

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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**5th Sunday of Ordinary Time
6th February 2022.**

Readings

**Isaiah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11**



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.

Covid-19 Traffic Light 'RED':

The new arrangements for Sunday mass worked well last Sunday. As this weekend is Waitangi Weekend - I presume a few parishioners will be away; this will allow another week to establish a new routine for the weekend masses.

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



The attendance at the Lincoln Masses last weekend were: 5.30pm = ~50; 8.30am = ~90; 11.00am = ~40. I encourage some parishioners to attend the vigil or 11.00am mass to take any pressure off the 8.30am Sunday Mass.

Leeston Sunday Mass = ~30; this is now a **'My Vaccine Pass'** Mass. **Masks** must now 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 - 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 recommenced an 'Online Mass'. See notice under 'Diocesan Items'.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays after mass until midday.

SVDP Selwyn are more than willing to help those out that may be struggling with back-to-school costs - uniform, stationery etc. Please reach out if we can assist you in anyway.

Phone/text 027 358 9400 or email secretary@svdpselwyn.org.nz

Selwyn Parish Picnic:

From Margaret Rea: Thank you very much to Mike and Helena Hanning for hosting the Selwyn Parish picnic last Sunday. What a lovely day it was I am sure those who came enjoyed themselves where we celebrated Mass under the shade of the trees, picnic lunch and then games for the children and some adults also joined in, while others mixed and mingled with parishioners from Darfield. It would have been nice to have had a few more from Lincoln and Leeston, but those who were there enjoyed it so maybe next year we can get more to attend as there is plenty of room for all



There were ~60+ at the picnic; ~50 attended the mass. There was plenty of activities for the kids and parents.

Mike Hanning had several of his vintage cars on display and parishioners were also able to visit his workshop where there are several other vintage cars under refurbishment.

Photo: part of the group getting ready for mass.

Fr Brian's 40th Anniversary of Ordination

Fr Brian will celebrate his **40th 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.

Study of the Book of Genesis

This year I'm offering a 4-session study of the Book of Genesis. Bring a Bible.

- 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:** Mondays - 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.

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



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.

First Holy Communion Programme

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

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



Children who are late-7 years old or celebrated their 8th birthday are eligible. The Programme is Parish /Family-Based with 5 parents' meetings and 12 children's worksheets. To enrol - contact the Parish Office, Frs Brian/Chris, or Margaret Rea.

Leeston Parish House: the tenant's who were renting the former presbytery left at the end of December - when their contract expired.

The Parish is now in the process of upgrading the house.

So far, the firebox in the kitchen area has been removed and the dividing wall between the former dining room and kitchen area has also been removed. The cupboards in the kitchen are also being removed.

The house has not been refurnished for many years. Now is the time to undertake much needed improvements in the house.

Help Wanted at Lincoln Masses. Greeters & Offertory Procession, Cleaner Roster, Projector Operators

More volunteers for these important ministries at weekend Masses are needed especially for the 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass. If you can help. Please contact Tricia Smith Email. tric1948@gmail.com Ph 325 2234

RIP

Recently Deceased: Anna Kraak (Lincoln), Eileen Kortegast (Lincoln), Graham Bunz (Halswell), Joan Somerville (Lincoln), Martha Guerrero (Colombia), Maika Mason (Hokitika), Flo Andrews (Blenheim).

Parish Diary & Events.

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.

Lincoln Catholic Women's League The first meeting of the year is on Monday 14th February in the Parish Centre 1pm Parishioners are very welcome to join us.

A reminder to members Opening Mass of the year will be on Saturday 12th February at St Mary's Pro Cathedral Manchester Street at 1pm

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

Craft and Friendship is now held Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Lincoln Parish centre. For further details contact Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151

Lincoln Prayer Group. The prayer group based at Lincoln meets weekly every Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections on church teachings. All welcome whether vaccinated or not as covid guidelines regarding social distancing and mask wearing are supported. For more details contact Marge Newburry phone 338 6793, or leave a message for her at the parish office.

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 once agin being 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

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

Valentines Day Mass: due Red Light Covid-19 restrictions ... this mass has now been **cancelled**.

Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre brochures - advertising their 2022 Programmme are available on the notice board.

Caritas: has open 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) 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.



A Prayer for New Zealand

God of the southern sea
and of these islands,
of Maori, Pakeha
and of all who dwell in our land;
we give you thanks and praise for our country, New Zealand,
and for what we have achieved together.
Increase our trust in one another;
strengthen our quest for justice,
and bring us to unity and a common purpose.
You have made us of one blood;
make us also of one mine.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Photos from the Picnic: Gumboot throw & Three legged race

