

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 1st October 2017 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Recent Deaths: Mary Connellan, Fr Paul Mercovich, Dinny Murphy

Anniversaries: Iris Burgess, Bessie Cluff, Maria Daniele, Giesela Gotthold, Dorothy Kennedy, Henry Kennedy, Maria Merzvinskis, Eileen Rawlings, Beverley Snell, Marian Ward, Monica Yoeman

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 October 8th 2017 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 5:1-7 Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

Masses: **7th/8th October** 6.30 pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Snake Valley
 14th/15th October 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30 am Rokewood

Beaufort & Linton Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Parishioners are invited to a mission led by Fr Richard Leonard SJ which is being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing Saturday, October 14th with 6.30 pm Mass at Smythesdale, Sunday 9.00 am Mass at Skipton and 6.00 pm Mass at Beaufort. Weekday sessions will be on Monday 16th 11.00 am Skipton, 7.00 pm Beaufort, Tuesday 17th 11.00 am Beaufort, 7.00 pm Snake Valley, Wednesday 18th 11.00 am Skipton, 5.00 pm Beaufort. The morning session is repeated in the afternoon. For times and places please see the flyer on the notice boards or contact the Beaufort Parish Centre on 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 self-preservation (EG 27).

Happy 90th Birthday!

Fr John Keane will be celebrating his 90th birthday on Monday October 2nd

Fr John is now residing at BUPA Aged care in Delacombe.

Ballarat Catholic Secondary College Information evenings

Loreto College Monday October 23rd 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>

Experience Loreto College Day – “Beyond the Historic Fence”

This is an opportunity for prospective families to visit the College in action. You will be taken on a guided tour of the College by current students and staff who will show you the grounds and facilities and share their insight into being a student at Loreto College. Wednesday, October 18, 2017 - 9.00am – 12.00pm

Must register to attend www.loreto.vic.edu.au

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 October 5th, 9am -3.00pm St Patrick's Cathedral car park. If anyone is unable to deliver their bikes please contact Alan West of St Vincent de Paul 0407 120 943 & collection can be arranged.

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>

Linton Parish Meetings

Parish Finance meeting at the Linton Presbytery Wednesday October 11th at 7.00 pm.

Supporting Edmund Rice Works: Timor-Leste

Fundraiser 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, 0417 347262 liz@aanet.com.au

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Friday October 20th at St Patrick's college OCA Pavilion from 7am – 8.30am, come and join a conversation about men's mental health. Tickets \$50 including breakfast. Funds raised will go to the Chris Yeung Fund which seeks to raise awareness of men's mental health issues and to support St Patrick's students impacted by it. Tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/PJNX>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Registrations still open!!

Festival registrations are open until September 22nd 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

Delegates Meeting

Delegates from Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley met with Fr Justin during the past week. Property and Maintenance matters discussed included the roof on the Snake Valley Church which has been authorised to proceed, as has the installation of an external LED light, Trees have been removed on the Linton presbytery site and the Springdallah Church is about to be placed on the market through Ballarat Real Estate. Further discussion regarding the proposed Independent School in Smythesdale highlighted the independent nature of this proposed school from the Parish of Linton and the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat. The proposed school is the initiative of some Catholic families of the area who are seeking to establish a primary school independent of both the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Education Department of Victoria.

The Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ was also discussed.

The next meeting will be held at 7.00 pm on Wednesday November 29th.

Centenary of Fatima Apparitions of Mary

Evening of Recollection and Devotion, St. Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat Friday October 13th

- 6.30pm – Sacrament of Penance
- 7.00pm – Reflection – Fr. Gerard Ryan
- 7.30pm – Mass, Exposition and Benediction

A bus will leave Ballarat Cathedral Car Park at 8.45am for Mass in the Bendigo Cathedral at 11.00am on October 8th. BYO lunch. Contact Joan 53382484 or Maureen 0431273953 by October 2nd to book attend. Rosary on Saturday October 14th 11.00am in the Sturt St rotunda between Dawson & Doveton Sts.

Fr Paul Mercovich RIP

Bishop Paul Bird, the priests and people of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat are saddened by the death of their brother and friend Fr Paul, who died in Alice Springs on September 22nd 2017, aged 80. Fr Paul was ordained priest for the Diocese of Ballarat at Ararat on May 31st 1969. He served as an Assistant Priest in the Parishes of Koroit, Camperdown and Colac. He was appointed Administrator of the Parish of Birregurra, followed by appointments in Inglewood and Ballarat. Fr Paul has served as the Parish Priest of the Parishes of Ouyen (1977), Charlton (1984), (2002), Ballarat East (1987) and St Arnaud (1998). He also served as Chair of the Diocesan Education Board. May he rest in peace

Funeral Mass for Fr Paul Mercovich will be celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, St Arnaud on Friday October 13th at 10.30 am. Committal will follow at the Ararat Cemetery at 3.00 pm. Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church Charlton on Thursday October 12th at 7.00 pm.

Eco-Spirituality Retreat, October 23th - 27th 2017 The Ministry Development Committee of the Ballarat Anglican Diocese is organising an Eco-Spirituality Retreat in Budg Bim (south western Victoria) from 23-27 October 2017. More information at www.ballaratanglican.org.au/ecospirit