

## **St. Peter's Parish**

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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**Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> 2018**      **Third Sunday of Advent Year C**

**Recent Deaths:** Margaret Roberts, Fr. Jim Victory (Wilcannia-Forbes)

**Anniversaries**      Jack Coffey, Ronald Leslie Edgar, Ronald Mark Edgar,  
Christopher Fay, Sheila Veronica Gregory, Frank Tagliabue

**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,** especially

Margaret Cranko, Nancy Hand, Basil Torpy, Milly Yeoman

**Next week's readings:**

*Micah 5:1-4   Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19   Hebrews 10:5-10   Luke 1:39-45*

**Mass times:**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>** 6.30pm Smythesdale, 9.00am Skipton, 10.30am Rokewood

**December 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>** 6.30pm Snake Valley, 8.30am Beaufort, 10.30am Skipton

**Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve** 6.00pm Skipton 7.30pm, Smythesdale, 8.00pm Beaufort  
8.00pm Cressy, 9.00pm Snake Valley

**Christmas Day** 9.00am Linton

**(Cathedral Christmas Eve** 6.30pm, 9.00pm, 12 Midnight

**Christmas Day** 8.00am, 10.30am, 5.00pm (Syro Malabar)

*St Peter's Parish respectfully acknowledge that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation peoples and the traditional owners and custodians of this land*

## **Sale of St Patrick's Church Springdallah**

At the public auction at Springdallah on Saturday December 8th, St Patrick's Church was sold for \$173,000. There will be a 60-day settlement. The proceeds from the sale of the Church will be deposited in the Linton Parish account held with the Catholic development fund. There are specific regulations surrounding the proceeds from the sale of Church property which restrict the use of the funds to major capital projects in the Parish. The Church pews, Stations of the Cross, Altar and Statues are not included in the sale of the Church.

It is proposed to have a **final Mass** in the Church at Springdallah that will bring this Church to a close as a place of worship. The Mass will be on **Sunday January 27th** at 10.30 am. This Mass will replace the usual 10.30 am Mass scheduled for Skipton on that Sunday.

## **Plenary Council 2020 - Listening and Dialogue Encounters**

All are invited to participate in the Listening and Dialogue process to contribute to the Plenary Council agenda. Information flyer available on the Ballarat diocese website [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au). All of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

Questions for individuals or groups:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

Please submit your responses by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2019 at

[www.plenarycouncil.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.org.au)

## **Ballarat Diocese Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – now open for new participants**

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries, employed or volunteers. Sacraments, scripture, youth ministry, liturgy, leadership - many subjects available – 5 weeks per subject. Next study cycle starts January 20, contact us by January 9 to register. More info at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or [amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:amanda.smith@ballarat.catholic.org.au) ph. 5337 7125.