

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Third Sunday of Advent 12 December 2021.

Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18;
Philippians 4:4-7;
Luke 3:10-18.



WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Tuesday Funeral Mass 11.00am
Wednesday & Friday, 9.00am
No Mass Thursday

Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm mass
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: Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C: Micah 5:1-4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-44

A comment on 'What does moving to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (the 'Traffic Light System') mean for our Selwyn Parish?'

The sighting of **'My Vaccine Pass'** was a painless exercise at the appropriate masses last weekend. 'Thank you' to parishioners who made the exercise 'a piece of cake'.

There is no limit on the number of parishioners at these masses. **Masks** are not compulsory at these masses, but the Government and Diocese encourages people to wear masks.

There were 62 people at the **8.30am Darfield** mass last Sunday - therefore the Darfield Mass will have to continue being a **'My Vaccine Pass'** Mass.

There were ~30 people at the **11.00am Lincoln Mass** - therefore there are vacancies for another ~20 parishioners at this **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Mass. (**Social Distancing and wearing of masks are required at this mass**).

There were under 50 people at the **10.00am Leeston** – therefore it can remain a **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Mass.

Parishioners involved in Liturgies - e.g., Minister of the Eucharist, need to possess a 'My Vaccine Pass'.

The symbols placed on the Lincoln **Jesse Tree** this week are: Ruth - bundle of wheat; David – Star of David; Solomon – crown; Jonah – whale.

Readings next week, Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C: Micah 5:2-5; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

Next week will be the last Newsletter until the end of January.

No Adoration next Friday; resume in February.

Weekday Masses this week - weekday mass under **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Protocols. Social Distancing and wearing of masks are required at **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Masses.

- **Lincoln:** Tuesday -11.00am Funeral Mass – which is attendance under the **'My Vaccine Pass'** protocol.
- **Lincoln:** Wednesday & Friday, 9.00am (No Mass Thursday).
- **Leeston:** Wednesday, 5.30pm mass.
- **Darfield:** Thursday, 10.00am.

Advent

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

Leeston: next 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).

CHRISTMAS Eve Masses: Friday 24 December

My Vaccine Pass required

✚ **St Patrick's, Lincoln: Carols 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm**
&
Carols 8.00pm, Mass 8.30pm

✚ Parishioners are invited over to the presbytery
for some '**Christmas Cheer**' after the 8.00pm/8.30pm Vigil Mass

✚ **ST John the Evangelist, Leeston: Carols 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm**
My Vaccine Pass required

✚ **St Joseph's, Darfield: Carols 8.00pm, Mass 8.30pm**
My Vaccine Pass required

Christmas Day Masses:

✚ **St Patrick's, Lincoln, 9.00am - My Vaccine Pass required**

✚ **St Patrick's, Lincoln, 11.00am - My Vaccine Pass NOT required**

There will be **NO 5.30pm** vigil mass on **Saturday 25 Decemebr (Christmas Day)**.

I think most people will be enjoying the day and recovering from dinner.

**After Christmas: - there will be NO weekday masses in the Selwyn Parish
27 - 31 December; 3 - 7 January 2022**

New Year's Day:

✚ **St Patrick's, Lincoln 9.00am - My Vaccine Pass required**

✚ **St Joseph's, Darfield 9.00am - My Vaccine Pass NOT required**

✚ **Lincoln: Children's Liturgy** – will be held for the next two Sundays at 8.30am Mass: Sundays 12 & 19 December. All younger children are encouraged to attend so they are able to practise for the Nativity Play which will be held during the **5.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass**.

The Nativity Play will be organised by Mike and Aimee Stewart - at the Children's Liturgy on the next two Sundays at 8.30am Mass. Mike_stewart2005@yahoo.co.nz

✚ **8.00pm Christmas Vigil mass:** Fr Brian requires 15 children to be part of the 8.00pm Christmas Vigil Pageant on Friday 24 December. This Pageant will be the same as last year. Please sign the Form on the noticeboard in the narflex or ring the parish office/Fr Brian – so I have an indication of those able to participate. There will be a **rehersal** on Friday 24 Decemebr, 10.00am in St Patrick's Church. Please encourage children to participate – it was great last year, but it was a real effort to get the required number of kids.

The 2 Vigil masses in Lincoln; and the Vigil Mass in Darfield are 30 minutes earlier than last year. The Leeston Christmas Vigil Mass is at the same time as last year.

The 4 Vigil masses all require a 'My Vaccine Pass'. The 9.00am Lincoln Christmas Day Mass also requires a Vaccine Pass.

The only Christmas Mass that doesn't require a Vaccine Pass is the 11.00am Lincoln Christmas Day Mass (limited to 50).

The First Holy Communion programme will be commencing in February 2022 so if your child has turned 8 years or is older and you would like them to participate in next year's programme, we would appreciate you letting the parish secretary or Father Brian know or email Margaret Rea mbmerea@gmail.com so we know how many children we will have.

Mark this date on your calendar 30th January 2022. The SAT team are again organising our Selwyn parish picnic more details later but keep this date.

The Selwyn St Vincent de Paul Conference Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you to everyone who returned hampers, boxes and food items last week it was wonderful to see how much thought and effort had gone in to these.

We will continue collecting food items up to Sunday the 19th December.

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

If you would prefer to donate online the The Selwyn Conference's bank account is - Westpac 03-0767-0082945-000 Our website is <https://www.svdpselwyn.org.nz/>



2022 Columban Calendars are on sale: **\$12.**

RIP

Recently deceased: Noel Hickland (Lincoln), Katrina Finch (Lincoln); Martin Smith (Darfield).

Parish Diary & Events.

The Catholic Women's League are holding their last meeting for the year on Monday 13th December and are holding their "Christmas luncheon at home" Starting at 11.30 followed by the luncheon at 12 noon.

The league is also selling their Christmas raffle on the next two weekends and all proceeds will go to our Mission Community so we hope you will support this worthy cause. There are three prizes which would look good under some one's Christmas Tree.

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.

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.

Craft and Friendship Craft and Friendship has now finished for the year restarting on the Tuesday the 11th of January at 1 30pm in the Parish Centre. Have a happy holy Christmas to everyone.

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/ec3d8d91-1f86-4c52-948e-16a861c4ab70>




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

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


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

Catholic Social Services: has flyers advertising their 2022 Courses. Please take one.

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



THE
BISHOP'S
CARE APPEAL 2021



ST JAMES
PRIMARY SCHOOL


Thank You!

Last advent, your support made an immense impact on families of the St James School community through food and petrol vouchers in times of need.

“The families are always very grateful to know they are being supported by the Catholic community.”

- Rose Firth-Scott, Principal, St James School, Aranui

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www.chchcatholic.nz



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



17 parishioners joined in the 150th commemoration pilgrimage for the first church in Shands Road. The first church was opened on New Year’s Day 1871; a two-storey presbytery was later built that also served as a school building. The school was known as St Stephens; it was also a boarding school for children. The second church, on the same site, was open on 19 September 1880; the third church, in Lincoln, was opened during 1957, and the current, fourth church, in May 2019.

After a prayer and a reading at the Memorial Rock we walked to the Lincoln Cemetery – where we visited Patrick Henley’s grave - who donated the Shands Road property for the church, presbytery, and school. We arrived back at the St Patrick’s Centre for afternoon tea and a few historical photos.