

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Sunday 9th April 2017



Recent Deaths: Br Kevin Tuck, Maureen Tuddenham

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

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 April 15th 2017* *Easter Sunday (A)*

Acts 10:34. 37-43 Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

Holy Week in the Linton Parish

Monday April 10 th		6.30pm	Cathedral	Mass of the Oils
Tuesday April 11 th		Linton	6.30 pm	Reconciliation
Thursday April 13 th	Holy Thursday	Linton	6.30 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
		Beaufort	7.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday April 14 th	Good Friday	Linton	3.00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
		Beaufort	3.00pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday April 15 th	Holy Saturday	Linton	6.30 pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil
Sunday April 16 th	Easter Sunday	Skipton	9.00 am	
		Beaufort	10.30 am	
		Rokewood	10.30am	
		Cathedral	8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm	

Masses: 22nd/23rd April 6.30 pm Snake Valley 8.30 am Beaufort 10.30 am Skipton

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 welcome to attend.

First Spiritual Exercises 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).

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.



**Sixth Sunday of Lent
9th April 2017**



Participation in the Integrated Community Development Program has offered Aloma a leading role in helping her vulnerable community prepare for extreme weather events and work together to protect their environment.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help vulnerable communities in the Philippines learn how to work together to care for their common home, creating a more secure future for their children.

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



Holy Hour Monthly Holy Hour for Vocation at Nazareth House on 27th April at 7.00 pm

The Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places Appeal

This annual collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to the local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. 74 Churches, Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. A collection will be taken up for this Appeal during the 3.00 pm Good Friday liturgy commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Child Safety Standards

New state government legislation has come into effect with the New Year which sets standards for child safety. The Linton 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.

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. 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

A Proposal for an Independent Catholic School in the Ballarat area

The Ballarat Frassati Group, a team of committed Catholic parents and grandparents, invites you to register your interest in the establishment of an Independent Catholic School near Ballarat.

Our Christocentric motivation is to lead our children to Heaven through fidelity to our Catholic Faith, Tradition and apologetics.

Our initial research indicates a strong demand for a school that provides a mixture of traditional and adaptive education and inculcates virtue in spirit, mind and action.

We draw inspiration from the example of our patron, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, for the spiritual, moral and academic formation of our children.

After meeting the Linton parish Delegates and with our own conclusions, it has become clear that our school would be best located in Smythesdale, so we have begun discussions with local private land holders to locate a suitable site. We have been encouraged by the parish meeting and invite anyone with any concerns, suggestions or support to either visit our website or talk to us via phone or in person. Please register your interest at <http://frassatiballarat.net.au>, call 0400 874 900 or email admin@frassatiballarat.net.au for more information.

For the greater glory of God, The Ballarat Frassati Group.