

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

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**Recent Deaths:** Jack Barbetti, John (Joe) Groter, Lorraine Parker, Mary Margaret Rinaldi, Mark Timmins,

**Anniversaries:** Alby Button, Antonio Churkovich, Dorothy Davey, Elizabeth Goodwin, Monica Lange, Natale Lubicich, Frank McAloon, Vinko Marnica, Josie Micich, Mary Anne (Molly) Nunn, Valerie Smith

**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 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016                      22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)  
Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29    Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11    Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24    Luke 14:1. 7-14

**Masses:**    27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August    7.30pm Snake Valley    8.30am Beaufort    10.30am Skipton  
                  3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September    7.30pm Smythesdale    9.00am Linton    10.30am Skipton

***"Paul and the underserved gift: Why does it matter?" Public Lecture***

Professor John Barclay, Lightfoot Professor of Divinity in the Department of Theology and Religion Durham University, UK will present this public lecture on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at Christ Lecture Theatre, Melbourne Campus 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, beginning at 5:30pm for refreshments. For registration and catering requirements please make you R.S.V.Ps. to: [ACUFTPRSVP@acu.edu.au](mailto:ACUFTPRSVP@acu.edu.au)

***The Band of the 1st Regiment Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery in Concert***

You are warmly invited to join the Loreto Community for a very special afternoon of free musical entertainment in support of Loreto Gari-Uai, the first Loreto School currently being built in Timor-Leste. This special performance by the Regiment's concert band swings into action in the Loreto Abbey Theatre on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 2.00pm at The Mary's Mount Centre - Loreto College, 1600 Sturt Street, Ballarat. Whilst this is a free event, Bookings Are Essential. Please visit the 'Loreto Events' section at [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au), or phone the College on (03) 5329 6100 to reserves your seats.

### ***Refugee & Migrant Sunday Forum***

The Victorian Council of Churches' Social Questions Commission is hosting a forum on Migrant and Refugee Sunday, on August 28, bringing together people from different denominations to share together about how we best advocate for refugees and people seeking asylum. Sunday 28th August 2pm-4pm Melbourne Welsh Church 320 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

### ***Fr Shane Mackinlay's Silver Jubilee***

Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 6 September this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 18 September, at St Brigid's, Ballan. All welcome.

### ***"Protecting Rights, Protecting People: Dignitatis Humanae and Religious Freedom" Conference***

The PM Glynn Institute at ACU & the Ambrose Centre for Religious Liberty are hosting this Conference in Melbourne on September 8, 2016.

Conference enquiries to [pmg@acu.edu.au](mailto:pmg@acu.edu.au) or (02) 9739 2184.

### ***MGL Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend – August 26-28***

Been wondering what the MGL sisters do...what our life as Missionaries of God's Love sisters is all about? This weekend is aimed at young women aged 18-35 who want to grab an opportunity to come and hear, ask and experience prayer, talks, sisterhood and sharing to help discern their vocation. The weekend will be held at our house in North Balwyn and the parish centre of St Dominic's, Camberwell. For more information contact the sisters on 03 9857 8177 or

[mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.melb@gmail.com)

### ***Lay Pastoral Ministry Program - August intake***

The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers low-cost opportunities for online study and formation for lay workers in the diocese, both employees and volunteers. The August study cycle starts soon so contact us now - or you can start in October (or next year). If you are interested, first check out the details on the diocesan website (link at bottom right of front page), then contact Amanda Smith, ph: 5337 7125, email: [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### ***Council for Australian Catholic Women's Colloquium 2016***

The CACW Colloquium will be held this year on September 17 & 18 at Mary Mackillop Place in North Sydney with the theme, "Women as Witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel".

Register at [www.cacwcolloquium.org.au](http://www.cacwcolloquium.org.au)



## **Annual Collection for Sick and Retired Priests – September 6<sup>th</sup>**

Eighteen retired priests are currently supported by this Ballarat Clergy Support Fund. Some live privately, some are retired in units in Ballarat or elsewhere, others live in supported accommodation. The funding required for these commitments is ongoing. Thanks to your generosity, this collection has raised nearly 1.7 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$54,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$38,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. A credit card facility is available for your convenience, and contributions over \$2.00 are tax-deductible. Envelopes are available and may be returned via the collection on Sundays.

*Caring For Those Who Cared For Us – The Church Community's Responsibility*

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## **Refugee and Migrant Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Refugee and Migrant Sunday is a celebration of the dignity of people who are refugees and migrants and the contribution they have made to life in Australia. It is celebrated by the Churches together on or around the last Sunday of August each year. Our world stands at a crossroads. Around 60 million people across the world are now displaced, more than at any time since the World Wars. Torn from their homelands, pushed out of their communities and over borders by the viciousness and violence of war, conflict, persecution and poverty. Human displacement presents us with complex issues. But as a nation we must rise above the slogans and politicking, and ask much more serious questions of ourselves. How are we to respond to the suffering of the world? Turn our backs in isolation – or embrace it in all its messiness and seek collective ways forward? Pope Francis has stated:

*'How can we experience these changes not as obstacles to genuine development, rather as opportunities for genuine human, social and spiritual growth, a growth which respects and promotes those values which make us ever more humane and help us to live a balanced relationship with God, others and creation?' ... Dear brothers and sisters, migrants and refugees! At the heart of the Gospel of mercy the encounter and acceptance by others are intertwined with the encounter and acceptance of God himself. Welcoming others means welcoming God in person! Do not let yourselves be robbed of the hope and joy of life born of your experience of God's mercy, as manifested in the people you meet on your journey!'*