

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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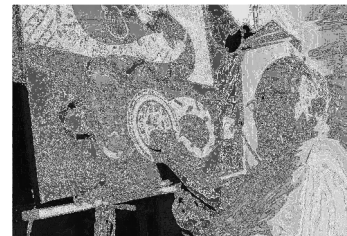
Sunday 19th March 2017



Third Sunday of Lent
19th March 2017



Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation offers Uncle Richard and other former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering, and manage the intergenerational effects of their pain.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Recent Deaths: Pat O'Halloran, Jeffrey Page

Anniversaries: June Blaby, Noelene Fletcher, Marion Hannigan, Alwyn Harbott, Ben Kavanagh, George Knight, Glenn Loader, Fr. Angelo O'Hagan, Leonie Slater, Veronica Slater

Please remember in your prayers those who are unwell, especially Margaret Cranko, Bill Gordon, Nic Gowans, Fr John Keane, Kerrie Mulcahy, Milly Yeoman

Next week's readings: *Sunday March 26th 2017*

4th Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

Ps 22 R. v.1

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

Masses: 25th/26th March

6.30pm Snake Valley

8.30am Beaufort

10.30am Skipton

1st/2nd April

6.30pm Smythesdale

9.00am Linton

10.30am Skipton

Child Safety Standards

New state government legislation has come into effect with the New Year which sets standards for child safety. The Cathedral parish has appointed Cecelia Rowberry Smythesdale) as our Safeguarding officer and have a [Child Safety Policy](#) to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children in our care.

A [Child Safety Code of Conduct](#) has been adopted for all who work with children in the Parish.

A Parish Mission for Linton and Beaufort Parishes

Jesuit priest Fr Richard Leonard will lead a Mission for the parishioners of the parishes of Linton and Beaufort in October 14th – 18th 2017. Fr Richard will celebrate the weekend Masses and then offer the following three days for the mission with two sessions each day – one in the Linton Parish and one in Beaufort. The Ballarat Diocesan Foundation has provided a grant to enable this Mission to take place. Arrangements are yet to be finalised with details of each day of the mission to be arranged in conjunction with the Beaufort Parish.

Mass of the Oils: Monday, April 10, 2017

The Mass of the Oils will be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 6.30pm on Monday, April 10, 2017. This Mass is a celebration of the whole Church of the Diocese of Ballarat. We celebrate the unity and ministry of the ordained priests in the midst of the entire priestly people of God of the Diocese. This Mass also has special significance for those who will use the blessed oils in 2017 – the sick, those to be baptised and confirmed. All members of the Diocese are invited to participate in this celebration which truly expresses the unity of the Diocesan Church. Ministries required for the Mass of the Oils include Ushers, Readers, Oils Bearers, Presentation of the gifts, Collection of Oils, musicians and singers. For further information contact the Pastoral Ministry Office, ph. 5337 7159 or pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Choir for Mass of the Oils 2017

Singers and musicians are invited to join the music group which is being formed for this Mass, 6.30pm Monday April 10th. Practice times will be advised. Please contact Julie Boyd in the Pastoral Ministry Office to register your interest julie.boyd@ballarat.catholic.org.au

First Spiritual Exercises (of St Ignatius) retreat in Daily Life

24th April – 20th May 2017 here in Ballarat.

A Jesuit Tertian priest, Fr Robbie Sian (from Cebu in the Philippines), together with Doreen Roache will be leading this retreat that is open to all - Men and Women; Young and Old; Married or Singles... It is designed for people just like you. The retreat allows you to continue your ordinary daily life with its usual round of going to work, caring for the family or whatever is the shape of your busy life. The retreat will guide your prayer and reflection on life within your daily routine. For more details contact Jacinta in the Cathedral Office 5331 2933 (10am – 5.00 pm).

.xt3 Lenten Calendar – online & free app

Online Lenten calendar & free app for your mobile device available at <http://www.xt3.com/lent/>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - 7-9 December 2017 in Sydney!

15,000 young people are expected in Sydney from all round Australia for ACYF 2017 - the 3rd national Catholic Youth Festival hosted by the Australian Bishops. The theme of this Festival is *Open new horizons for spreading joy*. The Festival offers a multitude of ways of expressing Catholic faith in an amazing 3 day experience. The Festival is for Year 9-25yos. Parishes and schools are asked to consider sending a group. Smaller parishes might join together or connect their young people with another parish. Ballarat Diocese will be assisting with this, including planning travel and accommodation. Festival details and links are on the diocesan website Youth and Young Adult pages www.ballarat.catholic.org.au or contact us on youth@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Legion of Mary

The Acies Ceremony, Consecration to Our Blessed Mother will be held on Saturday 25th March, after 10.00am Mass, at St Patrick's Cathedral followed by light refreshments in St Patrick's Small Hall. All are welcome to participate.

Friday's in Lent

The law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any of the following:

- (a)**Prayer:** for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary...
- (b)**Self-denial:** for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, reducing time for watching TV or other entertainments (digital detox?).
- (c)**Helping others** for example, taking the family to visit the elderly, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.