

St Peter's Parish

Linton, Skipton, Smythesdale, Snake Valley

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Priests: Frs Justin Driscoll, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Matthew

Sunday 30th April 2017



Recent Deaths: Fr Frank Pidgeon CSsR, Kath O'Keefe, Andrea Pagliaro

Anniversaries: Margaret Curran, Noel Gillespie, Grace Graham, Mollie Grist, Lil Martin,
Nell Ryan, Alan Sproules, Dorothy Whelan

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 May 7th 2017* *4th Sunday of Easter (A,)*

Acts 2:14. 36-41 Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1 1 Peter 2:20-25 John 10:1-10

Masses: **6th/7th May** 6.30 pm Smythesdale 9.00 am Linton 10.30 am Skipton
 13th/14th May 6.30 pm Skipton 8.30am Beaufort 10.30 am Snake Valley

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.

Nazareth House Ballarat Apartments

The new one bed apartments are near completion at Nazareth House, Ballarat. Eight have been sold and there are still two available. Please contact Nazareth House Reception for an appointment to view the apartments Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 4.00pm, ph. 53295100.

Mass Count starts on weekend 6-7 May

The Annual Diocesan Mass Count will take place over the 4 weekends of May commencing on the weekend of 6-7 May.

Asylum Seeker Fundraiser/Family Night.

"Zootopia" screening Friday May 5th at Grenville Hall, 1462 Buninyong -Mt. Mercer Road, Grenville. Family film fundraiser for House of Welcome, BYO beanbags, chairs provided. Kiosk with popcorn, drinks and snacks. Jeffrey Williams and family singing. Entry \$20 per family. \$7 single. Enquiries. Hayley 0403 668 029

Bishop Peter Connors 30th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination

Mass will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Ballarat at 10.30am. Morning Tea will follow in St Patrick's Hall All welcome.

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

120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton

On October 20 & 21 21, 2017 we will be celebrating 120 years of Catholic Education in Charlton – this is also Charlton Show weekend. We invite any past pupils and staff to attend our celebrations. Please contact Anne, 0408547973 for further details.

Mission Conference 2017 “One Heart Many Voices” May 15-17, 2017

Mission 2017: One heart many voices is for those who are inspired to strive creatively for justice, peace, reconciliation and God’s mission of mercy. It is a unique opportunity to listen, converse and experience the many and diverse voices that are an expression of the one heart of mission. The conference will explore the complexity and issues surrounding leadership, formation, theology and the practice of mission. For more information go to www.mohmv.com.au

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.

“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/>

2017 Marian Lecture

2017 marks the Marist Bicentenary and to celebrate this occasion you are invited to attend the Inaugural Marian Lecture of the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat in Melbourne on May 30, 2017. Dom Mark Patrick Hederman OSB, a preeminent educator, theologian, philosopher, spiritual writer and Abbot emeritus of Glenstal Abbey in Ireland will deliver the Marian Lecture, “Underground Cathedrals – A Spirituality for the 21st Century”.

Limited seating – Free entry Register at www.maristassociation.org.au