

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

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

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



**Recent Deaths:** Alexandra Chivers

**Anniversaries:** Mary Calvert, Geoff Hutchison, Eddie Jackman, William Mark, Eileen Marshall, Jim Quish, Monica Rawlings, Nina Rawlings

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

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

Isaiah 49:14-15

Ps 61:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34

<b>Masses:</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	6.30pm Snake Valley	8.30am Beaufort	10.30am Skipton
	<b>4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.30pm Snake Valley	8.30am Beaufort	10.30am Skipton

**Ash Wednesday Masses March 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Vigil Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**7.00 pm Skipton**

7.30 am

Cathedral 10.00 am Cathedral (Parish Primary Schools)

12.05 pm

Cathedral (with Bishop Paul)

7.00 pm

Cathedral

7.00 pm

Beaufort

**7.30 pm**

**Snake Valley**

### **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.

### **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.

## **90<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

All are warmly invited to share in the World Day of Prayer services planned by the Christians of the Philippines on the theme "Am I being unfair to you?" on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017.

10.00 am St Paul's Anglican Church, 3 Humffray Street South, Bakery Hill

2.00 pm St. John's Catholic Church, Anderson Street, Skipton

2.00 pm St. John's Anglican Church, 606 Armstrong Street, Ballarat North

5.30 pm St Andrew's Uniting Church, 130 Ballarat Road, Creswick

7.00 pm Buninyong Town Hall, Learmonth Street. Host: Buninyong Baptist Church

Rosebank Retirement Village, 19a Charlotte Street, Sebastopol, 10.00 am Thursday February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pineview Residential Care, 324 Nicholson Street, Black Hill, 11.00 am Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Nazareth House Chapel, 218 Mill Street, Lake Wendouree 10.00 am Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup>

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

YESS (Youth Every Second Sunday) is back for 2017 beginning February 26th. YESS will run on 2nd and 4th 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.

## **Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2017 Lenten Speaker**

An invitation is extended to parishioners and friends to attend a shared meal with Fr. Robert Timoner (known as Fr. Tonette) to hear about his work for Caritas Australia in the Philippines Please bring a plate of food to share for a buffet. Tea/Coffee provided. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 6pm for 6.30pm start. Our Lady Help of Christians Parish meeting room. RSVP 28<sup>th</sup> February to Connie [c.bonzon812@gmail.com](mailto:c.bonzon812@gmail.com) or Sue at [sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au) M. 0409 401 329.

## **Choir for Mass of the Oils 2016**

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass on Monday. April 10, 2017. Practice times will be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest [julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

## From the Royal Commission

Francis Sullivan of the [Truth Justice and Healing Council](#) writes

Today the Royal Commission has released the full report of its survey results on claims made against Catholic organisations for alleged child sexual abuse by their personnel.

As such, it is the composite of Church records since 1950, of claims of abuse.

As we know these claims comprise records of known offenders, alleged offenders and unidentified offenders.

Over the years, dioceses and religious orders have used a variety of processes to determine the veracity of these claims.

Some claims were too obvious to warrant any investigation and were accepted on the information provided by the survivor.

Others were substantiated by formal investigations, police referrals or corroborated evidence.

Others proved difficult to establish because victims couldn't recall the actual names of their abusers or were uncertain over the extent to which some people were involved in their assault.

So, the data reflects the scope of alleged abuse within the Church. It does not break this abuse down into categories of certainty because Church Authorities themselves have struggled to be that accurate.

Today's data provides new insight into some aspects of child sexual abuse within the Catholic Church including:

- a massive drop off in child sexual abuse claims from the peak in the 1970s of some 1,245 claims in that decade to 41 claims in the 2010s
- a massive drop-off in the number of alleged clerical perpetrators from a peak in the 1960s of more than 400 to less than 10 in the 2010s
- a massive drop-off in the number of claims in schools from more than 600 in the 1970s to around 25 in the 2010s
- across all the dioceses and orders where abuse has occurred some \$258 million in redress has been paid;
- nearly half of all the claims for redress went through the Church's Towards Healing and Melbourne Response; and
- that the average payments made through Towards Healing and The Melbourne Response were considerably lower than payments received through civil proceeding and other redress processes.

As the hearing concludes 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