

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Sunday 31st October 2021

Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34.

Readings next week, 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44.

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

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.

Parish Programmes

1. **DVD on Catholicism** in Leeston: Mondays 8,15 & 29 November; 6 December, 7.00pm, at the home of Rita Morley-Bunker, 21 Manse Road.
2. **Bereavement Mass:** this Monday, 1 November, 7.00pm – an opportunity to remember those from the Parish who died since 1 November last year. There will be supper after mass. (Please bring a small plate).
3. Annual **Prayers at the Lincoln Cemetery** for All Souls: next Sunday, 7 November, 2.00pm.
4. **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.
5. **Confirmation Mass**, Saturday 20 November, 5.30pm, followed by supper.
6. **Christmas Pot-Luck Tea:** at the Lincoln Events Centre, Saturday 27 November, 6.30pm.
7. **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.

Photographer - is there someone who has a good camera and has 'photoshop' software and skills ????? The aim is to create a 'Photo Gallery' of past Parish Priests. I need to have some editing of the photos. Please contact Fr Brian.

RIP Anniversaries: Kevin Smith 2/11.

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Weekend Masses

Lincoln Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday : 8.30am & 11am
Darfield Sunday: 8.30am
Leeston Sunday: 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

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

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00 am at Lincoln

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday after Mass till Midday

A Funeral mass will replace the advertised

LOVE the Lord your
God with all your heart
and with all your soul and
with all your mind and
with all your strength.
Mark 12:30

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. (Please bring a plate for supper)
- Lincoln: 9.00am:
- Darfield: 10.00am:
- Leeston: 5.30pm

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 lawnmower 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.

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

Christmas Cards: \$4/packet.

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 this Friday 5 November** (after Morning Tea).

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

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



Friendship Group gathering Friday 5 November will combine with the Catholic Women's League hosting the morning tea and then gathering for the Holy Hour in the church for the re-dedication of the Assumption of Mary. See separate article in newsletter.

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.

Charismatic Mass: Friday 5 November, 7.30pm, Christ the King Church. Fellowship after Mass - please bring a plate. Info: Maureen, 0275688338.

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