

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Mathew

Sunday 29th October 2017



Recent Deaths: Aileen Harris, Leo Leonard, Dot (Dorothy) O'Brien, Trevor Plier.

Anniversaries: Lynne Connors, Patrick Flanigan, Kitty Grose, Sr Rita Hayes (Mercy), Elizabeth Kelly, Therese Kingston, Sheila Leyden, Eileen Philomena McConville, Con Mulcahy, Mary O'Donohue

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

Next week's readings: *Sunday November 5th 2017* *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2. 8-10 Ps 130 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13 Matthew 23:1-12

Masses: **4th/5th November** 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00am Linton 10.30 am Skipton
 11th/12th November 6.30 pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Snake Valley

All Souls Day Mass 10.30 am on Thursday November 2nd at Skipton with Fr Sajan

The Ballarat Interfaith Network – 2017 Friendship Walk

Come along on Sunday November 5th and spend an afternoon walking together in friendship and goodwill between St Alipius Catholic Church, Ballarat Hebrew Congregation Synagogue and Islamic Mosque.

Commencing with a prayer for peace we will then learn about some of the history and traditions of each of the places we visit. Meeting Place & Planned Walking Route:

2.00 pm – St Alipius Catholic Church, 84 Victoria St, Ballarat East,

2.45 pm – Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, 2 Barkly St, Bakery Hill

3.45 pm – Islamic Mosque, 116 Elsworth St, Canadian

Registration: Margaret 0400 650 234 | Maureen 0418 383 802

Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of Victoria is available in each of the Churches this weekend. Parishioners are invited to contact James Purcell MLC T: 5568 2929 or 0407 550 707

Year of Youth 2018

2018 is the Year of Youth in Australia starting Advent (3 December 2017). The Year of Youth theme is *Open New Horizons for Spreading Joy*. Parishes and others are asked to incorporate the Year of Youth in their planning: how might you celebrate locally or in conjunction with neighbours? Year of Youth information is on Ballarat Diocese website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au /Youth and Young Adult pages, or email youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Catholic Theological College

Open Day Wednesday 8 November, 2017 Study options, Library and Building tour, Refreshments, Two programs: 4.30pm–6.30pm or 6.00pm–8.00pm Bookings essential

RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday 3 November Phone: 9412 3314

Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

The Four Seasons Fine Music Festival

Sunday 29 October @ 2pm Rhys Boak and Bruno Siketa Venue: St John's Church, Creswick

More information: Creswick and Clunes Information Centres or

fourseasonsmusicfestival@gmail.com book online: www.ballaratanglican.org.au/fourseasons

Whoever Drinks of The Water That I Shall Give, Will Never Thirst Again - John 4:14



Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting the forgotten farming families of Vietnam, and throughout the world. Your considered gifts will help provide a new clean drinking water filtration system for the people of the coastal mountain region of Xuan Son. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of Catholic Mission.

Snake Valley Church

Roof repairs on the Church commenced on 28th October this work will be undertaken by PJ Eva Plumbing & Gas Fitting

Mass at Pootilla Cemetery

Mass will be celebrated at Pootilla Cemetery (Bungaree) on Sunday 12th November, 9.30am.

All welcome. Some chairs provided; BYO if possible. Info: ph. 5334 0450

Leadership for Mission 2018-2019

A Graduate Program for Young Catholic Women aged 25-35. Combines theological education, faith formation and preparation for mission in a multi-faith world. For more info and an application form go to <http://www.opw.catholic.org.au/young-women-s-interfaith-fellowship/leadership-for-mission-2018-2019>. Applications close Sunday, November 26.

“Family Matters Forum” Website Resource

For those who missed Fr Frank Brennan and the *Family Matters: Strengthening Respectful Relationships* opening address, you can now watch or listen to his entire presentation. Other resources can also be accessed via this page that has been built for your use. The site also contains information about workshops (Tuning in to Kids, Keeping the focus on children in blended families, having the suicide conversation and family violence) and prayers: 2017familymatters.weebly.com/

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

A spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held April 8 – 13, 2018. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@griegtograceaus.org.au or phone 0407704539. For more information visit www.griegtograce.org

Nazareth House Auxiliary Annual Fete

Nazareth House Saturday 18th November 10.00 am Stalls galore, Handball competition, Morning Tea, Spinning Wheel, BBQ Lunch and much more... *Fun for all the family*

Building a Healthier Church

A recent public lecture series at YTU in Box Hill has provided the impetus for further reflection and dialogue within our own Ballarat community, asking what we need to do to build a healthier Church?

The following leaders spoke on three aspects of building a healthier Church (click on the links):

Bishop Vincent Long - [How are you going to approach these issues in your diocese?](#)

Maria Kirkwood - [Sharing Leadership in a Collaborative Church,](#)

Francis Sullivan - [What are the challenges that are coming from the Royal Commission?](#)

The website for the Truth Justice and Healing Council will direct you to these three presentations. Amongst the many aspects that have been identified as being needed to build a healthier Church are

- the need for greater transparency in our decision making and stewardship of our resources
- the participation of more people in the governance of the Church, especially women
- participation in the National Redress scheme
- continued work to ensure the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults
- ongoing education and monitoring of professional standards
- challenging a culture that fosters clericalism