

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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

Recent Deaths: John Cotter, Zilla Fay, Norma Horgan

Anniversaries: Lin Bruty Snr, Mary Cooper, Francis Curran, Bill Fay, Mary Gallagher,
William Leyden, Gerard Molloy, Kevin Molloy, Desmond Troy, Elizabeth Wilkie

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: **14th/15th October** 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton No Rokewood Mass
 21st/22nd October 6.30 pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton

Beaufort & Linton Parish Mission with Fr Richard Leonard SJ

Parishioners are invited to the mission led by Fr Richard Leonard SJ which is being held across the Beaufort and Linton parishes commencing with the weekend Masses next weekend

Saturday October 14 th	6.30 pm Mass	Smythesdale		
Sunday October 15 th	9.00 am Mass	Skipton		
	6.00 pm Mass	Beaufort.		
Monday October 16th	11.00 am	Skipton	7.00 pm	Beaufort
Tuesday October 17th	11.00 am	Beaufort	7.00 pm	Snake Valley
Wednesday October 18th	11.00 am	Skipton	5.00 pm	Beaufort.

The morning session is repeated in the afternoon/evening. 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, Pope Francis. The Joy of the Gospel(EG 27).

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

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 lizh@aanet.com.au

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Friday October 20th at St Patrick's college OCA Pavilion form 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>

Delegates Meeting

Delegates from Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley met with Fr Justin. 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.

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 15, 2017 followed by morning tea in the Parish Centre.

All welcome. Please RSVP to daylesford@ballarat.catholic.org.au to assist with catering.

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

Frassati Group, Fatima Anniversary Mass and Ballarat MenAlive gathering

MenAlive and the Frassati Group will celebrate Mass at St Brigid's Catholic Church Snake Valley at 2.00 pm, Saturday October 14th. Mass will be followed by a talk by Dr Andy Mullins on *Parenting for Character*, afternoon tea and an update on the proposed opening of Our Lady of Fatima School Smythesdale (subject to VRQA approval) in 2019. More details at <http://frassatiballarat.net.au> or email admin@frassatiballarat.net.au or call 0400 874 900.

"Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?"

YTU is hosting an evening of conversation with Bishop Vincent Long, Maria Kirkwood and Francis Sullivan, "Building a healthier Church: Where to from here?" on Thursday, October 12, 2017 from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill. This event is free to attend. All welcome.