

# St Peter's Parish

Communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley



**Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>      Third Sunday in Lent (C)**

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

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR    Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu & Sajan Mathew

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Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue, Admin Officers - Anita Houlihan and Selina Gaden

Linton Parish Safeguarding Officer - Cecelia Rowberry

## **Masses 30<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Cathedral**

6.30pm Vigil    8.00am    10.30am    5.00pm

## **Smythesdale**

6.30pm Vigil

## **Linton**

9.00am

## **Skipton**

10.30am

## **Masses March 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Cathedral**

6.30pm Vigil    8.00am    10.30am    5.00pm

## **Smythesdale**

6.30pm Vigil

## **Linton**

9.00am

## **Skipton**

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*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.*

**Recent Deaths:**    Neil Haintz, Leanne Payne

**Anniversaries:**    Peter Burke, Kevin Buckle, Margaret Button, Evelyn Conaughton, Olive Conaughton, Rita Gorman, Antonio Lagoa Fr Peter McGrath, Brian McNulty, Harry Morris, Elizabeth Smith, John Woof

**Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,** especially Narelle Corbett, Margaret Cranko, Basil Torpy, Milly Yeoman.

## **Clergy Appointments**

Bishop Paul has announced that Fr Bill van de Camp will retire as Parish Priest of Koroit and Port Fairy Parishes on May 6th 2019. Fr John Corrigan has been appointed Assistant Priest to these Parishes (& Warrnambool) with Fr John Fitzgerald as PP.

**Fr Anthony Nagothu**, who has been Assistant Priest to the Cathedral, Beaufort and Linton Parishes for the past 4 years, has been appointed Assistant Priest to the Western Border Parish of Mary MacKillop (incorporating Balmoral, Casterton, Coleraine, Dunkeld, Edenhope, Glenthompson, Hamilton, Harrow and Tarryoukan). Fr Anthony will celebrate all of the Masses at the Cathedral next weekend (March 30th – 31st) which will be his final weekend with us.

On Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Fr Anthony will lead **Stations of the Cross at Linton** at 7pm, which will be followed by supper in the former presbytery. This will enable parishioners to say goodbye and thank you to Fr Anthony. Please bring a plate of supper to share.

## **Lenten Prayer**

Throughout the weeks of Lent, parishioners are invited to undertake penitential practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Here are 5 of forty simple suggestions for the 40 days of Lent, shared from the Lenten Programme

**“All I have is yours, forty days to freedom.”**

- Only use the Lord’s name in prayer.
- Fast from using hurtful words and say only kind words.
- Write a letter or a poem in gratitude for your home.
- Practice highway happiness, the art of being nice to other drivers.
- Enjoy the last stone fruits of the season.

## **Supporting refugee and asylum seeker students in local schools**

- **Volunteer mentors needed.** Mercy Works is currently recruiting volunteers to support refugee and asylum seeker students in Ballarat Schools, through their Mercy Connect Project. The volunteer commitment is for approximately three hours per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred, but you will receive ongoing training and support. Initial training for new volunteers will be held in the next few months. Contact Donna Stewart - Mercy Connect Project Coordinator on 0417 624 330 or email: [mercyconnectb@gmail.com](mailto:mercyconnectb@gmail.com) for information and application form.