

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

St Peter's Parish Linton

Sunday December 30th 2018

Feast of the Holy Family



Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday 10.00am – 5.00pm

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BHS Pastoral Care - Tracy Sillekens, Family Ministry & Safeguarding - Anita Houlihan
Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue, Grounds - Tony McVeigh, Office Admin - Juanita Bongiorno
Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Cathy Whelan, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) Jo Brewer

Masses January 5th – 6th Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Linton

9.00am

Skipton

10.30am

Masses during the coming week

Monday 10.00am Cathedral Funeral Mass 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 10.00am Cathedral (Public holiday) – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday 12.05pm Cathedral 2.00pm Skipton Funeral Mass

Thursday 9.30am Redan 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00am Saturday 11.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday & Tues. 10.00am – 11.45am, Friday 12.30pm

Morning Prayer of the Church Monday - Saturday 8.00am

Legion of Mary First Saturday Devotion, Saturday January 5th 9.15am

Next week's readings: *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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

Recent Deaths Sr Marie Emmanuel Cook RSM, Nancy Hand,
Kathleen Murphy, Pamela Tellefson

Anniversaries Jean Bernet, Doreen Holmes, Isabel McInerney,
Monica Morgan, John Morris, Rudi Wstenberger

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism

Neishia Christeen Fernando,

daughter of Warnakulasooria & Sellappullige

Ileana Adrienne Perin, daughter of Chris & Karen



May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community

Baptisms

At the 10.30am Mass at Skipton we welcome Hizkias Henry Gabriel Langhorne, son of Shaun and Josi, younger brother of Tom and grandson of Margaret Langhorne.

Hizkias (Hizzie) and his family have travelled from Singapore to celebrate this very special occasion with the Skipton community. For one so young, his story is already an amazing one!

Office Hours over January

The Parish Office will be open each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00am until 5.00pm. Over these weeks with reduced office hours there will be a shared weekly newsletter for the Linton and the Cathedral Parishes.

Gerard O'Loughlin 100 years

On the 8th January 2019 Gerard O'Loughlin will be 100 years.

After 12.05pm Mass at St Patricks Cathedral, his family invite all for a cup of tea and a sandwich in St Patricks Cathedral hall.

Newly Ordained Redemptorist Priests

Five newly ordained Redemptorist Priests who each originate from different parts of South East Asia will have a 12-month Parish placement in the Diocese of Ballarat commencing in early 2019. One of these priests will be appointed to the Ballarat, Linton and Beaufort Parishes. The other priests will be appointed as assistant priests to Ararat, Hamilton, Maryborough and Redan-Sebastopol.

Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend

Envelopes \$2,077.00 Parish Loose \$382.90 Presbytery \$1,967.20
Counters Team 6 Next Week Team 7

Thank you to those who contributed \$4,612.75 to the Christmas Appeal at the Cathedral Masses and for the Christmas 1st Collection of \$5,726.95.

Closing Mass for St Patrick's Church Springdallah

Following the sale of the Church at Springdallah last weekend, there will be a final Mass in the Church on Sunday January 27th 2019 at 10.30am. All former parishioners welcome. This Mass will replace the usual 10.30am Mass at Skipton that Sunday.

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.

Gospel Reflection Sr Veronica Lawson RSM

The time between Christmas and New Year is often family time, a good time to think about what family means. For many, it is a challenge to juggle the various family commitments. We do our best, and trust that everyone will understand the difficult choices that sometimes have to be made. It is now three years since the Synod on the Family in Rome. So much has happened globally since then that we are in danger of letting this significant event pass into history without giving it the ongoing attention it deserves. The Pope's concluding words of concern for "difficult cases and wounded families" merit our attention. For Pope Francis, the Synod was "about bearing witness to everyone that, for the Church, the Gospel continues to be a vital source of eternal newness, against all those who would 'indoctrinate' it in dead stones to be hurled at others." The pope reasserted his constant message that the Church's "first duty is not to hand down condemnations or anathemas, but to proclaim God's mercy." Today's readings invite us to focus on family relationships. At a very basic level, we are all "children of God" (1 John 3:1), invited to remember the love that God has "lavished on us". In the gospel reading, Luke presents the young Jesus coming with his parents from Nazareth to Jerusalem "as usual" for the great feast of Passover. He is twelve years of age, capable in that culture of making quite serious decisions for himself. He does just that, much to the consternation of his parents, who only become aware after a day's journey that he has remained in Jerusalem and has not joined the extended family group or synodia for the return journey to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph are not well pleased. They express their concern but fail to understand his response: he is primarily God's child and must follow God's call first and foremost. This does not preclude obedience to his parents. It does, however, foreshadow the pain involved in parenting this young man whose mission will take him along paths they would never have chosen for him. I expect this will sound familiar to parents of young adults. As Luke's story unfolds, Joseph fades from the picture. Mary lives in the reflective way we are all called to live, "storing all these things in her heart". Sometimes God's call to children is in tension with parents' wishes or hopes. Children are first of all "children of God". Much as we might want to, we cannot hold on to them. We try to understand their choices, we do everything we can to nurture their uniqueness, and we pray that they too will grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God as responsible members of the whole Earth community.