

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: Thomas Cafarella, Gerard Cranage, Kathleen Hill, Mark Leonard,
Sr Barbara May CSB.

Anniversaries: Ernie Auchettl, Patrick Bradley, Allan Donovan, Roy Luxford, Bridget McKinnon,
Peter Nestor, Kathleen Renyolds.

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,
especially Margaret Cranko, Bill Gordon, Nic Gowans, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy

Next week's readings: *Sunday 2nd October 2016* *27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17:5-10

Masses: **1st/2nd October** 6.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30am Skipton
 8th/9th October 6.30pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Snake Valley
As of Saturday October 1st Vigil Mass will be at 6.30pm

St Vincent de Paul Linton Conference

Next meeting Tuesday 11th Oct 7.30pm at the Linton Presbytery new members & guests welcome.

Novena

A 9 day Novena will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral from Friday, 30 September to Friday, 7 October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary for Protection of our Clergy and Religious, Persecuted Christians and World Peace. All Parishioners are invited to join in this Novena because "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His Mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." St Louis de Montfort.

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, on Sunday, October 30th from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of "*The Blessing of Mercy.*" Register through the Cathedral Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5331 2933

Would you like to volunteer overseas?

The Cagliero Project, run by the Salesians of Don Bosco, gives Australians an opportunity to devote six to twelve months in volunteer service to youth in overseas Salesian communities. The Salesians are known for their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged youth. Therefore our volunteers are placed in projects such as schools, youth centres and orphanages. Our aim is to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models, people that young people can aspire to be. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do! Applications for January 2017 departures are open until October 15th, 2016. Please visit www.cagliero.org.au for more information.

The Gender Revolution

Parousia Media and the Australian Family Association invite you to hear Dr Gabriele Kuby, German author of 12 books including, "The Global Sexual Revolution: The Destruction of Freedom in the Name of Freedom". Dr Kuby will speak on her understanding of the gender revolution we are currently facing, including gay sex education built into the Safe Schools Program - Sunday, October 2, 2016 at St Patrick's Cathedral small hall, Dawson Street, Ballarat at 8.00pm. Free entry but donations would be greatly appreciated. Light supper will be provided. For more information contact Peter Denton, ph. 5334 7805.

Information for Parents about Safe Schools Coalition Australia

The Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Family, Youth and Life have published information for parents regarding the Safe Schools Coalition Australia program being conducted in government schools. More information is available from the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

NET Ministries Australia

A non-profit organisation committed to the evangelisation of Australia's youth. NET exists to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the church and since its beginning in 1988, NET has stood firm in the belief that the best way to evangelise a young person is with another young person.

Each year NET calls together around 50 Catholic men and women, aged 18 to 30, to be formed as missionary disciples and commissioned for a year of volunteer youth work. They work in teams in parishes, schools and universities offering themselves as authentic witnesses of the gospel. They run retreats, lead youth groups and host social events among many other things.

NET is currently looking for passionate young men and women who want to have the adventure of a lifetime to join the mission in 2017! Are you one of them? If you're interested in the mission of NET, and want to learn more about how you can be a part of it, go to our website

www.netministries.com.au or find us on Facebook at 'NET Australia'

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held March 26 – 31, 2017. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

St Patrick's College 2018 Year 7 Information Evening

When: Wednesday October 26, 2016 **Where:** College Chapel 1431 Sturt Street, Ballarat

Time: Commences at 7.30pm All families are invited to attend the 2018 Year 7 Information evening The evening will be followed by a College Tour as well as Supper and Question time with Teaching staff. **Please register for this event at the following link for your**

attendance: www.trybooking.com/MZJN For further enquiries please contact the Registrar, Caitlin Bennett at cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Reflection:

Today's gospel includes the phrase "*scraps that fell from the rich man's table*". It is a phrase we are familiar with. It refers to those who are in need getting the scraps, whatever is left over after the rich have had what they consider is their share.

In the Gospel, Lazarus, waits at the rich man's gate and longs for a share of whatever falls from the rich man's table. Scripture scholars tell us the reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. Lazarus has a reasonable hope that, even if the servants fail to offer him the leftovers, the dogs might share their daily fare.

The poor man only waits for the scraps from the rich man's table: it is unthinkable that he would ever expect to sit at the table.

Today the Bishop's Social Justice Statement is made available in churches throughout Australia and is titled: *A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society*.

It includes the following story told by Pope Francis during one of his morning meditations:

There was a father, mother and their many children, and a grandfather lived with them. He was quite old, and when he was at table eating soup, he would get everything dirty: his mouth, the serviette ... it was not a pretty sight! One day the father said that, given what was happening to the grandfather, from that day forward he would eat alone. And so he bought a little table, and placed it in the kitchen. And so the grandfather ate alone in the kitchen while the family ate in the dining room. After some days, the father returned home from work and found one of his children playing with wood. He asked him: 'What are you doing?' to which the child replied: 'I am playing carpenter'. 'And what are you building?' the father asked. 'A table for you papa, for when you get old like grandpa'.

Everyone has a place at the table.