

St Peter's Parish Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Recent Deaths: Bishop Ronald Mulkearns

Anniversaries: James Fay, Daniel Gallagher, Kevin Hynes, Annie Kavanagh, Archbishop Frank Little, William Molloy

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell,

especially Margaret Cranko, Cath Kavanagh, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy, Patricia Yoeman

Next week's readings: *Sunday 17th April 2016* *4th Sunday of Easter (C)*

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41 Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2 Apocalypse 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Masses: 16th/17th April 7.30pm Smythesdale 9.00am Skipton 10.30am Rokewood

23rd/24th April 7.30pm Snake Valley 8.30am Beaufort 10.30am Skipton

Mercy Associates Pilgrimage

The Mercy Associates invite you to join them on a Pilgrimage to the first Sisters of Mercy establishment in Victoria- the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Nicholson St., Fitzroy on Wednesday 20th April, 2016. On this Pilgrimage we will travel, reflect, pray and talk together on the topics of mercy and compassion in our lives and the world today. Catherine McAuley was the founder of the Sisters of Mercy and Ursula Frayne was one of Catherine's early companions in Dublin.

Ursula led a group of Sisters to Australia and established works of mercy and compassion in Melbourne. The Academy with its convent and school was founded on April 20th, 1857. Our Pilgrimage to it will be on the 159th Anniversary of the founding. We will visit Ursula's grave, memorial chapel and creation windows. The Principal of the Academy- Sr. Mary Moloney will lead a tour of the Academy and convent for us. For further information please contact:

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'Come to Common Terms'

Ballarat Interfaith Network is happy to promote an opportunity to visit the Islamic Mosque of Ballarat on 16th April 2016 at 116 Elsworth St East, Canadian 12.00 pm – 3.00 pm. Free bbq meal, mosque tour and presentation on interfaith dialogue.

Lucas Catholic Primary School Information

On Tuesday April 12th at 7.00 pm in the Community Health Centre at Lucas, there will be a further community engagement forum for prospective parents and friends of the new Catholic Primary School that will be opening in Lucas at the commencement of the 2017 school year. Newly appointed Principal, Mrs Jo Brewer will be introduced. Enrolments are now open and the website for the new school has much information <http://www.lucascatholicprimaryschool.com.au>

Project Compassion

Thank you to those who have donated towards the Caritas Australia's annual appeal, Project Compassion. Your gift, both prayer and financial giving, ensures the world's poorest and marginalized communities are supported through Caritas Australia's transforming and self-sustaining programs. If you have not already donated and wish to do so, could you please place your gift in a clearly marked envelope and place it on the collection plate next week so that the appeal can be finalised and donations forwarded to Caritas Australia.

One week left for Pilgrims to register for World Youth Day with Pope Francis in Poland in July!

Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall receive Mercy Matthew 5:7

Pilgrims need to be registered by Friday, April 15 and the deposit paid by April 17. The rest of the Registration fee is due in third week of May. Register and get info at www.wydvictoria.org.au Parents, grandparents, parishioners and leaders are encouraged to support their young people to attend WYD and assist them with fundraising events or opportunities. Information about our Diocesan Pilgrims - we hope around 22 of them - is on the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Ministry WYD page as well as a powerpoint for parishes and other information. All parishes are asked to consider supporting pilgrims in this once in a lifetime opportunity to be immersed in faith and to bring home the joy of the experience of being amidst the world-wide Church. www.ballarat.catholic.org.au and follow links to Youth and Young Adult Ministry page or contact Amanda on 0427 748 867 or youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Council for Australian Catholic Women's Colloquium 2016

The CACW Colloquium will be held this year on September 17 & 18 at Mary Mackillop Place in North Sydney with the theme, "*Women as Witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel*" will set the scene for theological and pastoral reflection on Pope Francis' call to "create still broader opportunities for a more incisive female presence in the Church" (*Evangelii Gaudium* 103). The keynote addresses and workshops will examine this theme and consider the issues facing women in the family, women in the Church and women in society. Expressions of Interest can be registered on the Colloquium website www.cacwcolloquium.org.au

Simon Peter has a higher profile in this final chapter of John's gospel than in the first twenty chapters. It is as though the author responsible for the final edition of John's gospel wants to bring Peter to prominence in line with the traditions found in the other gospels. In the previous chapter, it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about the faith of Mary of Magdala. It is she who receives the first resurrection appearance in this gospel. She is also commissioned to proclaim the news of the resurrection to the other disciples. In John 21, Mary Magdalene and the women disciples who have featured so significantly in other parts of John are curiously absent from the closing scenes of the gospel. The focus is clearly on Peter, his role as leader, and his relationship with Jesus.

Peter announces that he intends to go fishing and several of the other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn, they see the figure of Jesus on the shore. As in some of the other resurrection stories, his disciples, with the exception of the "beloved disciple", do not recognise him immediately. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At the invitation of Jesus, they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter and for his three-fold profession of love of Jesus in the wake of his three-fold denial.

While this passage is filled with symbolism, we might pause to appreciate the materiality underlying the symbols. There are eucharistic overtones in the bread and fish, and in Jesus' action of taking the bread and giving it to the disciples. Sheep and shepherding are key symbols in John where Jesus identifies himself as the "good shepherd". Fishing is an important gospel metaphor for ministry. The number of fish (153) probably denotes the totality or universality of the mission. The untorn net is a symbol of unity, like the seamless garment in the passion narrative. The verb "to draw" has several layers of meaning in this fishing context: the disciples were not able "to draw in the net....so Simon Peter went aboard and drew the net ashore". These statements evoke earlier sayings of Jesus, particularly his words on the cross, "And I if I am lifted up from the earth will draw all to myself" (12:32). The "all" allows for the whole Earth community, and not only the human community, to be drawn to the crucified and resurrected One.