

# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent 19 December 2021.

### Readings

Micah 5:2-5,  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45



Fourth Sunday  
of Advent

## 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 mass  
**Darfield:** Thursday 10.00am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Friday after Mass Restarts in February

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10.00am at Lincoln

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

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

**Lincoln:** the sighting of 'My Vaccine Pass' is required at the Lincoln 5.30pm Vigil Mass & 8.30am Sunday Mass. 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.

Now that the new variant is around - and there will be larger congregations over Christmas - then it is recommended to wear a mask.

**Lincoln: Sunday 11.00am Mass** – is a 'Without My Vaccine Pass' Mass. (**Social Distancing and wearing of masks are required at this mass**).

**Darfield Sunday 8.30am Mass** is a 'My Vaccine Pass' Mass.

**Leeston 10.00am Sunday Mass** – is 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: shell – John the Baptist; crown of 12 stars – Mary; carpentry tools – Joseph.

This is the last Newsletter until the end of January.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes in February.

This Sunday – Fr Dan Doyle will be the celebrant at the Lincoln 8.30am Mass and the Leeston 10.00am Mass.

**Advent Reconciliation:** an opportunity for the Parish to celebrate this significant Sacrament for Advent as a preparation for Christmas.

**Leeston:** this Sunday 19 December, after mass (Fr Dan Doyle will be the visiting celebrant this Sunday).

**Darfield:** this Sunday 19 December, 7.00pm (Frs Brian and Dan Doyle).

**Lincoln:** this Wednesday 22 December, 7.00pm (Frs Chris, Brian & Dan Doyle).

**Weekday Masses** are under 'Without My Vaccine Pass' Protocols – as there is fewer than 50 parishioners attending the mass.

Social Distancing and wearing of masks are required at 'Without My Vaccine Pass' Masses.

Now that the new variant is around, we need to be vigilant.

**Mass this week:**

- **Lincoln:** Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am
- **Leeston:** Wednesday, 5.30pm mass.
- **Darfield:** Thursday, 10.00am.

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

**Lincoln:** Weekday Masses will recommence on Tuesday 11 January, 9.00am

**Leeston:** Wednesday Mass will recommence on 2 February, 5.30pm.

**Darfield:** Thursday Mass will recommence on 20 January, 10.00am

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

**RIP**

**Recently deceased:** Noel Hickland (Lincoln), Katrina Finch (Lincoln); Martin Smith (Darfield), Phil Beard (Burnside), Joseph Martini (Westcoast).

Copies of **Inform** – are available at the foyers of the churches. Please take a copy.

**The Selwyn Parish Leadership Team** are pleased to announce the launch of the new Selwyn Parish website <https://selwyncatholic.nz/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/selwyncatholicparish>  
All of our parish ministry and evangelization programmes are about helping people grow in faith. The digital world is now part of the culture we live in today and is changing the way people relate to each other. It is also changing how we form community, and how we communicate and share ideas. Our new online and social media presence are tools we can use as a parish on mission to engage, to create and to grow relationships and our faith community. We look forward to developing our digital presence over the next year.

**LINCOLN PRAYER GROUP** The prayer group has now broken up for the year. Look out for a notice late January with details on when we will resume meeting in 2022 or contact Marge Newburry on 338 6793. May God bless you with happy and holy Christmas celebrations.

**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](mailto:mbmerea@gmail.com) so we know how many children we will have.

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

Our sincere thanks to everyone in the Parish who has so generously donated hampers and food items to our Christmas Hamper Appeal

This has been a wonderful way to come together as a Parish family and collectively make a practical difference in the lives of those who need a helping hand at this time.



Our Team will be meeting in the Parish Centre from 11am on Sunday to co-ordinate the distribution of goods.

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

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Selwyn Conference, please contact us via email.

Wishing everyone a happy and holy Christmas.

**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



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- ✚ **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**

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**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**

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**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**

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- ✚ **Lincoln: Children's Liturgy** – will be held THIS Sunday at 8.30am Mass: 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.

- ✚ **8.00pm Christmas Vigil mass:** Fr Brian requires 15 children to be part of the 8.00pm Christmas Vigil Pageant on Friday 24 December (aged 6-13+ Years).  
This Pageant will be the same as last year.  
Plesse sign the Form on the noticeboard in the narflex or ring the parish office/Fr Brian. There will be a **rehersal** this Friday, 24 Decemebr, 10.00am, in St Patrick's Church.  
Please encourage children to participate – it was great last year, but a real effort to get the required number of kids.

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).

**Parish Diary & Events.**

**Darfield's Christmas Cup of Tea** will be this Sunday after Mass. It will be held outside, weather permitting, so please join us for our last cuppa of the year.

**The Catholic Women's League** The league is selling their Christmas raffle this weekend and all proceeds will go to our Mission Community, in the Solomon Islands, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, please gather at 6pm. Father Brian is saying Mass for us at 6.30 pm. 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.

**New Year's Day – the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.** Mass will be celebrated at 9am at St Patrick's, Lincoln, followed by **morning tea** in the Parish Centre.

**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



**Mark these dates on your calendar**

30th January The SAT team are again organising our Selwyn parish picnic more details later More detail end of January.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb Pot Luck tea to celebrate Fr Brian's 40<sup>th</sup> year as a Priest.

Friday 4 March – World Day of Prayer at St Patrick's

Tuesday 8 March – International Women's Day Breakfast at local café

Sunday – 13 March – Social Bowls at Lincoln Bowling Club, 10am-12noon. Sausage Sizzle to follow  
Catholicism DVD Series If you missed seeing the DVD series on Catholicism there will be another opportunity next year. Look out for details to come in 2022.

**Diocesan Items**

**North Parish Pilgrimages:** are extending an 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>



**WALKING TOGETHER AS CHURCH - we are invited by Pope Francis to engage in this Synod.** *"Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. Encounter, listen and discern."*

Discernment processes are happening in parishes and in addition to this we want to offer two opportunities to gather with others to encounter, listen and discern together, including small group conversation.

\*Tuesday 15 February 6.30pm to 9.00pm

\*or Sunday 6 March 6.30pm to 9.00pm, at Christ the King Pastoral Centre, Burnside

Please register by emailing [jclarke@cdoc.nz](mailto:jclarke@cdoc.nz); or phone 03 366 9869.

More info about the Synod can be found at [www.chchcatholic.nz/synod](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/synod); or contact Mike Stopforth 0275398542 email [mstopforth@cdoc.nz](mailto:mstopforth@cdoc.nz)

**VALENTINES DAY MASS:** Monday 14 February, 6.30pm @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Paul.