

# St Peter's Parish Linton

Communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake, Valley



# St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

Communities of Alfredton, Ballarat, Cardigan, Lake Gardens, Lake Wendouree, Lucas, Newington

## **Sunday January 20<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

Parish Office hours: Wednesday - 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

Linton Parish Safeguarding Officer - Cecelia Rowberry

Principals of our three Parish Primary Schools

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

### **Masses January 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Cathedral**

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

### **Snake Valley**

6.30pm Vigil

### **Beaufort**

8.30am

### **Springdallah**

10.30am

### **Masses during the coming week**

Monday 12.05pm Cathedral

Tuesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Wednesday 12.05pm Cathedral

Thursday 9.30am Redan

12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol

12.05pm Cathedral

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral (Australia Day)

**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

**Next week's readings:** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

*Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10 Ps 18:8-10. 15. 1 Cor 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21*

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations*

*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:** Ed Carmody, Murray Casey, John Crowe, Mary Payne

**Anniversaries:** Agnes Coffey, Jack Curran, Ramon D'Arcy, Frank Elliott, Neville Joseph Grace, Joseph Maher, Kathleen Maher, Mary & Bill Martin, Peter McLean, David Anthony Noy

**We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism**

Hunter Stephen Bigg                      son of Meaghan and Mark  
Genevieve Lannen                      daughter of Jill and James



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

**Office Hours over January** Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am until 5.00pm.

**Thank you for contributing to the Cathedral collections last weekend**

Envelopes	\$2,191.00	Parish Loose	\$319.50	Presbytery	\$2,051.50
Counters	Team 2	Next Week	Team 3		

**Closing Mass for St Patrick's Church Springdallah**

Following the sale of the Church at Springdallah last weekend, Bishop Paul will celebrate a final Mass in the Church on Sunday January 27th 2019 at 10.30am. All former parishioners welcome. There will be a cuppa offered after Mass. This Mass will replace the usual 10.30am Mass at Skipton that Sunday. In preparation for the closing Mass a working bee will be held on Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9am to clean the Church!

**Organs of the Goldfields 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Programme**

Welcome to all who are visiting Ballarat and our Cathedral as part of the Annual Festival! The festival concludes this Sunday evening at 8.00pm with *A Spiritual Forest – the Sacred Music of Claudio Monteverdi*. All are welcome to supper in St. Patrick's Hall after the performance, for a donation of \$8.

**Part-time work opportunity**

The Sisters of Mercy are in need of a person with skills in property maintenance to undertake the care of some of their properties in Ballarat. A background in a trade would be an advantage but is not essential. The current position is for 3 days per week at the award rate, commencing early February. Interested persons are asked to contact 5331 7774 during office hours for more information.

## **Formation Session for Ministers of Holy Communion**

At the Parish Expo in November, many parishioners expressed in being commissioned as Ministers of the Eucharist. On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January there will be a formation opportunity for all interested in this ministry. This will be held in the Presbytery meeting room, 2.30pm - 4.30pm.

## **Parish Stewardship Renewal, February - March 2019**

The Cathedral Parish, together with the other 5 parishes of Ballarat are working together for a Parish Stewardship Renewal. Frank Schobon from the Development Office will facilitate this renewal with the assistance of our own Stewardship Renewal Team of Michael Kearney (Chairman), Andrew Ballesty, Ed Browne, Geordie Charles, Kevin Elliott, Cheryl McIntosh, John Mulcair, Cathy Oakley.

## **2020 Plenary Council, *Share the Story, Shape the Future***

This week's response comes from Jan Price who writes:

- 1. For the crossing of our foreheads, lips and hearts, prior to the Gospel, I would like to suggest the following to be inserted in our Mass booklets to say together: "Let The Word of God be ever in our minds, proclaimed by our lips and pieced in our hearts."*
- 2. To remind Catholics about penance, (giving up meat/or a pleasure) on each Friday of the year - even if we are out having dinner with friends.*
- 3. True story. There was an older man in a crowded train. He became very annoyed that the young father of two children, who were running up and down the aisle, had not been reprimanded for their behaviour. He approached the young father who seemed to be staring at nothing in particular, and said, "Your children..." The young man interrupted with, "My wife died today." Please don't judge - we don't know the other person's story.*

## **Thanks to Max Smith**

For 25 years Max has been involved in ministering Holy Communion to the residents at Kallara, supported accommodation in Alfredton. Max has now retired from this ministry and as a Parish we express our appreciation to Max for this ministry. We also express our thanks to the parishioners continuing in this ministry at Kallara – Yvonne Beaston, Bev Caligari, Trudie Dickinson and Frances Elliott. The team are hopeful of other parishioners who would like to join them in this ministry at Kallara. Contact the Office.

## **Reflection on the Gospel – Veronica Lawson rsm**

Marriage imagery appears from time to time in Israel's prophetic tradition, sometimes in quite confronting or alienating ways, especially in Hosea where God is imaged as male and Israel as God's faithless female spouse. In the first reading from the post-exilic prophecy of Third Isaiah, Jerusalem is the bride, once alienated from God and then fully reconciled with and embraced by God who is named as its "builder". Imaging God, who is neither male nor female, as faithful male and Earth or any facet of the Earth community as unfaithful female is problematic and calls for our critique. The link between the Isaian passage and the marriage at Cana is fairly tenuous, although the juxtaposition of the two readings in the context of today's liturgy invites us to consider the intimate relationship that our Earth and its inhabitants enjoy with God, its "builder" or creator. God's delight is in Earth and in the Earth community, not simply in one city and one people of the Earth. The focus in the gospel story is less on the marriage, however, than on the symbolism of the abundance of wine at the marriage feast. The 8th century BCE prophet Amos had looked to a future time when the mountains would drip sweet wine, and the hills flow with it, a time when God would restore the fortunes of God's people (Amos 9:13-15). An abundance of good food and the best of wines is the image of future salvation deployed by another 8th century prophet, Isaiah (Isaiah 25). Today's gospel suggests that these prophetic dreams come to fulfillment in Jesus of Nazareth. Those who listen to his word and follow his instructions become agents of an extraordinary transformation. This "sign" reminds us to rejoice in the life-giving nourishment we receive every day from the God-given fruits of the earth. The mother of Jesus features significantly in the Cana story. She is attentive to the integrity of the celebration and lets her son know when the wine gives out. This provides the opportunity for Jesus to speak of his "hour": it has not yet come. Jesus addresses his mother as "Woman". He will address her in precisely the same way when the "hour" of his death and handing over of the Spirit finally comes. This "woman" believes in him and invites the servants at the marriage feast to obey his word. While Jesus performs this first "sign" that leads his disciples to faith, the role played by this faith-filled woman casts her in the role of "witness to the light" and proclaimer of the Word that brings life.