

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday March 18th 2018



Recent Deaths: David Hayes, Jim Ryan, Doreen Mary White

Anniversaries: June Blaby, Noelene Fletcher, Marion Hannigan, Alwyn Harbott,
Ben Kavanagh, George Knight, Glenn Loader, Fr. Angelo O'Hagan,
Leonie Slater, Veronica Slater

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, especially

Margaret Cranko, Nancy Hand, Grace Molloy, Milly Yeoman

Next week's readings: *Sunday March 25th 2018* *Palm Sunday (B)*

Isaiah 50:4-7 Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 15:1-49

Masses: March 24th/25th 6.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

Easter Mass Times

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm Linton

Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord's passion 3.00pm Linton

Easter Vigil (Saturday) 7.30pm Linton

Easter Sunday 10.30am Skipton

Stations of the Cross during Lent Wednesdays in the Cathedral at 11.30am.

Building a Healthier Church

The Ozanam Conversation is a free annual event in honour Blessed Frederic Ozanam. Guest speakers Bishop Vincent Long in conversation with Geraldine Doogue. Thursday April 26th 6.30pm – 7.45pm, Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Drinks and canapés served from 6.00pm. RSVP – 20/4/18 Email: rsvp@svdv-vic.org.au Phone (03) 9895 5935.

If you wish to attend by bus please contact Alan West phone 0407 120 943.

Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service

9.20am from the Queen Alexandra bandstand in Sturt St (between Dawson & Doveton), join the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Church congregations for a simple service before we each process to our respective Churches to commence Holy Week.

Preparing for the Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Bishops at their November meeting decided that the Plenary Council will be held in two sessions, one in October 2020 around the tenth anniversary of Mary Mackillop's canonisation and the second in May 2021. One of these sessions will be held in Central Australia and the other in one of the major cities on the East Coast. The official launch will be on Pentecost Sunday 2018. That will begin a year of consultation through diocesan and parish meetings, family conversations, facilitated community discussions, meetings with schools, health care, social welfare agencies, with aboriginal groups, the poor, listening sessions with the bishops and so forth. There will also be consultation and reporting back through the website, discussion through social media, and other ways. The hope is that many Catholics, active and disaffected, will take the opportunity to help plan the future of our Australian Church. After Easter 2019 we will try to review and consolidate what has been said in the hope of beginning a second phase of consultation and prayerful discernment after Pentecost 2019. Early in 2020 the main issues and directions should be clearer and we can prepare documents, merciful and inspiring ones along the lines of the Vatican II documents. These can then be shared and attract feedback and discernment before the October 2020 first Session. They may also be accompanied by legislation to ensure they are implemented. Because this is meant to be an open consultation where "everything is on the table" it is difficult to say at this stage what the major themes will be and what legislation will be required. But one thing is clear, whatever legislation is required our bigger need is to talk to and appreciate one another. There is a certain amount of fatigue in the church these days that no law will resolve. We need to discover the Spirit in the church and among ourselves. Pope Francis is convinced that it is by listening to one another that we listen to God and that "open and fraternal debate makes theological and pastoral thought grow". He is also convinced in the power of face-to-face encounter. Hopefully, there will be plenty of opportunities for personal encounters in the process.