

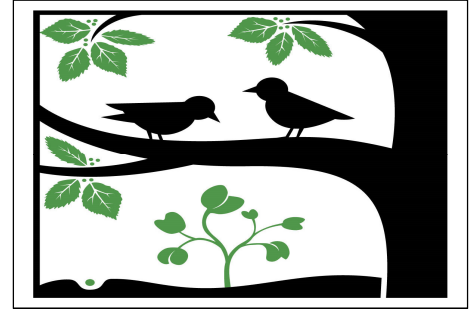
St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 23th July 2017

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Recent Deaths: Cecil McVey, Sr Antoinette Russo RSM

Anniversaries: Wanda Biala, Gerry Boland, Sis Bylsma, Joe Donegan, Catherine Laffey,
Nancy Lenaghan, Bill Mark, Peter Trezise, Kath Tuddenham

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

Next week's readings: *Sunday July 30th 2017*

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A,)

1 Kings 3:5.7-12 Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-46

Masses: **29th/30th July** 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30 am Skipton
 5th/6th August 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 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**

ACYF 2017

Registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival are already over 80% capacity and Early Bird Registrations close on 18 August. The Festival is 7-9 December 2017, for Year 9-30 yo. Ballarat Diocese Youth and Young Adult Ministry has secured accommodation in Sydney and bus transport there and back. Please contact Amanda soon to 'book in' your group. If you are not yet part of a group, we can help – contact Amanda youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 0427 748 867. More information on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages.

Nazareth House Auxiliary Coffee Party

Friday 28th July 2017 at 1.30pm. Devonshire tea, spinning wheel, fancy goods, produce stall...

Celebrating First Communion

Today at the 10.30 am Mass at Skipton, first communion will be celebrated – welcome to all families and friends who are with us for this celebration today. We pray for these children as they share with us for the first time in holy communion, completing their sacramental initiation into the Catholic Church. Thank you to Ange Gowans and all who have been involved in the children's preparation.

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.

Promoting Lay Formation: Cardijn And The YCW In Australia

Commemorating The 50th Anniversaries Of The Deaths Of Cardinal Joseph Cardijn and Fr Frank Lombard. Saturday 29 July 2017 Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
Cost \$20 per person: Morning Tea, lunch & afternoon tea Registrations: by Wednesday 26 July
Jill Doncovio, jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au or 9412 3304. Numbers are strictly limited.

Our Lady of Fatima Independent School (subject to VRQA approval)

The next public meeting will be held August 6th following 10.30 am Mass at St. John's Catholic Church, Skipton. Geoff Brodie will offer a perspective for their vision of Catholic Education for the school followed by a short update on the proposed opening for **Term 1, 2019**.

The Ballarat Frassati Group. For more information go to <http://frassatiballarat.net.au>

The proposed independent school will not be the responsibility of the Linton Parish nor of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. Bishop Paul has Bird has written a letter in support of the application to the VRQA but the school will be conducted by the families who are part of the Frassati Group.

Youth Synod Questionnaire:

The second part of the Youth Synod 2018 preparatory consultation with our Diocese is a Questionnaire. Groups and individuals of all ages are invited to respond. Pope Francis wants to hear from Dioceses around the world and responses to the Questionnaire will form part of the preparations for the world-wide **Ordinary Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment** in Rome in October 2018. The Questionnaire is available on the Diocesan website (*Latest News* on home page). Please email responses by 15 August 2017.

For more info contact youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5337 7125.