

# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Feast of Christ the King 21 November 2021.

### Readings

Daniel 7:13-14;  
Revelations 1:5-8;  
John 18: 33-37



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

Weekday Masses:  
No masses this Week  
Communion Service on Friday, 9.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
No Adoration this Friday

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00am at Lincoln

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

Readings Next Week: Readings next week, First Sunday of Advent, Year C: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12- 4:2; Luke 21:25-36

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Due to Level-2 restrictions, we have asked Archbishop Paul to celebrate the Confirmation Mass at 7.00pm this Saturday, rather than at the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.



**We welcome Archbishop Paul to the Selwyn Parish this Saturday evening to officiate at the Confirmation Mass.**

**Congratulations to the 22 candidates:** Declan Doocey; Luke Holcroft; Mark Andre; Natasha Andre; Suli Iketau; Jonathan Joseph; Claire Yeo; Cameron Griffiths; De Anna Quinanola; Marcus Quinanola; Emma O'Connor; William Voice; Sophia Voice; Allegra Voice; Sofia Gregorini; Thomas Holden-Bluck; Edward Killick; Natalie Stack; Noah Dysart; Oliver Dysart; Benjamin Ashman; Bartholomew Ashman.

There will be a group photo after the mass followed by supper.

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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.

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

**Christmas Cards:** \$4/pack.

## RIP

**Recently deceased:** Fr Barry O'Connor SM (Wellington), Dolores Barit (Philippines), Peter Macer (Auckland).

**Anniversary:** John O'Donoghue 11/11; Ron McNoe 16/11.

Frs Brian & Chris will be on **Retreat** during this week, Monday 22 – Friday 26 November. (They will return for a funeral).

There will be **NO Masses** in the Selwyn Parish during that week.

However, there will be a Communion Service in Lincoln on Friday 26 November, 9.00am.

## Parish Programmes

1. **DVD on *Catholicism*** in Leeston: Mondays: 29 November; 6 December, 7.00pm, at the home of Rita Morley-Bunker, 21 Manse Road.

2. The **Confirmation Mass**, this Saturday, 20 November, is now at 7.00pm, followed by supper. I had hope that we may be at Level-1 by the end of November, but that is not the case. So, to accommodate the 100 people limit at an indoor event ... we have introduced an extra mass for Confirmation.

3. **150<sup>th</sup> 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.

The talks on ***Appreciating the Liturgy***, given by Alex Chia, were really enjoyed by those who attended. Thanks to over 30 people who came to either one or both talks and we hope you gained something from them to deepen your appreciation of the Mass. We look forward to getting Alex back next year perhaps to explore the 'Church of the Future' to assist us in our Synod response. Joe Hindley.

### **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

**FOOD FOR FAITH** offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

**Safeguarding Workshop:** in St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln – either: **Monday 22 November, 1.00pm** or repeated on **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.

The Parish now has a third tenant for the former Darfield Catholic School Building.

In addition to *Rural Tenancy Ltd* and *Melvern Nurses* we now have *Family Support Ltd* renting the building.

We are pleased that the building is now being used to full capacity. This will also bring in some much-needed income.

Prior to renting the Building, the Parish has undertaken some up-grading of the building.

The Lincoln **Social Activities Team** will once again be selling raffle tickets, this weekend: \$2.00 per ticket or 3 for \$5.00. Proceeds will go toward St Patrick's Church building fund. The Parish has an account of \$1+ million to pay. Any donations are most welcome.

Last week the **Selwyn Catholic Women's Network** held a 'Colour me Catholic' event where we listened to Clare and Liz talk about skin care, make up & colours and how they can help people exude the radiance that God has granted all of us, when He made us in his image. The small group setting was a great opportunity to not only hear Clare and Liz share their story, but to hear stories from the women who attended. Thank you to all who joined us for the evening and we look forward to another SCWN event early next year.

### 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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> December and recommence on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Donations of Wool for prayer blankets would be greatly appreciated. Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151.

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

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**The St Vincent de Paul Selwyn** -Christmas Hamper Appeal. In conjunction with the Parish of Selwyn we would like to co-ordinate a Christmas Hamper initiative to be able to support those in need in our community at Christmas. Each week between the 27<sup>th</sup> November to the 12<sup>th</sup> December we will have cardboard boxes of various sizes available in the foyer at every mass for parishioners to take and decorate and return up to the 19<sup>th</sup> December with or without food items as you are able.

The St Vincent de Paul volunteers will collate and distribute the hampers on the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

If you know of anyone in the Parish who needs our support, please let us know by emailing [info@svdpselwyn.org.nz](mailto:info@svdpselwyn.org.nz) Help us spread joy at Christmas through the spirit of giving.



Thank you for the donations we have received in the last few months. Our website is <https://www.svdpselwyn.org.nz/>.

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### Diocesan Items

**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/>

Latest edition of **NZCatholic** is able to be read on:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/707e9a74-c217-46bf-8f04-918203a095a9>



**Otago University** is offering extramural theological studies for 2022 for either Diploma or Bachelor Degree Course – see posters in St Patrick's Church.

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



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](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/synod)

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

**Festival of Lights** - 11 December: the Community of the Beatitudes at the Sanctuary of Fourvière (67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield) offer an invitation to celebrate their annual Festival of Lights and conclude the Year of St Joseph. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, will celebrate Mass at 6.00pm; picnic dinner (bring your picnic), eucharistic procession, all-night adoration under the stars and benediction at dawn. This is also the last stop for the Mary of God Artwork in the Diocese. Information: Thomas, 022 606 2538.

With the **End-of-Life Choice Act** coming into effect on 7 November and the Bishops issuing guidelines for ministering with people contemplating assisted dying, the 'Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics' are running an online event entitled "Catholic Responses to the End-of-Life Choice Act" on Wednesday 1 December 6:00-7:00pm presented by Dr John Kleinsman and Rev Dr Mervyn Duffy .

We would like to invite you to participate.

Registration details and Facebook links are below:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud-mspjMqG9ZusLZTVvsxmoW\\_xu\\_3Pt0V](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUud-mspjMqG9ZusLZTVvsxmoW_xu_3Pt0V)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

