

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

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Sunday 11th December 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent 2016 (A)

Anniversaries: James Doyle, James Griffin, Lyle Grigg, Bernie McLeod, Brendan Wood

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 18th December 2016* *4th Sunday of Advent (A)*

Isaiah 7:10-14 Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

Masses

17th/18th December 6.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Skipton 6.00 pm Smythesdale 7.30 pm

Beaufort 8.00pm Snake Valley 9.00 pm

Rokewood 9.00pm

Christmas Day Linton 9.00 am

St Patrick's Cathedral

Christmas Eve 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm, 12.00 midnight

Christmas Day 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 Midday (Syro-Malabar Rite, Indian Mass)

Confirmation

Congratulations to the children celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

Please remember them & their families in your prayers.

Mass at St Columba's Streatham

Sunday December 18th at 6.00 pm. This Mass will be prior to the Carols service at 7.00pm.

Making a Scene at Christmas

A display of Christmas Nativity scenes will be held in Robinvale on December 7, Mildura from December 8-11, St Arnaud on December 12 and St Patrick's Hall, Ballarat from December 15 – 18. If you are able to volunteer an hour at any of the displays, please leave your name at the Cathedral Office, ph. 5331 2933.

OLHC Christmas Day Lunch

Time 12.00 MD -2.00pm (Meal at 12.30pm) OLHC Parish Hall 482 Gillies St.Wendouree
Book Early as Numbers are Limited Phone: 0419 975 9

Developing a Culture of Safety

The Linton Parish continues to work towards developing a culture of safety for all, especially Children and Vulnerable adults. Guided by the policy of the Ballarat Diocese for *Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults* and the *Code of Conduct for Working with Children*, parishioners who work with children and vulnerable adults are required to have a current Working With Children Check and to have completed the Online training module about protecting children and vulnerable adults. To assist us we are seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would be interested in being the Parish Safeguarding Officer to provide support to other parishioners and ensure that all safeguarding procedures outlined in the Code of Conduct for Caring for Children and the new Child Safe Standards are complied with.

Training will be provided through Michael Myers, the Professional Standards Coordinator for the Diocese of Ballarat. Contact Fr Justin for further information.

Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community.

Summer School Melbourne - 8-15 Jan 2017 – Save the date...registrations opening soon!

Join other young people aged 16-35 for a powerful week of teaching, live music, sacraments, prayer, praise and great speakers in the context of a fun and vibrant community away from the noise and distraction of the city. More info: summerschool.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

From Bach to Bing

Celebrate all your Christmas favourites with David Hobson & Georgia Wilkinson, St Patrick's Cathedral Wednesday 14th December at 7.00pm. Tickets Adults \$55, concession/children \$45 available from Her Majesty's Ph: 5333 5888 or www.hermaj.com

Mercy Connect Ballarat

Supporting refugee and asylum seeker students in local schools, Volunteer mentors needed. Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive ongoing training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in February 2017. Contact Paulene Barton - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: mercyconnectb@gmail.com for information and application form. Applications close on February 2, 2017.

BDSJC: Who is coming for Christmas Dinner?

In September the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement was titled '**A Place at the Table**' *Social Justice in an Aging Society*. In responding to this statement the Ballarat Diocesan Social Justice Commission is asking the families in our Ballarat Diocesan community to consider whether there might be an extra place at their Christmas dinner table for an elderly relative, friend or neighbour who may otherwise be spending Christmas Day alone.

The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS)

encouraging parishes to spread the word of *Laudato Si*.

“Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack.” (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si* 222). From the Global Catholic Climate Movement Advent message “How to *LaudatoSi*-fy your Advent” by taking small actions that reflect on consumerism.

Mary Glowrey Museum

The Mary Glowrey Museum will open in May 2017. The museum is sponsored by the Archbishop, ACU and Catholic Education Melbourne, with the Catholic Women’s League providing access to its collection of Mary Glowrey’s correspondence. Cathedral Hall Australian Catholic University (ACU) Melbourne Campus Mary Glowrey (1887-1957) is only the second Australian to be officially considered for sainthood. She was declared a Servant of God in 2013. Mary qualified in medicine in 1910 and in 1920 went to Guntur, India, where she became a nun and spent the rest of her life serving the medical and spiritual needs of thousands of poor people.

For information and bookings please contact: admin@maryglowreyheritage.org.au
