

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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1st Sunday of Advent 28 November 2021.

Readings

**Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2
Luke 21:25-28. 34-36**



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: Second Sunday of Advent, Year C Baruch 5:1-9; St Paul 1:4-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Due to having a cold and headache Archbishop Paul was unable to preside at Confirmation. Fr Brian was delegated to officiate. Congratulations to all the candidates. It was a meaningful Mass. Photos will be published next weekend. Next week we will provide more information on the governments change to the Traffic Light system and the protocol required.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Katrina Finch (Lincoln); Martin Smith (Darfield)

Parish Programmes

- DVD on Catholicism** in Leeston: Mondays: 29 November; 6 December, 7.00pm, at the home of Rita Morley-Bunker, 21 Manse Road.
- 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. We will gather at the Memorial Rock - that marks the site of the first 2 churches; there is a path beside Boundary Road to walk /cycle to the Cemetery (3 kms). At the Lincoln Cemetery we will visit the grave of Patrick Henley, who donated the land for the first church/presbytery/school on Shands Road. We will then move to St Patrick's Church for Afternoon Tea (1 km). Parishioners may also wish to drive their cars to the various sites.

Advent

Next Sunday begins the Season of Advent

Anointing masses:

Lincoln: Friday 3 December, 2.00pm; followed by afternoon tea in parish centre.
Leeston: Wednesday 8 December, 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea in a café.
Darfield: Thursday 9 December, 10.00am, followed by morning tea in a café.

Reconciliation:

Leeston: Sunday 19 December, after mass (Fr Dan Doyle will be the visiting celebrant this Sunday).
Darfield: Sunday 19 December, 7.00pm (Frs Brian and Dan Doyle).
Lincoln: Wednesday 22 December, 7.00pm

Filipino Mass: Next Sunday 5th December, 3.00pm, in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.

ST JOSEPH'S, Darfield Garden Maintenance

A small group of people plan to meet regularly and work on the gardens on the 1st Tues morning of the month. Anyone able and willing to join them at any time is welcome. The next session is 7th Dec 9am till midday or so. Margaret Brenmuhl 027279 5520

The **SAT** committee would like to thank all the parishioners for supporting our raffle to raise money for the Church building fund at Lincoln. Thanks to you all we raised \$710 which is all profit as all our prizes were donated, so many thanks to all

The winners were

1st prize Grocery Hamper Ray and Yvonne Morgan

2nd prize petrol voucher Clodagh Ward

3rd prize Christmas Cake Phillip Murphy

4th prize wine. Chris Foley

St Vincent de Paul & Selwyn Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal

This week we commence our Christmas Hamper Appeal

We have some cardboard boxes available in the foyer and we ask that those who are able to take one away, prepare it to be a hamper style box by removing the flaps and covering the outside in a decorative manner.

This is a great way to involve even the youngest family members and help them to understand the spirit of giving and bringing joy to those who are in need.

We ask you to return the box in the weeks leading up to Christmas and if your budget allows donate some non-perishable items.

Our suggestions include Tea, Coffee, Milo, Hot Chocolate, Breakfast Cereals, Flour, Sugar, Rice, Tinned fruit, Tinned Beans, Spaghetti, Corn, Fish, Tomatoes etc

Crackers, Chips. Soft Drink, Toothpaste, Dishwashing Liquid, Toilet Paper, Christmas treats.

If we run out of boxes this morning, please use one from home or pick one up at the supermarket and bring it back covered and leave in the foyer before or after mass.

Our final collection day will be Sunday the 19th when we will collate and distribute the hampers.

If you know of someone in our community who is struggling and would benefit from a hamper, please pass on their name either to one of our priests or by emailing us on info@svdpselwyn.org.nz

Thank you in advance for your support, together we can make a difference in our community.

If you would prefer to donate online our bank account details are listed on our website www.svdpselwyn.org.nz



A representative to speak at Mass regarding the Christmas Hamper Appeal

Cleaners - More volunteers from parishioners are required for the St Patrick's Cleaning Roster. If you can help with this important Ministry, please phone Tricia Smith 325 2234. Thank you

Synod 2021 -2023 - The last date for people to submit feedback has been extended to Friday 29 April 2022. Also, another facilitators training session will be held at Christ the King, Wednesday 1st December 7pm. Please let Mike Stopforth know if you are attending Email: mstopforth@cdoc.nz

Safeguarding Workshop: in St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln – either: **Monday 29 November, 7.00pm.**

The Workshop is for 1 hour; it will be facilitated by Clodagh Ward.

This is for parishioners who are new to the ministry of working with the Children's Liturgy of the Word, visiting the elderly/sick/vulnerable people. New members of the St Vincent de Paul Society are also encouraged to attend.

The Government and the Bishops require people who are involved in a ministry to be Police Vetted; the Bishops request parishioners to also attend Safeguarding Workshops in order to be aware of legislation and your own protection.

Parishioners who have not yet attended a Safeguarding Workshop are requested to attend this Session in our own backyard.

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

Christmas Cards: \$4/pack.

FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz

Parish Diary & Events.

Mass of Anointing for Advent – will be held on Friday 3 December at the 2pm Mass, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre. If you need healing of any kind that is mind, body or soul please come along. All parishioners are also invited to come to give support to our sick, elderly and needy. If you require transport, please phone Tricia Smith 325 2234.

Friendship Group - our last gathering for 2021 will combine with the Mass of Anointing **2pm** Friday 3rd December. Please bring a small afternoon tea plate to share.

Catholic Social Services – Christmas Gifts: If you would like to donate a gift, please wrap and label the gift for family, lady, man, girl, boy and age of child and leave in basket provided in the Narthex. All gifts will be taken to CSS for their distribution on **Monday 13 December**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Craft and Friendship is now operating under Delta Level 2 on Tuesday's 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Please follow Covid 19 Norms. We will end for the year on the 14th December and recommence on 11th January 2022. Donations of Wool for prayer blankets would be greatly appreciated. Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151.

Leeston Catholic Ladies Group Christmas Get Together.

Monday December 20th 6.30 pm at Jackie Cochranes 3 Country Lane Leeston.

Pot luck meal, presents for Catholic Social Services, please bring wrapped and marked age and gender.

Any enquiries... Kathleen 3242550 or 02102436762 or Jeanette 3291762 or 0272040407.

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

Diocesan Items

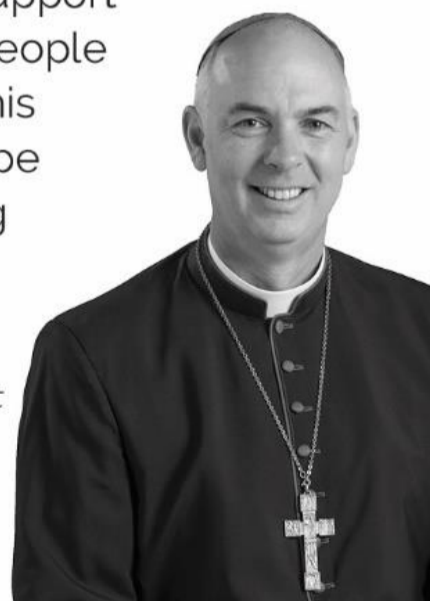


THE
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CARE APPEAL 2021

This weekend marks the start of the Bishop's Care Appeal. Funds collected will support initiatives in our Diocese that help people who are struggling, particularly at this difficult time. Please take an envelope with you today and consider making a gift to this important cause.

Please prayerfully consider those in the humblest of circumstances with a gift to the Care Appeal. Your support is an answer to someone's prayer.

- Archbishop Paul Martin SM



Consider Donating Online:
www.chchcatholic.nz

Position Available – CYT Events Coordinator

The Catholic Youth Team (CYT) for the Diocese of Christchurch invites applications for the full-time position of Events Coordinator. Please go to <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/55081219>. for more details about the role and required skills and experience. Applications close 8th December 2021.

Festival of Lights - 11th December 2021: You and the whole family are warmly invited to spend an evening with the Community of the Beatitudes at the Sanctuary of Fourvière (67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield) as we celebrate our annual Festival of Lights Starting at 6pm with Mass, Picnic dinner (bring your picnic), This is also the last stop for the “Te Ara a Maria” hikoī for the Diocese. For more information, contact Thomas 022 606 2538

North Parish Pilgrimages

We are extending this opportunity to any parishioner across our Diocese. Fr Alister Castillo will be leading a pilgrimage to Wellington in honour of Venerable Suzanne Aubert in January 2022, while Fr Rick Loughnan leads a pilgrimage to Northland in honour of Bishop Pompallier in March 2022. For the dates and prices, please visit - <https://christchurchnorth.org.nz/pilgrimages-2022/>

Pope Francis wants to hear from you!



The synod called for by Pope Francis and he is inviting you to contribute. The synod theme is on *communion, participation and mission*. How are journeying together as a Church? Where is the Holy Spirit inviting us to grow in our journeying together?

The diocesan phase of the synod has now begun here in our diocese. You can contribute now via an online survey which can be found on our diocesan website, www.chchcatholic.nz/synod

Alternatively send an email to Mike Stopforth, Diocesan Synod Contact at mstopforth@cdoc.nz or write a letter. For more information contact Mike on 0275398542.