

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Matthew

Sunday 23rd April 2017



Recent Deaths: Roger Phillip Arnold, Kevin Cunningham, Fr Frank Madden, Patricia Morris

Anniversaries: Mick Carroll, Andrew Corbett, Anna Doyle, Sheila Fay, Brendan Hammond, John Harney, Maurice Heenan, Merv & Mary Howard, Jim Kenna, Daniel O'Leary,

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 30th 2017* *3rd Sunday of Easter (A,)*

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35

Masses:	29th / 30th April	6.30 pm Smythesdale	9.00 am Linton	10.30 am Skipton
	6th / 7th May	6.30 pm Smythesdale	9.00 am Linton	10.30 am Skipton

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 Doreen 0417 117 382

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.

Fr Frank Madden RIP

Fr Frank Madden died on Friday, April 20th age 90. Fr Madden was ordained in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat on July 27th 1963. Fr Madden had spent the last years of his life as a senior priest of the Diocese, living in his home parish of Koroit. He had previously served as Parish Priest of Peshurst and prior to that in Horsham (1982 – 1997) where the iconic church of Ss Michael & John was built during the mid-1980's. In 1972 Fr Madden was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Ballarat. Fr Madden replaced Fr Paddy Culligan as Cathedral Administrator and served from 1976 – 1982.

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

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.

Information night for Our Lady of Fatima School (subject to VRQA approval)

The Ballarat Frassati Group would like to invite the parishioners of Linton Parish to an information night for the proposed Smythesdale Independent Catholic School, Our Lady of Fatima.

25th April (Anzac Day), 2017 at 6.30pm in St. Pat's Cathedral smaller hall, 3 Lyons Street, Ballarat, 3350. A presentation by Dr Andy Mullins on Parenting for Character and to introduce the PARED model for our school. Andy is a past headmaster of Redfield and Wollemi Colleges, and currently teaches at the John Paul II Institute.

Following Andy's presentation will be an update on where the school is up to, and to answer any questions you might have. This will be followed by a light supper (and if you could bring a plate to share it would be much appreciated!). More information is available at <http://frassatiballarat.net.au> or by calling 0400 874 900 for more information.

For the greater glory of God, The Ballarat Frassati Group

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

Sisters of the Good Samaritan - The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award

The Good Oil 2017 Young Writers' Award seeks to encourage and support the development of younger writers interested in exploring ideas, contemporary issues and stories about people and happenings from a contemporary Christian perspective. The award is open to ALL secondary school students and post-school young adults in Australia, Japan, the Philippines and Kiribati. Entrants are invited to submit a piece of writing, between 750 and 1000 words adopting one of the following writing styles: journalistic feature writing (e.g. profiles of people or issues-based articles based on interviews); opinion writing; creative writing or first person reflective writing. In their chosen writing style, entrants are asked to explore the theme "Who is my neighbour?". Entries for the award close on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Thanks to the generous support of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and Good Samaritan Education, a total of \$3,000 in prize money is on offer. More details can be downloaded from the Good Samaritan Sisters' website www.goodsams.org.au

"Lessons from the Long Paddock" econference

The Diocese of Wilcannia- Forbes is offering an econference online event called "Lessons from the Long Paddock" on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. This econference opens the conversation for many people who are curious about what the experience of faith actually feels like in ordinary life. Participants engage with conversations which signpost essential spiritual markers relevant to knowledge about what leads into fuller humanity, Christian, Catholic and Australian life. This econference draws participants to seek Christ at the heart of human experience and nurtures a capacity to trust that individuals have all they need to begin the journey into constant conversion. The econference has two keynote speakers, Bishop Columba Macbeth Green OSPPE and Fr Frank Brennan SJ, who will discuss Australian and Outback Spirituality. The workshops will be facilitated by Kate Englebrecht, Diocesan Director of Mission. For more information please contact Kate on, ph. 0420 309 689 or <http://www.wf.catholic.org.au/>