

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 17th September 2017 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Recent Deaths: Clarrie Maher, John (Jack) Nunn, Norm Wallis

Anniversaries: Molly Cross, Tony Doyle, Catherine Hayes, Rosina (Rosa) Mondini, James Quinn, Bill Reilly, Golino Simmaco, 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 24th 2017* *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A,)*
Isaiah 55:6-9 Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18 Philippians 1:20-24. 27 Matthew 20:1-16

Masses: **23rd/24th September** 6.30 pm Snake Valley 8.30 am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton
 30th Sep/ 1st Oct 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00 am Linton 10.30 am Skipton

Beaufort & Linton Parish Mission with Richard Leonard SJ

This mission is being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing Saturday, October 14 and ending Wednesday, October 18. There will be some input at the weekend Masses, followed by a 75 minute session daily over the next three days. The morning session is repeated in the afternoon. For times and places please see the flyer on the notice board. Contact the Beaufort Parish Centre on ph. 5349 2880.

Parish missions are a time for us to reflect on where we have been, where we are and where we are going. This mission will focus on the issues that confront us as Christian in the contemporary world and offer practical direction about how we can live more deeply our lives of faith

"I dream of a 'missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her selfpreservation (EG 27).

Ballarat Catholic Secondary College Information evenings

Loreto College Tuesday October 24th 7.00 pm

Damascus College Thursday October 26th 6.30 pm (Registrations by 6.15 pm)

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.

Season of Creation

On September 1st, Christian Churches (Major Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, Uniting and Protestant) around the world came together to celebrate **World day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** and the start of the **Season of Creation** between Sept. 1st to Oct. 4th the feast of St Francis of Assisi. An ecumenical service to complete the **Season of Creation 2017** will be held at OLHC Church Wendouree on Sunday October 1st at 2.30pm. Afternoon tea to follow. All welcome

Pastoral Letter: Marriage according to Pope Francis

Copies of a pastoral letter from Bishop Paul which offers some reflections about marriage, drawing on the writings of Pope Francis are available from the Church foyer.

50 year celebration of Mercy education at Damascus College Mt Clear site

Past students and staff of Damascus College and the three foundation Colleges, Sacred Heart College, St Paul's Technical College and St Martin's in the Pines are invited to the opening of the Commemorative Walk, a 240 metre bush walking track. Please register your attendance by Friday 27th September, by going to the Damascus website: <http://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/news-and-events-50-year-celebrations>

30th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr Gary Jones

The Parish of St Peter's Daylesford will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Fr Gary's Ordination at 10.30am Mass on Sunday, October 15th 2017 followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre. All welcome. Please RSVP to daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au to assist with catering.

Diocesan Resource Centre

Books, Videos, DVDs & CDs are available for borrowing for total faith formation. Located within the Diocesan Office, Ballarat. Online catalogue and more info: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au | Services & Agencies | Resource Centre.

Centenary of Fatima apparitions of Mary

Evening of Recollection and Devotion - Fr Gerard Ryan will lead this evening in St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday October 13th, commencing with Reconciliation from 6.30 pm, 7.00 pm Fr Gerard introduces the evening, 7.30 pm Mass, 7.45 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction.

Famine in Africa affection millions of people

The world faces the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war with more than 20 million people facing starvation and famine. Caritas Australia, as part of the Caritas Internationalis network, has helped provide lifesaving support to over half a million people impacted by the famine. We are seeking donations to scale up our efforts and get food and water to people and communities in dire need. Parishes are asked to consider having an appeal to support this enormous humanitarian effort on Social Justice Sunday September 24, 2017. Enquiries to Sue Searls, ph. 0409 401 329 or email sue.searls@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Year of Youth 2018

A Year of Youth for Australia has been declared for 2018 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Year of Youth commences at the start of the new liturgical year on 3 December 2017 (the first Sunday of Advent) and concludes at the end of Ordinary Time in 2018 (25 November, Christ the King). The theme of the Year of Youth is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Resources in support of the Year of Youth will be made available over the coming months, and during 2018, including: *Planning Handbook: No Young People in my Parish*. Year of Youth events are being planned by both the Diocese and Catholic Education. Parishes and others are asked to incorporate the Year of Youth in their planning, considering how they might celebrate locally or in conjunction with neighbours. Year of Youth information is available on the Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au Youth and Young Adult pages or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au.

Supporting Edmund Rice Works: Timor-Leste

Film luncheon "The Mountain Between Us" at the Regent Theatre Ballarat on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 2.30pm. Cost: \$20.00pp, school students \$15.00. Contact: Liz, ph. 0417 347262 or email lizh@aanet.com.au

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Registrations still open!!

Festival registrations are open until September 22 for Groups and under-18s. Over-18 registrations will stay open until Festival capacity is reached. Information and links on www.ballarat.catholic.org.au / Youth and Young Adult pages or contact Amanda on 0427 748 867 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au