

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 10th September 2017 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



Recent Deaths: Paul Aitken, Catherine Garvey, Fr Peter Taffe,

Anniversaries: Raeleen Cahill, Nell Collins, Marian Crawford, Joseph Graafmans, Fr Bob Markey,
Bernie Nestor, Mary O'Bierne, Danielle Sartori, Brian Smith, Elizabeth Triado,
Garry Twyford

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

Next week's readings: *Sunday September 10th 2017* *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A,)*
Ezekiel 33:7-9 Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

Masses: **16th/17th September** 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00 am Skipton 10.30 am Rokewood
 23rd/24th September 6.30 pm Snake Valley 8.30 am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton

Spiritual Care Program

A second program for parishioners engaged in pastoral ministry in its many expressions in our parishes is being offered soon. Bethany Pennington will facilitate this program on the following dates – September 20th, October 4th and 25th, November 8th and 22nd beginning at 9.00am. Each of these sessions will be held in the MacKillop and Glowrey rooms in the smaller hall at the Cathedral. Parishioners engaged in Funeral ministry, Visiting, Communion to those at home or in care are welcome to participate. Spiritual Care encompasses all the ways in which attention is paid to the spiritual dimensions of life. It is most commonly offered in a one-to-one relationship, is person centered. Please register with Jacinta in the Cathedral Parish Office by Friday September 15th.

Marian Festival

Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo 8th October 11am, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. A bus will leave the Cathedral at 8.45am. BYO lunch.

Ring Joan: 5338 2484 or Maureen: 0431 273 953 by 25th September to book .

Ballarat Catholic Secondary College Information evenings

Loreto College Tuesday October 24th 7.00pm

St Patrick's College Thursday October 26th 7.30 pm Please register <https://www.trybooking.com/RCPH>

Bikes for Humanity Collection Day

International charity **Bicycles for Humanity** gives old bikes a new home. They collect old bicycles, refurbish them and send them to Africa where the shipping container they came in transforms into a bike workshop providing employment, skills, training, economic development and ongoing benefits to the local community as well as all the 'new' bikes! Collection of your old bikes and parts Thursday 6 October, 9am - 3:00pm St Patrick's Cathedral car park.

Palms Australia Ballarat Information Sessions

If you are an experienced professional, business or trades person, in any area, but especially education, please consider volunteering with Palms Australia. An information session will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2017 from 5.30pm-7.00pm at the Australian Catholic University, Building 100 Torney Room, 1200 Mair St, Ballarat. RSVP joey@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333. Can't make it? Call now about applying for positions currently available or look first via Palms' [two-week Encounter](#) (palms.org.au/encounters/)

The Moorabool Light Orchestra

Presenting a "Spring Festival of Sacred Music" concert on Sunday 17 September 2017 @ 2pm in St Bernard's Catholic Parish Church, Lerderderg Street Bacchus Marsh.

Child Protection Sunday "See Me, Hear Me"

As has become the custom each year the Child Protection Sunday provides a focus reminding each of us to play a part in protecting our children. This year our theme is "See Me, Hear Me". The question is how do we in the Cathedral Parish play our part in listening to children to ensure they are kept safe? Within our Catholic Communities there is horror, anger and sorrow over the abuse of children. As Pope Francis outlined before leading the crowds in the Angelus prayer in March last year it is important to "Listen: this is the key word. Do not forget, listen to the hurt, sick and marginalized, or among families" As a sentry, each of us plays a part in listening to what the children have to say, making sure that every child is safe and protected from abuse and harm.

Our Prayer, See Me Hear Me

Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children. We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.

May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask you God to provide each us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.