

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 21st May 2017



Recent Deaths: Ken Boland, Bill Gorgan, Bernie Hogan, Peter Lavery, Dorothy Nolan.

Anniversaries: Nell Fay, Fr Gallagher, Jane Jackman, Austin Kerrins, Tom Rees, Reta O'Rourke, Bernie Segrave, Fr Barry Stickland

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 May 28th 2017* *The Ascension of the Lord (A,)*

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20

Masses: **27th/28th May** 6.30 pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton
 3rd/4th June 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30 am Skipton

Mass Count continue in the Linton Parish over the weekends of May

The Annual Ballarat Diocesan Mass Count will continue this weekend and for each of the weekend Masses over the month of May – thanks.

Nazareth House Ballarat Apartments

The new one bed apartments are near completion at Nazareth House, Ballarat. Eight have been sold and there are still two available. Please contact Nazareth House Reception for an appointment to view the apartments Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 4.00pm, ph. 53295100.

Family Matters – Strengthening Respectful Relationships

All are welcome to attend this forum with Fr Frank Brennan SJ as the guest speaker which will be held on Saturday, June 24th 9.00 am – 3.00 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Ballarat. The free event is being hosted by the Social Justice Commission of the Diocese of Ballarat. Details about workshops and how to register will be released soon. social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Removal of the Trees at St Mary's Smythesdale

Following requests from both the Historical Society and the Golden Plains Shire Council, the decision has been taken to engage Gerard Styles to remove the trees. This will be undertaken on Monday May 22nd (it was to have been last week) at a cost to the parish of \$4250.00 plus GST.

Sale of Linton Parish Property

Following the authorisation which was included in last week's newsletter from Bishop Paul Bird for the parish to proceed with the sale of St Patrick's Church Springdallah and the vacant allotment of land in Linton (not next to the Presbytery), these properties which the Finance Committee have previously had valued, will be placed in the hands of Ballarat Real Estate to sell.

In May last year members of the parish finance committee and coordinating group led the Linton Parish community gatherings, held in Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley, which recommended the sale of these properties as part of an ongoing review of Parish properties and maintenance. At some of the church community meetings there were questions raised seeking clarification about the finances of the parish and the proceeds from the sale of any parish property. This was clarified and published on the Parish newsletter on September 11th last year which stated that when a parish sells any property owned by the parish, the proceeds of the sale belong to the parish and remain in the parish (not the Diocese). Proceeds from the sale of Linton Parish property stay in the Linton Parish account and may be used for further major capital improvement or expenses.

Youth Every Second Sunday (YESS)

YESS meet on 2nd and 4th Sunday every month in St Patrick's Cathedral Hall following 5.00pm Mass. If you have any Queries please contact Michaela Corrigan on 0431295207

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship – applications now open

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. Applications close 17 July 2017.

Details and application: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

Child Safety Standards

New state government legislation has come into effect with the New Year which sets standards for child safety. The Linton 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. To assist her in this role Cecelia will be attending a training day through the National Council of Churches in Australia which will be held on Thursday June 1st.

Alpha in a Catholic Context

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explores the Christian faith for adults. It is a parish tool for evangelisation based on welcome and hospitality, sharing and prayer. Each session includes a talk and small group discussion, where no question is too simple and no answer prepackaged. Participants are welcomed into a relaxed and friendly setting and have the opportunity to get to know one another. Within the group, we learn the art of listening, reading the Scriptures and praying. Alpha will be offered again in 2017 in the Cathedral Parish but a different format from different locations and has younger presenters as well as Nicky Gumbel. There are also interviews with several leading Catholics, including Fr Raniero Cantamalessa & Cardinal Schonborn. The link for a preview is <http://australia.alpha.org/watch/>. For those interested in being part of this adult faith opportunity – contact the Parish Office. Alpha will be offered in the Cathedral Parish over the coming months which will be conducted on Thursday evenings in the smaller hall at the Cathedral.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

ACYF is in Sydney December 7-9, 2017. A joyful 3 day immersion in faith with 15,000 other young Australians. Young people (yr 9-30yo) are encouraged to go. Go to www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Choral Festival

Sunday May 28th at 1.30 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. Free entry, all welcome.

Choirs include: Ballarat Choral Society, Beaufort Secondary College Singers, CWA choir, Federation University, Word of Mouth, Pyrenees Chorale, Regina Caeli Schola choir, St Columba's Primary, St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Sing Australia Ballarat & Ballarat North, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints youth choir, U3A Choristers.

2017 Marian Lecture

2017 marks the Marist Bicentenary and to celebrate this occasion you are invited to attend the Inaugural Marian Lecture of the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat in Melbourne on May 30th, 2017 Australian Catholic University, Christ Lecture Theatre. Dom Mark Patrick Hederman OSB, spiritual writer and Abbot emeritus of Glenstal Abbey in Ireland will deliver the Marian Lecture, "Underground Cathedrals – A Spirituality for the 21st Century".

Hilton Deakin's untold story - Bonded Through Tragedy, United in Hope: Available to order now

"A ripping yarn of how one solitary Australian bishop stood in solidarity through oppression and liberation, with downtrodden people who rose up and established the newest nation in our region. This larger-than-life voice has witnessed much human misery and triumph and in the process found a whole new life in the politics and advocacy of human rights, mixing with people he would never have met in the Church." *Fr Frank Brennan SJ, Professor of Law, Australian Catholic University.*