

# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Second Sunday of Advent 5 December 2021.

### Readings

Baruch 5:1-9;  
Philippians 1:4-11;  
Luke 3:1-6.



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

### Weekday Masses:

**Lincoln:** Tuesday, Thursday Friday, 9.00am  
**Leeston:** Wednesday Anointing Mass, 2.00pm  
No 5.30pm mass  
**Darfield:** Anointing Mass 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: Third Sunday of Advent, Year C: Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.

On Wednesday, I emailed a Letter to parishioners on: *'What does moving to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (the 'Traffic Light System') mean for our Selwyn Parish?'*

For parishioners who only receive a hardcopy of the newsletter, I have inserted the Letter with the Newsletter.

Apologies - if you have not received the notification of the 'Vaccine Pass' Protocols.

However, there has been plenty of advertising on TV, on the radio, and in the Press, in preparation for the 'Traffic Light System' of Protection for Covid-19.

### Weekday Masses this week:

- **Lincoln:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9.00am; (**No Wednesday** mass in Lincoln - the Parish Finance Committee are having a Meeting in the Diocesan Office).
- **Leeston:** Anointing Mass on Wednesday, 2.00pm; No 5.30pm mass.
- **Darfield:** Anointing Mass on Thursday, 10.00am.

## Advent

### ➤ Anointing masses:

➤ **Leeston:** this Wednesday, 8 December, 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea in a café.

➤ **Darfield:** this Thursday, 9 December, 10.00am, followed by morning tea in a café.

➤ **Reconciliation:** an opportunity for the Parish to celebrate this significant Sacrament for Advent.

➤ **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. (Frs Chris, Brian & Dan Doyle).

2022 Columban Calendars are on sale: \$12.

Christmas Cards: \$4/pack.

## RIP

**Recently deceased:** Katrina Finch (Lincoln); Martin Smith (Darfield); John Thompson (Wellington); George Skinner (Greymouth).

Filipino Mass This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm.



## Parish Programmes

1. **DVD on Catholicism** in Leeston: the final session will be this Monday, 6 December, 7.00pm, at the home of Rita Morley-Bunker, 21 Manse Road.

2. **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first mass** being celebrated in the New Headford Mission, at Shands Road, this **Sunday 5 December, 1.30pm:**

Pilgrimage Walk from the Memorial Rock on 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 first church was opened on 1 January 1871; a two-storey presbytery was built that also served as a school building.

The second church was opened, 9 years later, on 19 September 1880 by Bishop Patrick Moran of Dunedin. This church served the Parish until 1957 when the third church was opened in Lincoln.

If it is raining – then we 'do everything by car'. If we delay the commemoration again - then it will slip through our fingers.

## **The Selwyn St Vincent de Paul Conference Christmas Hamper Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who took a box last week to decorate, these can be left in the foyer with any food items up to the 19th December when our team of volunteers will put together the hampers and distribute in the community.

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



If you would prefer to donate online The Selwyn Conference's bank account is - Westpac 03-0767-0082945-000

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

## **ST JOSEPH'S, Darfield Garden Maintenance**

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

**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

## Parish Diary & Events.

**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 the orange traffic light level. As there are under 50 attending - it is open to all; Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm. 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.

**Leeston Catholic Ladies Group** Christmas Get Together.

Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**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/da517399-e74a-4f9c-8c03-9c9cd286da00>

**Joshua Men's Fellowship:** Wednesday 8 December, 7.15pm, *Christ the King Centre*, Burnside. Join like-minded Catholic men growing our faith as we reflect upon Emmanuel and the Holy Family. Info- Ph Chris, 027-646-4138.

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

**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.

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

The **Catholic Theological College** is advertising their various Study Courses for 2022. Flyers in the foyer.

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**Parish to Parish for B&B changes, 1 September 2021:** for one guest \$50/night, each additional guest, \$30 each. Due to COVID-19 some hosts may not be available for guests - so please respect their wishes. Books are available \$15.00 from Marie Anderson. Phone 03 3595 541 or email: [Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

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### **Selwyn Parish Confirmation Candidates - 20 November 2021**



**Back Row:** Thomas Holden-Bluck, Ben Ashman, William Voice, Sophie Voice, Emma O'Connor, Declan Doocey.

**Middle Row:** Fr Chris Orr, Jonathan Joseph, Mark Andre Natasha Andre, Edward Killick, Bartholmew Ashamn, Suli Iketau, Natalie Stack, Fr Brian Fennessy

**Front Row:** Luke Holcroft, Sofia & Eva Gregorini, Oliver & Noah Dysart, Allegra Voice, Deanna & Marcus Quinonala, Cameron Griffiths, Claire Yeo

## Unique 2021 Photo of Confirmation Candidates



The Diocesan Youth Team are offering a pizza for the Confirmation Candidates, and their families, at lunch-time this Sunday, in St Patrick's Centre, Lincoln, from midday until 2.00pm.  
We invited the candidates to come-along.



THE  
**BISHOP'S**  
CARE APPEAL 2021

## Delivery of Christmas Hampers



Last Christmas, \$10,000 in BCA donations helped deliver **450 Vinnies Christmas hampers** to individuals and families in need.

*The financial support we received from Archbishop Paul almost doubled the impact of our Christmas hamper programme.*

*- Mike Moore, Treasurer, St Vincent de Paul Christchurch*

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



There are Giving Envelopes in the various church porches. Please take one.