

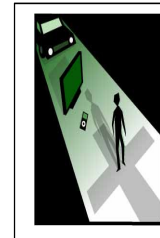
**St Peter's Parish** Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Parish Office: Jacinta Westbrook,

Finance Officer: Ro Danski

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



**Recent Deaths:** Rosanna Di Mattia, Malachy Hayes, Lourdes Stanislaus

**Anniversaries:** Lewis Thomas Drew, Maureen Hutchinson, Kath Mulcahy, Evelyn Nash,  
Joan O'Connor, Fr John Russell, Molly Waring

**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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016*                      *24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14    Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18    Timothy 1:12-17    Luke 15:1-323

**Masses:**    **10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> September**    7.30pm Skipton            8.30am Beaufort    10.30am Snake Valley  
                 **17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September**    7.30pm Smythesdale    9.00am Skipton    10.30am Rokewood

### **Ballarat NILS**

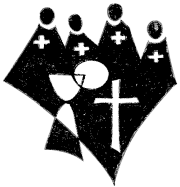
Ballarat NILS is looking for volunteers to assist in the administration of the No Interest Loan Scheme, which provides loans for low income persons throughout the Ballarat Diocese. The position requires approximately 3- 4 hours per week and is in the Ballarat area. Persons with a bookkeeping, banking 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

### **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.



### 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*

### Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers,

- \*Who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifices.
  - \*Who have worked to become good fathers.
  - \*Who have to parent on their own.
  - \*Who continue to offer their children, now grown, their love and support.
  - \*Who, despite family breaks, have remained in their children's lives.
  - \*Whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.
  - \*Who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their children's love and respect.
  - \*Who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.
- Let us praise those men.
- \*Who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.
  - \*Who have "fathered" us in their role as teachers, coaches, mentors and guides.
  - \*Who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.
- And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. AMEN

## **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.

## **Meeting of the Linton Parish Delegates and Finance Committee August 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

Linton           Maureen Holding & John Kennedy  
Skipton         John and Kath Kavanagh, Kathy Heenan & Joe Gale  
Smythesdale Anne Williams, Helen Griffin and Cecilia Rowberry  
Snake Valley Joan Drinkwater and Geoff Brodie  
Fr Justin        Parish Administrator

The meeting heard the reports of the local church community meetings held in May at Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley which were attended by over 60 parishioners in total.

Two main issues were discussed at each of the four meetings –

1. Vigil Mass times
2. Property and maintenance.

At some of the church community meetings there were questions raised seeking clarification about the finances of the parish and the proceeds from the sale of any parish property. When a parish sells any property owned by the parish, the proceeds of the sale belong to the parish and remain in the parish (not the Diocese).

The future of the Linton presbytery was also discussed with an immediate decision not made until further information is obtained – where would parish meetings, gatherings and the counting be held if there is no presbytery at Linton?

The meeting recommended unanimously to seek authorisation from Bishop Paul to sell the Church at Springdallah, the vacant block of land in Linton and to dispose of the block of land at Pitfield.

The roof on the Church a Snake Valley will be replaced with the quote accepted. This work will be undertaken when the weather improves. At Skipton the P.A. system has been replaced and quotes will be sought for new carpet and some painting. At Smythesdale, further quotes for the removal of the Cyprus trees will be sought following a letter of concern from the historical society.

The meeting agreed that the Saturday evening Vigil Mass should be held at 6.30 pm all throughout the year, commencing on the first Saturday evening of October, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Skipton on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.30 am Mass (change of time with Rokewood for this Sunday only).

Ange Gowans will commence preparation soon.