

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 7th January 2018



Recent Deaths: Jean Bernet, Doreen Holmes, Isabel McInerney, Monica Morgan, John Morris, Rudi Wstenberger.

Anniversaries: Ivy Boland, Maureen Burke, Mollie Cahill, Leslie Cluff, Fr Paddy Culligan, Edward & Ruby Dobbyn, Marie Elford, Pearl Fox, Colin Grist, Mary Harris, Thomas Hartigan, Roma Hills, John & Edward Hynes, Winnie Hynes, Bill Keane, Eileen Kierce, Sheila Lavery, Eddie Monkivitch, Ted Mulcahy, Francis O'Bierne, Dorothy O'Loughlin, Bridget Payne, Maree Quirck, Brian Schreenan, John Thomas, Jim & Dorothy Whelan, John Whitehouse

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

Next week's readings: *Sunday 14th January 2017*

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19 Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9 1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20 John 1:35-42

Masses: **13th/14th January** 6.30pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Snake Valley

20th/21st January 6.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood

Year of Youth

Resources from ACBC are now available. Topics include No Young People in m Parish, A Guide to Listening Forums and New Horizons Series. Find them under Year of Youth on the Youth and Young Adult Ministry page of the diocesan website:

www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/services-and-agencies

Seeking a Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Project Worker

Ballarat Diocese will be employing a Project Worker in Youth and Young Adult Ministry in 2018, the Year of Youth. This will be a 12 month position, fulltime preferred but not essential. A position description will be available on the diocesan website in January or you can contact

youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au to have the position description emailed to you.

Words of thanks

Thank you to all who have contributed to the celebration of Christmas in the Linton Parish. Many parishioners have offered their service. Thank you to those who prepared the Churches Christmas Masses. Thank you to all who ministered at our Christmas Masses. Frs Anthony, Sajan and Justin are also very grateful to so many parishioners for their cards, vouchers, gifts, Christmas greetings, Christmas Offerings and the many expressions of support. These are greatly appreciated.

23rd Organs of the Goldfields Festival

This festival of fine music in historic venues commences on **Friday evening, January 12th** with the opening recital in St Patrick's Cathedral at 7.30 pm *Gloriana- The Missa Criolla and The Path of Miracles*. Andrew Raiskums directs the Gloriana Choir, tenor & Argentinean percussion in rhythms of Spain & Argentine. Supper will be served in the Cathedral Hall following the opening concert. On **Sunday January 14th** the Cathedral's Fincham organ of 1930 is played by Martin Setchell in the Cathedral at 3.00 pm. On **Wednesday January 17th** Eine Abendmusik. John Weretka directs a re-creation of the traditional German Advent Cantata Concert as heard in the early 18th century. Singers, Helen Thomson, Amelia Jones, Hamish Gould, Christopher Roache and John Weretka. The festival will close on **Sunday January 21st** Baroque Sacred Music The Missa Salisburgenis of Heinrich Biber. Bringing together two University choirs, Queens & Newman and using the spatial properties of the Cathedral. Directed by Gary Ekkel. We welcome the many performers, musicians and visitors to Ballarat and the Cathedral for the organs of the goldfields festival.

Clergy Appointments

Bishop Paul has appointed Fr Eugene McKinnon as Parish Priest of the Parishes of Charlton and St Arnaud with effect from January 1st 2018. Fr Peter Jose CMI has been appointed Assistant Priest. Frs Eugene and Peter will also continue to minister in each of the parishes of the North Central Ministry District (Birchip, Donald, Charlton, Quambatook, St Arnaud and Wycheproof). The Ministry District will encompass pastoral care, educational chaplaincy and governance, financial consolidation, and resource sharing. A new schedule for worship across the North Central Parishes will come into effect from February 2018 with the Cathedral priests assisting until then. Frs Anthony, Sajan and Justin have been celebrating the weekend Masses every 2nd weekend in the Charlton and St Arnaud Parishes since Fr Paul Mercovich was hospitalised in August 2017 prior to his death on September 21st. Frs Justin, Anthony and Sajan also celebrate weekend Masses in the communities of Cororooke and Pirron Yallock on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Like most priests of the Diocese, they are appointed to multiple parishes – Beaufort, Linton and the Cathedral. It is only through the continued generosity of the senior priests of the Diocese that we are able to continue to provide assistance to the many parishes of the Diocese. In particular, we thank Fr Dan Arundell for his weekly commitment to our Parishes.