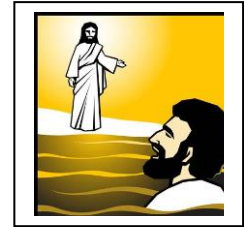


St Peter's Parish

Communities of Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale and Snake Valley



Sunday May 5th **3rd Sunday of Easter**

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

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Bishop Paul Bird CSsR Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Sajan Mathew & Vincent Pham

Visiting Priests: Frs Dan Arundell and Barry Ryan

Finance Officer - Kerrie McTigue, Admin Officer - Anita Houlihan

Linton Parish Safeguarding Officer - Cecelia Rowberry

Masses May 4th/5th

Smythesdale Linton Skipton

Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 9.00am 10.30am

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

Masses May 11th/12th

Smythesdale Beaufort Snake Valley

Cathedral

6.30pm Vigil 8.30am 10.30am

5.30pm Vigil 8.00am 10.30am 5.00pm

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: Betty Kirkpatrick, Peter Lakey, Carolyn O'Malley, Joe Wuestewald

Anniversaries: Gary Browning, Geoff Bruty, Pat Carbone, Mary Casanova, Jack & Mary Fay, Peter Hammond, Kathleen Lynch, Gerard Madden, Kathleen Martin, Nora Mulcahy, Alma Norden, John O'Brien, Michael Ryan, Bernie Segrave, Wendy Shea, Sr Veronica Sproules, Joseph Van der Lindon, Dominic Varghese

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

Catholic Mission Appeal launched for Sri Lanka

All funds raised will support critical repairs for the two churches targeted in the bombings – the 175-year-old St Anthony’s Shrine in Colombo and St Sebastian’s in Negombo. Contributions can be made through Catholic Mission’s website at www.catholicmission.org.au The focus of the appeal is to assist in the rebuilding of Church infrastructure & parish communities through other pastoral needs.

Respected leaders named to conduct Church governance review

A panel of experts has been convened to conduct a national review of the governance and management structures of Catholic dioceses and parishes, including in relation to issues of transparency, accountability, consultation and lay participation. The review was a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse after the Commission concluded that the governance and management of some dioceses and parishes contributed to the child sexual abuse crisis. Among other organisations, the review will consider the approaches to governance of Catholic health, community services and education agencies – as suggested by the Royal Commission. Archbishop Mark Coleridge, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC), said the review of governance will examine how Church structures – some of which were devised centuries ago – can be improved. *“We cannot ignore the wisdom that the Church has handed down through the years, but we must also be mindful that some of our practices fail to acknowledge and draw upon the best practice of other large, contemporary organisations.”* Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, president of Catholic Religious Australia (CRA), added: *“The Royal Commission uncovered some practices that could have exacerbated the abuse of children and hampered the response to that tragic reality. *“The establishment of this panel is another step in our serious response to the Royal Commission and will help establish a way forward for the Church into the future.”** For further information follow this [link](#) to the ACBC website.

Springdallah hand carved (length 12ft) Church Pews for Sale

For information and pricing phone 0407 056 795

Ballarat Diocese Annual Mass Count – over each of the Sundays in May at all Masses including those in the Linton Parish (Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley)