

# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
30th January 2022.**

## Readings

**Jeremiah 1:4&5;17-19  
1 Corinthians 12:31- 13:13  
Luke 4:21-30**

## 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 **No Wednesday Mass this week.**  
**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.

## **We are now at Covid-19 Traffic Light 'RED' category:**

**With the new Covid-19 'Red' protocols,** the Selwyn Parish must implement the new regulations. The new variant has created a new regime.

**'My Vaccine Pass' masses are now restricted to 100 parishioners; also, masks are now compulsory at all masses.**

After consideration, I've made the decision: - that **All Parish Sunday Masses**  
**are now 'My Vaccine Pass' Masses.**

**The sighting of 'My Vaccine Pass' is required at all Selwyn Parish Sunday Masses.**



**The Lincoln 11.00am will now be by entry with a 'My Vaccine Pass'.**

(Non 'My Vaccine Pass' Gatherings are now restricted to 25 people. Sadly, this makes it unrealistic to have only 25 people at the 11.00am mass.

Hopefully, the Government will review the 'Red Light' Category in a few weeks.  
I ask parishioners to be understanding and considerate of the reality.)

By making the **11.00am Sunday mass 'My Vaccine Pass'** entry – means that we can spread the mass attendance over 3 masses. Last Sunday there were 100++ at the 8.30am Lincoln mass.

I encourage some families to attend the 5.30pm Vigil Mass (which normally has ~70 parishioners) or the 11.00am mass to take the pressure off the 8.30am mass.

The follow-on consequence of this is that the **Leeston Sunday Mass** is now a **'My Vaccine Pass'** Mass. **Masks** must now be worn.

The **Darfield Sunday 8.30am Mass** is a **'My Vaccine Pass'** Mass. **Masks** must be worn.

**Weekday Masses** are under **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Protocols – as there are normally fewer than 25 parishioners attending the various masses.

**Social Distancing and wearing of masks** are required at **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Weekday Masses.  
Now that the new variant is around, we need to be vigilant.

Weekday Masses this week:

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

To compensate for some people not being able to attend mass, or reluctant to gather in large groups, the Diocese has recommended an 'Online Mass'. See notice under 'Diocesan Items'.

**No 9.00am mass on Wednesday:** Anna Kraak's Funeral Mass is at 10.00am – however, due to 'Red' category – this Funeral Mass is limited to 100 people who possess a Vaccine Pass. Consequently, this Funeral Mass is by **invitation only**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes this Friday, 4 February.

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**Selwyn Parish Picnic: will still be held this Sunday, 30 January, beginning at midday with Mass.**

Even with Category 'Red' - the Parish Picnic is still able to go ahead - as it is outside in the gardens and I expect that there will be fewer than a 100 people ... and I can imagine that parishioners will mainly gathering in their clusters.

- at Mike & Helena Hanning's Property - **4/1608 West Coast Road, West Melton**. Their property is a couple of kilometers west of West Melton Township.
- entry by Vaccine Pass.
- there will be a Covid-19 Tracer App /or Sign-In Register available.
- this will be an extra mass in the Parish.
- BYO food, drinks & chair.
- there will be games for children. Please join us for a great fun day.



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**Fr Brian's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

Fr Brian will celebrate his **40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Ordination** on **Saturday 19 February**.

He was ordained by Bishop Brian Ashby on 19 February 1982 in Sacred Heart Basilica, Timaru.



**Lincoln:** There will be a pot-luck tea, following the Saturday Vigil Mass, on 19 February, in the St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln, to celebrate this milestone. BYO something to share & BYO drinks.

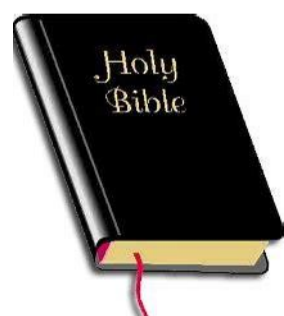
**Darfield** – St Joseph's: Morning Tea, after mass, on Sunday 20 February.

**Leeston** - St John the Evangelist: we will have a lunch at the *Crate & Barrell*, Leeston, on Sunday 27 February, gathering at 11.30am, after mass.

Please put your name on the list at the back of the church, or phone Anna, 027 235 0869.

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**Study of the Book of Genesis**



During 2020 (just after lockdown) I offered, in Lincoln, a 4-week Cook's Tour through the Book of Genesis

This year I am repeating the study as I'm also offering the course in Leeston and Darfield.

- Session#1: the sources of the Old Testament.
- Session #2: the Reality of Sin
- Session #3: Abraham, our Father in Faith.
- Session #4: the Jacob and Joseph Sagas.

➤ **Leeston:** begins this Monday; on Mondays - 31 January & 7, 21, 28 February, 7.00pm, at the home of Rita & Michael Morley-Bunker, 21 Manse Road.

➤ **Darfield:** Sundays - 6, 13, 27 March & 3 April, 7.00pm, in the Darfield Church Centre.

➤ **Lincoln:** Mondays 7,14, 21, 28 March, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre. Bring a Bible.

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## **Baptism Preparation Programme for Parents wishing to have a child Baptised**

The first Programme for 2022 for Parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Thursdays 10 & 17 February, 7.00pm – 8.15pm**, in the St Patrick's Church Centre.

At the conclusion of the Programme a date is set for the celebration of Baptism.

Enquiries: contact Fr Brian/Chris, or the Parish Office.



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## **First Holy Communion Programme**

❖ **Lincoln:** the first Parents' Meeting, will be held in the St Patrick's Church Centre, on **next Sunday, 6 February, 7.00pm**.

❖ **Darfield:** – the first Parents' Meeting will be on **Sunday 13 February**, after mass. (the 1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Parents' Meetings will be in Darfield; the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Parents' Meetings will be in Lincoln).

Children who have celebrated their 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> birthday are eligible.

The Programme is Parish /FamilyBased with 5 parents' meetings and 12 children's worksheets.

To enrol - contact the Parish Office, Frs Brian/Chris, or Margaret Rea.



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There will be a **Filipino Mass** next Sunday, 6 February, in the Lincoln Church, 3.00pm.

## **RIP**

**Recently Deceased:** Anna Kraak (Lincoln), Eileen Kortegast (Lincoln), Graham Bunz (Halswell), Joan Somerville (Lincoln), Martha Guerrero (in Colombia, mother of Diana Moreno), Maika Mason (Hokitika).

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

**Catholic Social Services** – Christmas Gifts and Food Collection - a big thank you to all who contributed. An amazing amount of donations we were able to be taken into town for their distribution. The best yet. A plastic food bin is left in the Narthex and goods collected each week are taken into CSS every month. If you go into town on a regular basis and would be able to help with delivery, please let Tricia Smith know. CSS is situated in Cashel St – the Fitzgerald Ave end.

## **Parish Diary & Events.**

**Friendship Group** - Our first gathering this year will be **Friday 4 February** in the Parish Centre following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. **All Welcome.**

**Liturgy Team** – our first meeting this year will be held in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 9 February at 7pm**. At this meeting we will debrief Advent/Christmas and plan for Lent/Easter. If you would be interested in joining the group please come along.

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

## Diocesan Items

**NZCatholic** latest edition (first edition for 2022) is on line:  
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/91a009bd-7a0c-4a13-ab64-7297600e2e3c>



### Online Mass

As we are now in 'Red' for the Covid-19 Protection Framework, an online Mass is again going to be offered. This will be the St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Mass at 9am.

The link for this is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCgzJ7jRCKk>  
or find the link on the diocesan website and Facebook page

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**Catholic Women's League Diocesan Opening Mass:** Saturday 12 February, 1.00pm, Mary's Pro-Cathedral. (Vaccine Pass required).

**Valentines Day Mass:** Monday 14 February, 6.30pm @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Paul.

**Roasry House Spiritual Life Centre** brochures - advertising their 2022 Programme are available on the notice board.

**Caritas Tonga Appeal** - the Catholic Agency for Relief and Development Assistance - has opened an Appeal to respond to the devastating situation in Tonga.

Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund: ([www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online)) or via their bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include first & last name and put Tonga as the code).

Alternatively, parishioners may place an envelope in the Collection Basket and the Parish will forward their donation to Caritas.



### WALKING TOGETHER AS CHURCH

*"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."*

All of Us, 'The People of God', are invited by Pope Francis engage in this Synod.

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; [mstopforth@cdoc.nz](mailto:mstopforth@cdoc.nz)



Thank You!



This advent appeal you have helped raise over \$50,000. Your generosity has allowed us to carry out the works of Christ, by supporting vulnerable people across our community and caring for those in times of need.

*"A generous person will prosper;  
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." - Proverbs 11:25*

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