

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

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Parish Office: Jacinta Westbrook,

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



Recent Deaths: Shane Ferrari, Bill Squire

Anniversaries: Lynne Connors, Patrick Flanigan, Elizabeth Kelly, Sheila Leyden,
Con Mulcahy, Mary O'Donohue,

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 31st October 2016

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2 Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2 Luke 19:1-10

Masses:	29th/30th October	6.30pm Smythesdale	9.00am Linton	10.30am Skipton
	5th/6th November	6.30pm Smythesdale	9.00am Linton	10.30am Skipton

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.

2016/17 Sacramental Program Information Night

Including the churches of *St Peter's* Linton, *St John's* Skipton, *St Mary's* Smythesdale, *St Brigid's* Snake Valley and *St Patrick's* Springdallah. To commence the Sacramental program an information/registration meeting for parents will be held on Wednesday 26th October at 7.00pm at St John's Church, Skipton. The Sacrament of Confirmation is for Grade 3 students (8 years of age or older) Baptised Catholics. For further information please contact Angela Gowans Ph: 53402285 MOB: 0418341168 email: nic.gowans@bigpond.com Consistent with the sacramental program of the Ballarat Diocese, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in 2016 on Sunday 20 November at St John's Skipton 10.30 am and be completed in 2017 with First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Holy Communion (Eucharist).

50th Anniversary St. John's Church, Skipton. 1966 - 2016

St. John's Skipton will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the extensions to the Church on Sunday 20th November, 2016 with 10.30am Mass followed by a light luncheon in the Mechanics Hall next to the Church. All are very welcome to share in these celebrations.

Enquiries & RSVP Cath Kavanagh 53402394 or Kathy Heenan 53 407230.

Holy Hour

Monthly Holy Hour for vocation will be held next Thursday 27/10/16 @ Nazareth House from 7pm - 8pm. Concludes with Benediction. Come and join in the hour of prayers, singing and quiet times in front of the blessed Sacrament. All is welcome.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the blessings of the Holy Year of Mercy to be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat by Bishop Paul Bird CSsR on Sunday, November 13, 2016 at 10.30am.

Young Men Interested in Knowing About the Priesthood?

A Priesthood Vocations Retreat Day for any young students/men around the diocese hosted by St Patrick's College Ballarat will take the form of pilgrimage on Saturday 12th November. Bus will leave 10.30 am from St Patrick's College to Scarsdale for a 13km walk to Linton followed by Mass and lunch concluding at 3.00 pm. Fr James Kerr and two Melbourne seminarians from Corpus Christi College will participate in the Retreat Day to answer questions about life in the seminary. For more information or to register attendance please contact Fr Ed Moloney Vocations Director Edward.Moloney@cam.org.au

Palms Australia – Volunteers

Volunteers are needed in Papua New Guinea, Timor Leste, Samoa and other locations. Teachers, Hairdressers, Plumbers, Builders, Medical Practitioners and more are needed. More info: www.palms.org.au/volunteer/postitions/ or email palms@palms.org.au

Grandmothers (and Friends) Against the Detention of Refugee Children

GADRC Ballarat are honoured to have author and refugee advocate Mark Isaacs as their guest speaker. Mark Isaacs is a former Salvation Army worker on Nauru. In his book "Nauru Burning" he tells the story of the fight of the men in detention to prove their innocence, and of the workers who tried to help them. Mark will launch "Nauru Burning" at the Ballarat Library at 5.30 on Friday 4th November 2016 we would be honoured if you could join us that evening.

Enquiries: Cath 0437185 238

Refugee Concert – Boundless Plains

Fr Andrew Presents Boundless Plains – The Spoken Word

Andrew Hayes is the Catholic parish priest of St Mary's Ararat. Andrew's most recent fundraiser was a concert of his own music which raised funds to build a new mosque in Ararat. This series of fundraisers, for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, based in Footscray, will be a recital of Andrew's favourite poetry, featuring the works of Banjo Paterson among others. The recital promises to be high octane, to be poetry as you may not have heard it before. The concert will finish with the sublimely talented Joyce Clery. If you've not seen Joyce in concert you've missed something astonishing. Preshow drinks and nibbles will feature the award winning wines of Best's of Great Western. Donations at the Door \$10 and beyond. Primary Children Free Andrew does ask that you let him know you're coming. Locals can add their names to a list in the church foyers. Others can email frandrewboundlessplains@gmail.com

Wendouree Thursday November 3 @ 7pm OLHC Church

The Annual Loreto 'Golden Girls' High Tea Invitation

Alumni of Loreto College Ballarat are invited to High Tea on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 (based on feedback from alumni, the 'Golden Girls' reunion has been extended this year from 'pre-1960' alumni to include all alumni that graduated prior to 1966.) College Tour (optional) at 2.00pm; High Tea in the Mary's Mount Centre at 3.00pm (High Tea is complimentary). Following High Tea, you are also most welcome to attend the Annual Mass of Remembrance in the Loreto Chapel at 5.00pm and the Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils' Association, including a light supper at 6.00pm in the Loreto Café. AGM & supper tickets \$15.00. To register your attendance, please phone the Loreto College Development Office, ph.(03) 5329 6137.

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 13th November, 9.30am. All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450.

Ballarat Catholic Secondary Colleges Information Evenings for 2018

Loreto College 7.00 pm – 8.30pm Monday October 24th Mary's Mount Centre.

www.loreto.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College 7.30 pm Wednesday October 26th, College Chapel

Please register for this event at www.trybooking.com/MZJN

Damascus College 6.30 pm Wednesday November 2nd Please arrive at 6.15 pm for registration

Students of all ages are welcome to attend