

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: Fr Jack Moroney

Anniversaries: Liam & Frankie Davison, Antoinette De Brauwere Jack Doyle, Kathleen Fenwick, Ivan Grigg, Noreen Sherritt, Jess Taranto, Jack Meiklejohn

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 24th July 2016* *17th 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: **23rd/24th July** 7.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

30th /31st July 7.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 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

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.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Friday, August 5, 2016 at 1.30pm at Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat. Entrance prize, spinning wheel, devonshire tea, fancy goods, produce stall. All welcome.

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening

The College will conduct the 2018 Year 7 Information Night on Wednesday October 26 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel.

Families will have the opportunity to meet with the Headmaster, Mr John Crowley and Head of Junior School, Mr John Richards as well as learn more about the exciting curricular and co-curricular opportunities provided by the College. Families will also be invited to a College tour taking in all curriculum areas.

To receive a 2018 Enrolment Package please contact Mrs Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Finding meaning and hope in everyday life

Do you feel overwhelmed with the pace and anxieties of life? Are you searching or drawn to a different way of living? This day will offer the opportunity to pause, reflect and notice where you are in the world. Come and experience a way of being in the world as lived by St. Ignatius of Loyola - one of awareness, listening, reflection and connection. Image courtesy: www.aunty.mmf.com.au

To make a booking please contact: Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality on Tel: (03) 9854 8110 or Email: secretary@campion.asn.au For more information contact Mary on Email:

marynolanau@gmail.com For people aged 20+ Session 1: 11am-1pm, Lunch: 1-2pm, Session 2: 2-4.30pm You are welcome to come for part or all of the day Cost: \$15.00 / Light lunch provided

Sunday August 7, 2016 11.00am - 4.30 pm Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality
99 Studley Park Road Kew

Catholic Singles Conference

Single? Catholic? The Archdiocese of Sydney is holding a Catholic Singles Conference from September 16-18, 2016. The conference will feature two keynote presenters from the USA, a mix of talks and workshops, plenty of social opportunities and a 1950s three course dinner-dance at Luna Park. There are also optional pre and post conference events. The conference is open to all singles adults. For all information visit www.catholicyouthservices.org/catholic-singles-conference

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/ . WYD Mass in Krakow with Pope Francis is on July 31. The WYD prayer and other info is available www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Gospel Reflection: John Thornhill sm

We know from John's gospel that Martha and Mary were friends of Jesus, and that he was frequently in their home. Luke tells us nothing of this; perhaps it was not in the material available to him. However, he immortalises this incident that took place during one of Jesus' visits, because he sees it as having a lesson for us all. Busy preparing special dishes for their guest, Martha feels left out. Jesus tells her not to go to so much trouble: one dish will be plenty. He then goes beyond this homely advice to remind Martha and those present that the 'one thing necessary' in life is finding the truth he is bringing them. Mary does not need to be reminded of this; she shows herself to be a true 'disciple'.

In the gospel accounts, 'disciples' are mentioned hundreds of times. For many centuries, however, the idea of 'discipleship' has had little place in our Christian awareness. Today, we are being told that our lives will be enriched, if we see ourselves as disciples of the Lord. 'Disciples' are learners. All inspiring leaders gather around them a group who want to share in their vision. Those who followed Jesus and were inspired by his message were called 'disciples'; even those who had not known Jesus during his earthly life called themselves his 'disciples' - as we know from the Acts of the Apostles. By including this incident in his gospel, Luke is inviting us to become disciples of the Lord by identifying with Mary as she sat at his feet – finding the truth that gives meaning to our lives.

If we develop the outlook of disciples it will become second nature to us to recognise that we are never alone in our moments of faith awareness and prayer – 'Come to me', the Lord tells us, 'I am with you always'. He encourages us as we seek the way, to share our lives with him with honesty and courage, to look honestly, in his presence, at the quality of our relationships, at the responsibilities life has brought us, at our hopes and ambitions – comparing our outlook with that of the guest who told Martha that one dish was enough. The light and encouragement this attitude of discipleship brings will surprise us. It will make our personal prayer more meaningful. The strength and inspiration we find will make us more aware of the workings of the Holy Spirit.

How do we know the mind of Jesus, what he stands for? The Scriptures should play an important part in our life of discipleship. Listening to the gospel story, we must be prepared to meet the real Jesus and be challenged by the example of his attitudes. Knowing the Scriptures will help us to situate our lives in the great plan of God – spoken of in today's readings. We are the beneficiaries of all that is foreshadowed in the promises made to Abraham. We should learn to share Paul's amazement and gratitude at the generous plan, hidden from all eternity and now revealed in Christ.