

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

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



**Recent Deaths:** Marsha Gallagher

**Anniversaries:** Patrick Daly, Joyce Draffin, Clement O'Brien, Fr Tom O'Brien, Maisie Stickland,

**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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017*

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)*

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Ps 102(103):1-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

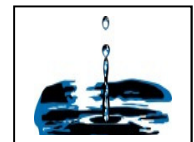
**Masses:** **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February** 6.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood  
**25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> February** 6.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;**

Madden Mavis Antonowicz

daughter of Michael & Kara

May Madden grow in faith in her loving family and our Catholic Community.



### **Centacare Fundraiser**

Movie night, I Daniel Blake, Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.00 pm at the Regent Multiplex to raise funds for the Clemente program. The Centacare program "Clemente" provides high support educational opportunities for people to find pathways out of the poverty cycle in alliance with Federation University, Australian Catholic University, The Smith Family, The City of Ballarat, United Way and the Ballarat Library. This program is unfunded, tickets are \$15 available from Debbie: 5337 8955

## **Call for Nominations – Diocesan Pastoral Council**

The Diocese of Ballarat is calling for nominations for the 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). The DPC is a consultative and advisory body to the Bishop. More information is on the diocesan website [www.ballarat.catholic.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.au) under Services & Agencies, or check with your parish priest/parish leader, or phone Amanda in the Diocese office on 5337 7125.

## **St Vincent de Paul Linton Conference**

Meeting this Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Presbytery, Cumberland Street, Linton.  
New Members and guests welcome.

## **Child Safety Standards**

New state government legislation has come into effect with the New Year which sets standards for child safety. The Cathedral parish has appointed Cecelia Rowberry Smythesdale) as our Safeguarding officer and have a [Child Safety Policy](#) to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care. A [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#) has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish.

## **Ballarat Catholic Secondary Colleges open days and 2018 Year 7 enrolments**

**Damascus College** open morning on Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 9.00 am – 10.30 am.

Applications for Year 7, 2018 enrolment close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**Loreto College** tours Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> commencing half-hourly between 9.00am – 10.30am from just inside the main entrance. Please visit [www.loreto.vic.edu.au](http://www.loreto.vic.edu.au)

**St Patrick's College** applications for 2018 close on Friday February 17 with interviews to take place in early March. Download from <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/en/prospective-families/prospectus/>

## **Youth Ministry in the Cathedral Parish**

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) is back for 2017 beginning February 26<sup>th</sup>. YESS will run on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every month and is held in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. High School age young people are welcome to attend. The Young Adult Leadership team – Michaela Corrigan, Daniel Van Styn and Esther De Losa and Chiara Angeli have met with Fr Anthony and Justin to plan their year. Please contact Michaela Corrigan on 0431295207.

## **A Parish Mission for Linton and Beaufort Parishes**

Jesuit priest Fr Richard Leonard will lead a Mission for the parishioners of the parishes of Linton and Beaufort in October 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. Fr Richard will celebrate the weekend Masses and then offer the following three days for the mission with two sessions each day – one in the Linton Parish and one in Beaufort. The Ballarat Diocesan Foundation has provided a grant to enable this Mission to take place. Arrangements are yet to be finalised with details of each day of the mission to be arranged in conjunction with the Beaufort Parish.

## From the Royal Commission

The week has seen the first of the three week hearing of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse to inquire into the current policies and procedures of Catholic Church authorities in Australia in relation to child-protection and child-safety standards, including responding to allegations of child sexual abuse. On Monday the Commission published data relating to the extent of claims of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church of Australia including the proportion of priests and non-ordained religious (1950 – 2010) subject to a claim of sexual abuse. A total of 1,880 alleged perpetrators (diocesan and religious priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, lay employees or volunteers) were identified in claims of child sexual abuse. Of the 1,880 alleged perpetrators identified: 693 were non-ordained religious (37% of all known alleged perpetrators), being 597 religious brothers (32% of all known alleged perpetrators) and 96 religious sisters (5% of all known alleged perpetrators), 572 were priests (30% of all known alleged perpetrators), being 384 diocesan priests and 188 religious priests, 543 were lay people (29% of all known alleged perpetrators) For 72 known alleged perpetrators (4%) the religious status was not known.

The overall proportion of priests from Australian Dioceses who were alleged perpetrators is 7.9%. In the Diocese of Ballarat where there have been 200 priests from 1050 – 2010 there are 8.7% who are alleged perpetrators. The complete document can be downloaded from

<http://www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/exhibits/261be84b-bec0-4440-b294-57d3e7de1234/case-study-50,-february-2017,-sydney>

As the hearing continues we offer the following **contact details**:

Reclaim Support Services (for adults surviving child sexual abuse in organisations) 1800 052 674

Centre Against Sexual Assault (CASA) crisis line 1800 806 292 Ballarat Centre 5320 3922

SANO Taskforce 1800 110 007 [sanotaskforce@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:sanotaskforce@police.vic.gov.au)

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 1800 099 340

Victoria Police 1800 333 000

Towards Healing 1800 816 030