, Sr Cynthia Wright.

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 17th July 2016* *16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Genesis 18:1-10 Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1 Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

Masses: **16th/17th July** 7.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood
 23rd/24th July 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. 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

Lucas Catholic Primary School Opening in 2017

This week, Jo Brewer commences as the Principal of our new Catholic Primary school which will open in Lucas at the commencement of the 2017 school year – welcome Jo! The process of naming our new school has commenced – parishioners are invited to offer suggestions for names. The new school will not use a name currently in use by an existing Catholic School in the Diocese of Ballarat (e.g. St Patrick's St Thomas More, St Mary MacKillop, Mercy, Emmaus, St Michael's...).

A community Consultation Evening will be held on Tuesday, July 12th at St Thomas More Primary School Alfredton from 7.00pm- 8.00pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend or to offer your suggestions through the parish office (ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au). All enquiries to Cass Klain cklain@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au or website www.lucascatholicprimaryschool.com.au

For the next 2 weeks, Frs Anthony and Sajan will be in Sydney at the Sisters of St Joseph Spirituality Centre in Baulkham Hills participating in a program designed for priests and women and men religious who come to Australia for ministry. Topics include an introduction to Australia – the land, its peoples and the Church; Right relationships – women and the Australian Church, integrity in ministry and child protection; and psychological aspects of entering a different culture.

Welcome back to Fr James who returns from annual leave. Fr James will be one of the Chaplains accompanying the Victorian pilgrims attending World Youth Day in Poland, July 22nd – August 5th. Over recent months the Cathedral Priests have been supplying in the parishes of Warracknabeal, Hopetoun and Nhill for Fr Neville Stanislaus, whose mother is dying in Canada. More recently they have been supplying in the parishes of Charlton and St Arnaud for Fr Paul Mercovich.

Thank you to Frs Bill Melican, Denis Ryan and Ed Moloney who have been assisting us over these past weeks as we seek to respond to the needs of other parishes in our Diocese.

menAlive Men's Weekend – Hamilton Parish

Hamilton Parish will host a menALIVE Men's Weekend on July 30 & 31, 2016. 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. The weekend commences Saturday at 8.30am and concludes at 1.30pm on Sunday. Billed accommodation will be available. More information can be found on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or www.stmaryshamilton.org.au or phone John Hockey, 0439319823.

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

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

World Youth Day At Home!

Live streaming of World Youth Day events will be available on

[Xt3 www.xt3.com/wyd2016/](http://www.xt3.com/wyd2016/) Connect with WYD in your parish or school for WYD events July 25-31, 2016 either live or via download afterwards. WYD Mass in Krakow with Pope Francis is on July 31. "Blessed are the merciful" is the theme of WYD. The WYD prayer and other info is available on the Diocesan website youth pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Gospel Reflection: Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

The present ecological crisis calls us to new ways of being neighbour. We used to speak in terms of thinking globally and acting locally. If we are to be neighbour in our times, we need to think cosmically as well as globally, and to act globally as well as locally. Thinking cosmically means embracing the entire 14 billion year story of our expanding and evolving universe. It means accepting our cosmic identity and our intimate connectedness to the whole of creation. Thinking cosmically elicits wonder and respect for all created being and especially for God who is Source and Sustainer of all that exists. Cosmic thinking provides a context for acting globally and locally, for being neighbour in our local and global environments.

Today's gospel story is about being neighbour. It foregrounds the human characters and their relationships with each other. The lawyer who questions Jesus is trying to catch him out. Like Jesus' audience, this legal expert knows the Jewish law regarding love of God and of one's neighbour. He answers Jesus' first question correctly. This leads to another "test" question: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus replies with a subversive story that ends in yet another question: "Which of these three was neighbour...?" The lawyer cannot avoid the obvious answer, though it would cost a Jewish legal expert dearly to admit that a Samaritan could be neighbour to a Jew in need. Rather than utter the word "Samaritan" he answers obliquely, "the one who showed mercy".

The Samaritan is "moved with compassion", literally "moved in the depths of his being". The Samaritan befriends the wounded traveller and draws on earth resources to care for him: fabric to bind the wounds, wine and oil for healing, his "own animal" as transport, finance for accommodation, companionship at the inn, provision for ongoing care. The story offers the shocking suggestion that a Samaritan knows more about love of God and of neighbour than do those who officiate in temple worship, namely the priest and the Levite who "pass by".

Cosmic thinking invites us to focus not just on the human characters from different cultures and social strata in this story, but also on the neighbourly animal, the fruit of the vine and of the olive grove, and the silver coins formed of material extracted from the earth and engaged as signs of compassionate neighbourly love. It invites us to reverence all of creation and the Creator of all that is.