

St Peter's Parish

Communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley



Sunday March 31st Fourth 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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Linton Parish Safeguarding Officer - Cecelia Rowberry

Masses March 6th - 7th Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Linton

9.00am

Skipton

10.30am

Masses 13th - 14th Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Smythesdale

6.30pm Vigil

Beaufort

8.30am

Snake Valley

10.30am

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: Jim Harrington, Sharon Kerr, Walter Maloney, Barry McLaughlan, Des Ryan, Treford Saldanha, Maria Tocchet, Bill Walsh

Anniversaries: Margaret Bym, Varghese Veerath Dominic

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

Clergy Appointments

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).

Thank You & Good Bye - from Fr Anthony Nagothu

It is real that time flies! It has been four years and four months since I first came to Ballarat in November 2014. I have made Ballarat my home. I thank God for my ministry here, it was a beautiful experience and great learning. I'll certainly miss serving in the parishes of Ballarat, Beaufort, Cororooke and Linton. I would like to thank our priests and parish staff for the great work they do, as well as those staff members and volunteers I have worked alongside in my chaplaincy work. I'm also indebted to all those who generously serve the parish community through the various ministries and volunteer groups; thank you for your kind words, appreciation, hospitality and prayers. Your generosity and commitment has been an inspiration to me and is an added strength in my ministry. May the intercession of Mary, the mother of God help me to find courage and fulfilment in my priestly ministry. Please keep me in your prayers and indeed you are all in my prayers. I will be moving to my new assignment on April 2nd. I am looking forward to minister the people of the Western Border parish.

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.”

- Watch a fish swimming or a bird in flight.
- Turn your phone off at dinner time and leave it off till morning.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Go for a walk with someone who can only walk slowly.
- Next time you're in a restaurant, café, food court, pray for the hungry.