

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

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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**Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C**

**Anniversaries** Tom Cash, Sr. Joan D'Orsa rsm, Bob Morris, Nancy Nugent,  
Marie Thomson

**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell**, especially  
Margaret Cranko, Nancy Hand, Basil Torpy, Milly Yeoman

### **Next week's readings:**

Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

Col 3:12-21

Luke 2:41-52

### **Mass times:**

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

**December 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>** 6.30pm Smythesdale, 9.00am Linton, 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*

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

Following 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.

## **Sacrament of Baptism next Sunday**

Next Sunday at the 10.30am Mass at Skipton we will welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism Hizkias Henry Gabriel Langhorne, son of Shaun and Josi, and grandson of Margaret Langhorne. Hizkias (Hizzie) and his family have travelled from Singapore to celebrate this special occasion with the Skipton community.

## **Ballarat Diocese signs up to the National Redress Scheme**

Bishop Paul has signed a deed of participation on behalf of our Diocese of Ballarat. This means that when anyone contacts the Commonwealth government's redress scheme with a claim relating to our diocese, the government would contact Australian Catholic Redress who would then contact our diocese to respond to RESPONDING TO NEEDS the claim. We would provide whatever information the government redress agency requests. Then we would make whatever response to the claim that the government agency decides is appropriate in each case. Payments will come from diocesan funds rather than from funds belonging to any parish. This has been the case with claims from survivors up till now and it will continue to be the case with claims that come through the National Redress Scheme. While we cannot predict what the total payments will be, Bishop Paul is hopeful that the diocese will be able to meet all the payments that will be required of us. If we do need help in this, we will be able to call on help from other dioceses. All the dioceses that are participating in the Australian Catholic Redress company have agreed to support one another as needed. This means that if our diocese did not have sufficient funds, the other dioceses would assist. If another diocese did not have sufficient funds, our diocese would join with the rest in providing assistance. The amount of support would be proportioned to the Catholic population of each diocese. The larger archdioceses would provide the greater part of the assistance. We would provide support according to the size of our Catholic population.