

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

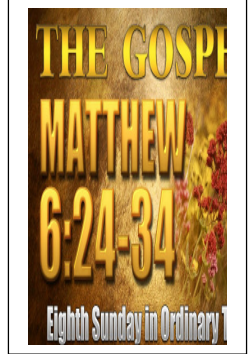
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*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017*

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



## **Project Compassion Sunday**

The theme for Project Compassion 2017 is "Love your neighbour".

This year, Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives. For more than 50 years, Caritas Australia has been privileged to work together with our neighbours – our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in First Australian communities and in many other countries. Working with our partner agencies in those communities, we have developed the strength to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person.

Throughout Project Compassion 2017, inspiring stories from the Philippines, Timor-Leste, Australia, Vietnam and Fiji will be shared, highlighting the importance of working hand in hand with communities around the world.

**Recent Deaths:** Franco Cantelmi,

**Anniversaries:** Marie Hassed, Vera Martin, Adam Milenkovic, Gladys Sharp, Nell Stevens, Margaret Ruby Turville, Margaret Whitehouse

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

**Next week's readings:** *Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2017*

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)*

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

Romans 5:12.17-19

Matthew 4:1-11

<b>Masses:</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	6.30pm Smythesdale	9.00am Linton	10.30am Skipton
	<b>11<sup>th</sup>/12<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 Philippians 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)



## The Diocesan Ecological Sustainability Group (ECOS)

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

Francis (of Assisi) helps us to see that an integral ecology calls for openness to categories which transcend the language of mathematics and biology, and take us to the heart of what it is to be human..... if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously. The poverty and austerity of Saint Francis were no mere veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled. *Laudato Si* 11

## The Lent Fast

Fast from Judgement,	feast on compassion
Fast from greed,	feast on sharing
Fast from scarcity,	feast on abundance
Fast from fear,	feast on peace
Fast from lies,	feast on truth
Fast from gossip,	feast on praise
Fast from anxiety,	feast on patience
Fast from evil,	feast on kindness
Fast from apathy,	feast on engagement
Feast from discouragement,	feast on hope
Fast from hatred,	feast on love.

***What will be your fast? What will be your feast?***

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Love your neighbour".

You will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to build a better future for our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

