

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

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**Recent Deaths:** Jenny McKenzie

**Anniversaries:** Geoff Alford, John James Boland, Kevin Currie, Winifred Donovan,  
Peter Leyden, Monsignor McKenzie, Roger Henry O'Bierne, Mary Quirk

**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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016*                      *22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Wisdom 9:13-18    Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1    Philemon 9-10, 12-17                      Luke 14:25-33

**Masses:**        **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September**    7.30pm Smythesdale    9.00am Linton    10.30am Skipton  
                  **10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> September**    7.30pm Skipton                      8.30am Beaufort    10.30am Snake Valley  
Fr Anthony will celebrate the first Friday Mass at Streatham at 6.00 pm on September 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Ballarat NILS**

Ballarat NILS is looking for volunteers to assist in the administration of the No Interest Loan Scheme, which provides loans for low income persons throughout the Ballarat Diocese. The position requires approximately 3- 4 hours per week and is in the Ballarat area. Persons with a bookkeeping, banking or accounting background would be especially suited. If you are interested, more information about the position can be obtained by contacting Richard, ph. 0422 753 729

### **Season of Creation**

The Season of Creation begins in September. Now it's time to add your parish or community to this list! It just takes one conversation, one phone call, or one email to get the ball rolling. We have developed this helpful list of "Steps to Organize a Prayer Service" to help you along the way. The Season of Creation website also contains many liturgical resources for you to utilise in your prayer service for creation, including bulletin announcements and sample prayers of the faithful. We are thrilled to see a number of Christian communities around the globe who are responding to Pope Francis' call to pray on September 1 and throughout the Season of Creation. More information is on the diocesan website

<http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/news/fx-articles.cfm?loadref=102&id=336&categoryId=101>

### **Meeting of the Linton Parish community delegate**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Presbytery at Linton

### **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.

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

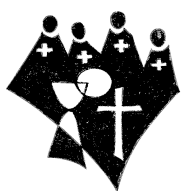
Fr Shane Mackinlay will celebrate his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on 6 September this year. The Bungaree and Gordon parishes will celebrate this event with Fr Shane at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11 September, at St Michael's, Bungaree, followed by lunch in the Parish Centre; and at 10.30am 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. Enquiries to [pmg@acu.edu.au](mailto:pmg@acu.edu.au) (02) 9739 2184.

### **One Humanity Shower Bus**

Launch dinner for the bus on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm for 7.00pm, Federation University Albert Coates Complex University Dr Mt Helen. Neat Casual Dress, Guest speaker Fr Peter Day (founder of "Home" in Queanbeyan for those with mental illness) \$50 per person for a 2 course meal, bar will be open. [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) search keyword: Humanity Shower Bus.



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

**Reflection by** Fr. Gabriele Bentoglio

Our readings for today, especially the first reading and the gospel, talk about humility and its importance. What is humility? I will tell you a story. Three persons were boasting to each other on who had the best Bible translation. The first said, "Mine is the best translation because this is a New American Bible. This is being used in the Mass. The words used are modern and easy to understand." The second man boasted, "Mine is the best because this is Jerusalem Bible. Very poetic and it is used in our charismatic group meeting." The third man said, "I like the Bible translation of my mother because she translated it into her concrete life; she lives everything written on it." The other two were silent. The story summarizes the challenge of Jesus Christ in our gospel today. Jesus challenges us to translate the word of God into our daily lives. Challenging us to make the Bible alive in our hearts, minds and deeds. This is one way of being humble, and humility could be understood as a synonym of mercy. Today this is indeed challenging, as we celebrate Migrants' Day following the guidelines given to us by Pope Francis in his Message delivered for this occasion on the theme: *Migrants and Refugees Challenge Us. The Response of the Gospel of Mercy*. This message coincides with the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, strongly desired by Pope Francis. That is why the Papal Message puts in close connection the protagonists of the phenomenon of migration, migrants and refugees, but also the international community, both strongly invited to answer to this burning issue through the answer of the Gospel, which is condensed in the theme of mercy. This year, Migrants' Day comes during one of the most critical moments in the history of contemporary migrations. In fact, we live in a phase in which the despair of millions of migrants and refugees has captured the attention of global public opinion. I mean the tragedy of mobility, especially that of forced mobility, and at the same time, the limits of the systems of protection of the international community. Today the global phenomenon of human mobility changes its face very quickly, involving all areas of the world. Because so-called "mixed flows" are now a daily reality, it prevents the distinction between economic and forced migration. The trafficking of women, men and children is growing atrociously, present in almost all countries of the world either as lands of origin, transit or destination for the victims. It is estimated that trafficking is currently the third source of income for organized crime, after drugs and weapons. Pope Francis' Message speaks of this world. In the document, the Pope reiterates the key principles of the Teaching of the Church on this matter, insisting on the dignity of every human person, regardless of its legal status. Special emphasis is given to what I would call the prophetic significance of migrants and refugees who, as stated in the text of the Message, *"challenge individuals and communities, and their traditional ways of life; at times they upset the cultural and social horizons which they encounter."* We can end up becoming accomplices of traffickers of human beings, *"the tragic stories of millions of men and women daily confront the international community as a result of the outbreak of unacceptable humanitarian crises in different parts of the world. Indifference and silence lead to complicity whenever we stand by as people are dying of suffocation, starvation, violence and shipwreck. Whether large or small in scale, these are always tragedies, even when a single human life is lost."*