

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

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Recent Deaths: Joseph Graafmans, Fr Bob Markey, Danielle Sartori, Elizabeth Triado

Anniversaries: Raeleen Cahill, Nell Collins, Marian Crawford, Bernie Nestor, Mary O'Bierne, Brian Smith, Garry Twyford

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,

especially Margaret Cranko, Nic Gowans, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy

Next week's readings: *Sunday 18th September 2016* *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Amos 8:4-7

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:10-13

Masses: **17th/18th September** 7.30pmSmythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood

24th/25th September 7.30pmSnake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

As of Saturday October 1st Vigil Mass will be at 6.30pm

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

Oliver James Reid

son of James & Shannyn

Bridget Mary Keogh

daughter of Bernard & Tanya



May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.



[Siena Catholic Primary School, Lucas](#)

Progress toward the opening of Siena Catholic Primary school in Lucas for the 2017 school year continues with the appointment of the staff to join the Principal Jo Brewer. The foundation staff members will be - Genevieve Willmott (Administration) and the teachers Danielle Brennan, Michael

Ross, Ben Stott and Mark Tanis. To date, approximately 65 children have been enrolled. Cathedral parishioner Wendy Graham has been appointed to be the independent Chair of the Lucas School Community Council. The next Siena community dialogue will be held on Tuesday September 13th at 7pm in the Lucas Community Health Centre. The school buildings are being constructed by Swanbuild in Swan Hill and are due to arrive on site in the coming days!

Meeting of the Linton Parish Delegates and Finance Committee August 31st 2016

Linton Maureen Holding & John Kennedy

Skipton John and Cath 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 1st. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Skipton on the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday November 20th at 10.30 am Mass (change of time with Rokewood for this Sunday only).

Thank you

On Wednesday afternoon, Fr Justin was joined by Cecilia Rowberry, Cath Kavanagh, Jacinta Westbrook and Fr Anthony at the Linton Presbytery to go through the office, sorting through papers and deciding what needed to be kept for archives, what financial records needs to be kept (the past 7 years), ensuring that all registers are now stored securely in the Cathedral Office safe and then destroying all sensitive documentation. Thanks to all involved.

Mozart Requiem

Sunday 18th September at 3.00pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Victoria Chorale, Ballarat Choral Society 7 Ballarat Wind Orchestra. Tickets \$35 Full/\$30 Conc Bookings trybookings.com/MELG or Her Majesty's Theatre Box Office Ph: 5333 5888

Mary in the Bible” A Weekend Seminar in Ballarat (23-25 September 2016)

Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat, Friday 23 to Sunday 25 September, beginning Friday at 7.30pm and ending on Sunday at 4pm. \$95 payable in advance. Morning and afternoon teas provided. Lunch \$10 extra per person, per day. RSVP and Enquiries Maureen van der Linden Ph 0431 273 953
Email: mojo6163@hotmail.com Lecturer David Schütz BTh BA GradDip.



eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Tuesday, September 20th St Patrick's Cathedral smaller hall, cuppa from 9.30am eConference 10.30am – 2.45pm. BYO lunch.

Please register with Jacinta at the Parish Office

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Speakers - Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, *The Blessing of Mercy*, Mr Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia.

Child Protection Sunday 11 September 2016

The Australian Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday again falls at the end of the national Child Protection Week campaign, stressing the importance of primary prevention to reduce child abuse and neglect in Australia. The focus this year is: **'Stronger Communities, Safer Children'**

So how do we, the Catholic Church, play our part in creating stronger communities where we work together to ensure our children are kept safe? The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our entire community and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs.

Yet the Catholic Church is in unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in which families and consequently communities are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe.

As the Royal Commission's February 2017 "Catholic Wrap Up" approaches, Child Protection Week, and in particular Child Protection Sunday provides a wonderful opportunity to highlight the steps we have taken to make children safer through our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies.