

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 11th June 2017



Recent Deaths: Kathleen Boschetti, Veronica (Verna) Evans, Maureen Fithall, Frances Irwin, Michelle Racho, Rita Wildner

Anniversaries: Ernie Auchettl, Clive Conrick, William Davey, Lal Franc, Patrick Higgins, Helen Houlihan Sr Kathleen Merchovic, Andrew Prendagast, Fr Tom Russell, Eileen Ryan

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

Next week's readings: *Sunday June 18th 2017* *The Body and Blood of Christ (A,)*
Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16 Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

Masses: **17th/18th June** 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30 am Rokewood
 24th/25th June 6.30 pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton

Change of Saturday evening Vigil Mass Time at St Patrick's Cathedral

During the three winter months June, July and August. Vigil Mass will be celebrated at **5.30 pm**

Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist Preparation

A preparation session for Reconciliation for children in year 4 or older who have completed the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sunday 16th June following 9.00am Mass at Skipton. For further information please call Angela on 0418 341168

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.

Please register your attendance: <http://2017familymatters.weebly.com/>

Details about workshops will be released soon. social.justice@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Singing Priests – Diocese of Malaybalay Paring Bukidnon

'Paraiso' is a concert of Stewardship, Gratitude and Joy will be held on 18th June at 3pm in the St. James' Parish Hall. A fundraiser to help build retirement homes for old-aged and infirmed clergy in the Philippines & support the Environment Protection Program of the Diocese.

Enquiries: Sherly 0417 331 756 and Imelda 0418 956 493.

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.

Soup Luncheon - Asylum Seeker Fundraiser - Wednesday June 21st

The Annual Refugee Week Soup and Sandwich Luncheon will be held at Nazareth House Hall on Wednesday June 21st at 12.30 pm. Didgeridoo and Acknowledgement of Country at 1pm Followed by Asylum Seeker Presentations. Stalls And Competitions Entry \$20. Concession \$15.

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 attended a training day through the National Council of Churches in Australia held on Thursday June 1st.

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

Youth and young adults: Pope Francis' Online Survey now open

Please encourage young adults you know to do this survey (Pope Francis wants to hear from everyone whether they are actively connected to church or not). This online survey is seeking opinions and perspectives of young people (16-29) as part of a national consultation process that will inform the world-wide Synod on Youth that Pope Francis is convening in October 2018. The survey closes on **2 July 2017**. Access the survey on the Ballarat Diocese website

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au For more information: youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.

Is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him

On 29 June. Father Doroteo Bravi CFD, a Monk of the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God will celebrate Mass at Saint Patricks Cathedral at 6.00pm. Following Mass he will give a talk in the small hall at the Cathedral on the theme 'is God calling you to a deeper relationship with Him'. After the talk there will be cup of tea. All are invited to attend.

From the e-conference Lessons from the Long Paddock

A HEALTHY SPIRITUAL LIFE:

- ❖ Increases participation in life generally.
- ❖ Resists anything that would truncate our humanity, mutilate our sensitivities or stifle our imagination.
- ❖ Confronts us with reality....with what is real and true.
- ❖ Does not super-impose an 'ideal' situation.
- ❖ Invites a deeper connection with ourselves, the world and with others.
- ❖ Renders us more 'other centred'.
- ❖ Continues to create openness to the transcendent possibilities of existence.
- ❖ Does not promise pure consolation, but is able to embrace the mystery of suffering.
- ❖ Is intellectually coherent and accountable.
- ❖ Is open to engagement with, and interpretation by, a religious tradition.
- ❖ Is ethical and works for justice.
- ❖ Holds paradox creatively.

(From Across the Great Divide: Fr David Ranson)