



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th October 2022.

Readings

**Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2
Luke 18:1-8**



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

Darfield: Sunday – 8.30am

Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Friday, 9.00am

Leeston: No Mass

Darfield: No Mass

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.

Fr Chris & Fr Brian will be at a Priests' Meeting in Hanmer this week:

Tuesday 18th - Thursday 20th October.

There will be **no masses** in the Selwyn Parish on these 3 days.

Next Sunday is **Mission Sunday** – a day to remember, pray and support Catholic Missions throughout the world. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the Day of Prayer for Missions.

There is also a Special Collection on Mission Sunday to assist the work of the Missions. There are Donation Envelopes in the church porch; or donate directly to the Pontifical Missionary Society:

<https://missio.nz/donate/>

Pope Francis, 6 January 2022:

"I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities. I repeat Moses' great desire for the people of God on their journey: "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets." (Numbers 11:29).

Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth. Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us."

Leeston the rosary is being said before 10.00 mass in Leeston at 9.30 each Sunday for the 5 Sundays in October (any queries ring Robyn)

Information from *Askright* about the Lincoln Church Fundraising.

As of 30 September, the balance applied against the \$1m Fundraising Contribution for the Lincoln Church is \$496,151 (incl the \$30k bequest from Charles Cameron).

There is \$503,848 remaining to be recovered through Fundraising.

I encourage parishioners to continue their contribution to the Fundraising. New parishioners may wish to contribute towards the Building Fund of the new Lincoln Church.

RIP: recently deceased: Mons Bill Middleton (Nazareth House), Fr Bryan Parish (New Brighton).

Anniversary: Barbara Forgeson 17/10;

Mass for: Gerald McDrury

Next Wednesday, **26 October**, 1.30pm - a **DVD** on the life of **St Thomas Aquinas** will be shown in the presbytery.

He died in 1274, aged 69.

He was one of the great philosophers and theologians of the medieval times.

His writings are still read and studied today.



Advent Reflection Day: Saturday 3 December, 10.00am – 3.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre. Fr John O'Connor will lead the Advent Reflection Day. All invited. BYO Lunch.

Feasts of All Saints and All Souls:

Lincoln: Tuesday 1 November & Wednesday 2 November: 9.00am.

Leeston: Tuesday 1 November & Wednesday 2 November: 5.30pm.

Darfield: Tuesday 1 November and Thursday 3 November (transferred from the Wednesday) :10.00am.

Annual Selwyn Parish Bereavement Mass: Lincoln, Wednesday 2 November, 7.00pm (All Souls' Day). There will be supper in the Church Centre after the mass.

Ablaze Parish Renewal Conference

Ablaze is for leadership teams, sacramental programme leaders, and **all** interested parishioners.

So far, 6 parishioners have registered. It will be a worthwhile 'Event' to attend.

Ablaze is being held: Friday 4 November (evening) & Saturday 5 November at the Aldersgate Centre, Durham Street.

Keynote speakers include Bishop Michael, Fr Chris Ryan (Sydney) and Anna Stuart (Canada).

If parishioners are interested in attending - please contact either Tricia Smith or Fr Brian.

Copies of the latest edition of **Inform** are available at the entrances of the Parish's churches.



Alpha is a chance to ask questions and explore the Christian faith in a fun, no-pressure environment.

Alpha is coming to Selwyn Parish 2023

We are seeking Alpha Enthusiasts from the Selwyn area- come use your skills and talents

**MC – Alpha Leaders. Hosting Small Groups – Cooking- Setting Up. Washing Dishes.
Or just interested in coming along to find out more about what Alpha is**

Please register for our Alpha Enthusiasts night Tues 15th November 7pm -9pm

email selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com

At Craft and Friendship Lincoln we are doing some things a little different.

On the 18th of October at 1.30pm. Yvonne will show how to make a folded book Christmas tree. You will need to bring a hard covered book. If you haven't got one, I suggest you make a visit to an op shop. etc. Just make sure you don't want to read it later.

Remember you can do whatever you like at our afternoons or nothing at all and come just for some company and to get to know people. Contact Yvonne 366 9795 or 027 334 1151



Prayer, Praise and Healing Meeting: an evening of prayer, praise and scripture readings followed by an opportunity to receive prayer for healing for any need; Thursday 20 October, 7pm, St Joseph's Pastoral Centre. Hosted by the Christchurch North Parish.

OLV Plant Sale Not to be missed! The annual OLV Plant Sale is on Saturday 22nd Oct, 9:30am - 12:30pm. Held in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd, Sockburn. Lots of parking on site. Check us out before you but from the garden centres or the big box stores! We have fruit and vegetable plants, herbs, natives, flowers, grasses, succulents, bedding plants, houseplants, pots, gardening books and much more. Prices are very reasonable.

We have hundreds and hundreds of lovingly grown plants. We have a **LOT** of tomatoes that are a good size, staked and acclimatised. Cherry types - red, orange, yellow, white and black fruit. Money Maker, Gross Lisse, Russian Red, Yellow Cropper, San Marzano, also dwarf types. **CASH SALES**

Former parishioners of **Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St Albans** – ‘a catch-up’. Welcome to a **Potluck Lunch** at St Matthew’s Hall, Bryndwr, Sunday 30 October, midday- 3pm. Contact: Marie Kelly 355 6580.

Diocesan Young Adults Ball between the ages 18 - 35 are invited to the **Gonzaga Ball**, 28 October, at the Canterbury Club. The evening consists of fine dining and amazing music in a stunning venue while connecting with young adults across the diocese. Tickets are available at: <https://cyt.org.nz/ball/>

God Love’s You Tour: The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is holding an event with Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham) on Saturday 12 November at the Christchurch Arena.

There will be a Catholic presence at this event.

A Christian Life and Witness training session is being held on Wednesday 19 October, 6.45pm at St Joseph Pastoral Centre, Papanui.

If you would like to register for this training contact Mike Stopforth: 0275398542 or email mstopforth@cdoc.nz

Catholic Business Network Luncheon: Friday 21 October midday-2.00pm with broadcaster, author, and journalist Tim Wilson. Tickets close 13 October.

Visit www.CBN.nz for tickets access and more information.

Broadcaster Tim Wilson will discuss his career, his conversion to Catholicism and the Importance of Failure during this outstanding luncheon at the Town Hall. Everyone welcome.

Carmelite Retreat: "Mystical Love with our Carmelite Saints".

Fr Carl Telford SM will lead the upcoming silent retreat at Rochester Hall on Friday 18 -Sunday 20 November. Costs: \$240 live-in, or day only \$120.

RSVP: Megan Emery ph. 027 410 6940; email benedictus@windowslive.com

Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast – Catholic Hospitality in NZ and Australia. The latest booklet listing bed and breakfast accommodation in Catholic homes is now available at a cost of \$15.00. Information: Marie Anderson: 03.359-5541 or marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Global Leadership Summit

Each year 400,000 people take part world-wide in this leadership event.

The Leadership Summit is ideal for those wanting to grow their leadership through gathering with others for one day and hearing from world-class leadership speakers.

When: Thursday 17 November, 9am to 5pm. Cathedral House, Washington Way.

The cost is \$95 per person (including lunch). Information: www.chchcatholic.nz/event/gls

Register: Mike Stopforth, mstopforth@cdoc.nz or phone 366 9869

Lifting our Eyes Ignatian Conference

This conference is being offered for the first time by the newly established Friends of Ignatius, a professional community of Ignatian trained spiritual directors and givers of Ignatian retreats in New Zealand. The conference will explore ways in which we can apply the *Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius* in these times.

It features well known speakers such as Fr Mark Chamberlain; Cenacle Sisters Mary Kay and Anne Powell; and Kevin Gallagher.

The conference is being held **28-30 October**, at Burns Lodge, Holy Cross Centre, Mosgiel. Contact: friendsconference@ignatianspirituality.nz for more information.



Next Sunday is Mission Sunday

On *Mission Sunday*, we focus on evangelisation and the work of missionaries.

All countries have received the Christian Faith through missionary effort. Even in the Acts of the Apostles we read of St Paul touring around the Mediterranean proclaiming the Gospel.

Europe, America, Asia, and Oceania all received the Christian Faith from missionaries.

In the past 150 years colonialism brought the Christian Faith to many countries. And hand-in-glove, the Christian Churches, also brought new insights and development to many countries.

However, nationalism and personal prejudice sometimes diluted the Gospel message.

At times, colonialism did a disservice to the Gospel by mixing the Gospel message with colonial policies.

Here in New Zealand, the Land Wars, during the 1860s, is one example that weakened the mission of preaching the Christian Gospel to the Maori.

Jesus realised the danger of political and personal prejudice dominating religious practice – hence we witness his frequent attacks on the Pharisees.

The need to proclaim the Gospel is ever present.

Now, in the 2nd millennium, the world is still in need of the message of the Gospel.

The Gospel message of Jesus Christ has yet to penetrate the lives of many people - and these people are not always in foreign lands.

New Zealand now has a significant proportion of its population that has little knowledge of the Gospel.

Mission Sunday is observed to help us appreciate that the Gospel needs to be preached to all nations.

Mission Sunday also reminds us that each culture makes a contribution towards drawing out the richness of the Gospel.