

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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30th Sunday of Ordinary time 24 October 2021.

Readings

**Jeremiah 31:7-9;
Hebrews 5:1-6;
Mark 10:46-52**



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am & 11.00am

Darfield: Sunday – 8.30am
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am
Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm
Darfield: Thursday 10.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday after Mass until Midday

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00am at Lincoln

A Funeral Mass will replace the advertised mass in the same church.

Readings Next Week, 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34.

We will continue with the **11.00am Sunday Mass in Lincoln** during Level-2.

Being good Kiwis, we will follow the Covid-19 Norms.

The Collection Baskets are on the steps of the sanctuary and at the back of the churches.

To reduce 'contact' please place your donations in the baskets - rather than waiting for them to be passed around.

Sunday is known as '**Mission Sunday**'. Mission Sunday is observed throughout the Catholic World as a day to pray and support evangelisation. Traditionally, there is a Special Collection on 'Mission Sunday'. There are additional 'Giving Envelopes' including a flyer on Mission Sunday in the narthex. You don't have to post the envelope - just place in the Collection Basket.

2022 Columban Calendars are on sale: **\$12** (same cost as last few years)

Christmas Cards \$4.00 (8 Cards in pack)

Masses for All Saints' Day - Monday 1 November:

- Lincoln: 9.00am
- Darfield: 10.00am
- Leeston: 5.30pm

Masses for All Souls' Day – Tuesday 2 November:

- Lincoln: Vigil Mass – (Monday evening): Bereavement Mass, 7.00pm
- Lincoln: 9.00am
- Darfield: 10.00am
- Leeston 5.30pm

RIP

Anniversaries: Barbara Forgeson 17/10; Gerald McDury; Joan Roach 26/10.

Mass for the Sick & Thanksgiving.

Parish Programmes

1. **DVD on *Catholicism*** in Lincoln, on Friday 29 October, will be on 'Mary, the Mother of God'.
In Leeston: Mondays 8, 15 & 29 November; 6 December, 7.00pm, at the home of Rita Morley-Bunker, 21 Manse Road.
2. Monday 1 November is **All Saints' Day** – there will be mass in the 3 churches.
3. **Breavement Mass**: Monday 1 November, 7.00pm, Vigil Mass for All Souls, at Lincoln. (Please bring a plate for supper).
4. Tuesday 2 November is **All Souls' Day** – a day to remember our dead; there will be mass in the 3 churches.
5. Annual **Prayers at the Lincoln Cemetery** for All Souls: Sunday 7 November, 2.00pm.
6. **Appreciating the Mass**: 2 Sessions, facilitated by Alex Chia, will be on Sundays 7 & 14 November, after 8.30am mass, in St Patrick's Church Centre. These Sessions are an opportunity to deepen one's appreciation of the Mass.
7. **Confirmation Mass**, Saturday 20 November, 5.30pm, followed by supper.
8. **Christmas Pot-Luck Tea**: at the Lincoln Events Centre, Saturday 27 November, 6.30pm.
9. **150th Anniversary of the first mass** being celebrated at Shands Road, Sunday 5 December, 1.30pm: Pilgrimage Walk from Shands Road to St Patrick's Church, afternoon tea to follow.

Darfield lawns and gardens: we have a small group of dedicated parishioners who mow the lawns around the church & cemetery. We need a few more volunteers to assist with mowing the lawns - volunteers could work in pairs and mow half of the lawn as a pair. We have a good ride-on lawn-mower to do the work. We received 1 new volunteer last week. Please contact Bernard Duncan or Ann Wilson. Contact Jacinta Anderson to join a group of helpers to look after the gardens.

Photographer - is there someone who has a good camera and is willing to take photos of some historic photos and then format the photos for printing?????

The aim is to create a 'Photo Gallery' of past Parish Priests. Please contact Fr Brian.

From Fr Brian:

Last Wednesday, the **Leeston Future of the Church Committee** met with Toney Sewell, Terry Foote and Ed Sparrow, from the Diocesan Property Team, to discuss the replacement of the Leeston Church. As the Diocese does not currently have a Bishop - Archbishop Paul is only the Apostolic Administrator, not the Bishop of the Diocese - decisions within the Diocese have slowed. The Committee met in June and August, but it is disappointing that progress is slow. However, we just have to live with the situation. However, in order to be prepared for ratification of future decisions the *Diocesan Property Team*, on behalf of the *Selwyn Parish*, will undertake the next step in demolishing the church by seeking Resource Consent from the *Selwyn District Council*. Resource Consent is a requirement. This process will take time. When the Resource Consent is granted, there is a 5-year timeframe to complete the works.



After Christmas, we are also going to undertake some maintenance and improvement work in the former Leeston presbytery - 'to upgrade the house to 'healthy home standards'.

As I've highlighted over the past 2 weeks, we have also had a Heritage Hearing over the Darfield Church. We will most likely have to wait until mid-2022 for a decision from the Hearing.

In the mean-time we all have to have patience, especially me. Nothing may seem to be happening, but there is slow progress behind the scenes.

In 1838, at the first Catholic Mass, Bishop Pompallier dedicated New Zealand to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven when he celebrated his first Mass at Totara Point in the Hokianga.
In 2020 the New Zealand Bishops discussed plans to establish a National Shrine honouring Our Lady with a suitable artwork.

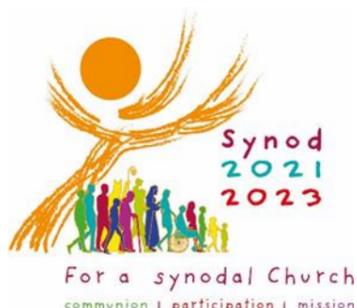


The **Artwork: 'Holy Mary, Mother of God'**, to celebrate the re-dedication of the Assumption of Mary, as the patron of New Zealand, will be in the Selwyn Parish on 3-5 November.

We will have a **Holy Hour** in **Lincoln** - with prayers, hymns, litany - with the Artwork at **10.00am on Friday 5 November** (after Morning Tea).

The Artwork will also visit Leeston & Darfield on the respective days there is mass.

Synod 2021 - 2023: For a synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.



The Church has held a number of synods, where the pope gathers bishops and others in Rome to discuss a particular topic. The topic of this synod, that Pope Francis has called, is looking at the nature of the church itself.

The diocesan phase of the synod has now begun. The theme of 'communion, participation and mission' provides a focus of how we journey together as Church. Pope Francis wants to hear from you.

On Thursday evening Joe Hindley and I attended the facilitators workshop for small group meetings to be held in the parish over the next three months. Two more people from the parish are needed to attend the training session next Wednesday 27th October 7pm at Christ the King. It would be good to get one person from Darfield and one from Leeston, so small groups can be held across the Selwyn Parish. For further information about the Synod visit www.chchcatholic.nz/synod. As well as small group meetings there is an opportunity to complete a questionnaire online. Dates for small group meetings at the Parish Centre will be advised when confirmed. Please let Tricia Smith or Joe Hindley know if you can attend the training session next Wednesday. Thank you.

Parish Diary & Events.

The Selwyn conference of St Vincent de Paul has recently been established to help those in need in our own Selwyn community.

Our immediate priority is to raise funds so we are able to offer assistance to those struggling.

If you are in a position to help, please donate to the The Selwyn Conference's bank account - Westpac 03-0767-0082945-000

Our website is <https://www.svdpselwyn.org.nz/>

"For it is in giving that we receive " -St Francis of Assisi



Lincoln Catholic Women's league are going on a bus trip on

Monday 8th November to Geraldine and we would like to invite any ladies of our parishes to come and join us. We hope to leave Lincoln at 9am and will be home around 4pm.

There will be more details in next week's newsletter and so if you are interested, please email Margaret Rea at mbmerea@gmail.com to reserve a seat. There is no charge for the bus.

Lincoln Children's Liturgy will start when we return to Level one and we are back to one Mass at 8-30am on Sundays.



Parish Quiz night. The SAT team are very sorry to inform our parishioners that after careful consideration we have decided to cancel the quiz night which was to take place on Friday 5th November.

Due to the situation with Covid at this time we felt it wasn't wise to carry on with it. We are very sorry to disappoint those who were coming but we will be back with the Quiz next year.

Craft and Friendship is now operating under Delta Level 2 on Tuesday's 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Please follow Covid 19 Norms. We are able to enjoy a cuppa with each other.

Prayer blankets. I need knitters. Can you help and make some? It will be greatly appreciated. Donations of Wool would be also greatly appreciated. All inquiries to Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151

Sympathy and Special intention mass cards are available in the Parish Office or Sacristy. Cost \$2.00

Diocesan Items

Sunday & Weekeday Masses continue to be online from around the diocese .

The link can be found on the diocesan website: <https://chchcatholic.nz/2021/08/praying-through-covid/>

Sunday Mass on Shine TV: 2.00pm, TV Channel 25; Sky TV Channel 201

A Day with Mary – at St Anne’s Church, Ferry Road, Saturday 6 November, 9.30am – 3.00pm. Info: Ron on 022 0970 627.

Archbishop Paul is asking for interested parishioners to serve on the **Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace.**

There will soon be four members of the Commission stepping down and Archbishop Paul would like to invite any young, and not-so-young people, to serve on the Commission.

If interested – please contact Frs Brian/Chris.



Hearts Aflame is a national Catholic event for young adults that has been running for 30 years. At *Hearts Aflame*, people are drawn into a deeper relationship with Christ through the Sacraments, formation, and community. With the 30th anniversary coming up, the Hearts Aflame Planning Team invites parishioners to support this event...please visit the website at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/donate/.

Reflection Day – ‘An Astonishing Secret’ led by Sr Lyndall Brown rsj, this Tuesday, 26 October, 10.30am – 2.30pm at Catherine McAuley Centre, Peer Street. Prayer themes on the wonder of creation and you. Donation. Bring own lunch. A Rosary House Day, roho@xtra.co.nz or Ph 379-1298.

Pope Francis’ message for Mission Sunday 2021, he says:

‘Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion’.

On this day, through prayer, reflection and material help, we express our support of missionaries from all continents who are striving to bring the true love of Christ to all who have yet to receive it.

In March this year, Pope Francis made a historic visit to the land of Abraham’s birth (Iraq) to express a message of hope and reconciliation. He went to bring support to the remaining Christian communities there, among the oldest in the world. It was a risky trip, but his message was of peace.

As reported, the other mission he wanted to deliver, and of equally great importance, was to show the futility, insanity, and sheer evil of violent conflict between religions. Pope Francis demonstrated the power of symbolic action, exemplifying the call attributed to St Francis of Assisi, “Preach the Gospel at all times. And when necessary, use words.”

The picture that declared an act more audible than words was captured when Pope Francis visited and held the hands of Iraq’s most prominent Shia religious authority Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

