

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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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 until Midday

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00am at Lincoln

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

8th Sunday of Ordinary Time
27th February 2022.

Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Covid-19 Traffic Light 'RED':

All Sunday Masses within the Selwyn Parish are now
My Vaccine Pass masses
and are **restricted to 100 parishioners;**
also, **masks are now compulsory at all masses.**

The First Communion Families will be attending the 8.30am mass - so the children can have an extra lesson. If possible, I encourage some parishioners to attend the vigil or 11.00am mass to take any pressure off the 8.30am Sunday Mass.

Weekday Masses are under **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Protocols.

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.

Fr Brian's 40th Anniversary of Ordination

'Thank you' to the workers behind the scene who made the Lincoln pot-luck Tea on Saturday and the Darfield Morning Tea on Sunday great occasions. Thanks to parishioners who came along/offered their congratulations. This Sunday we have a wee 'DO' in Leeston.



First Holy Communion Programme

The children will receive a copy of the 10 Commandments at mass this Sunday. The **Second Parents' Meeting will be this Sunday, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre;** the topic will be 'Sin and Forgiveness'.

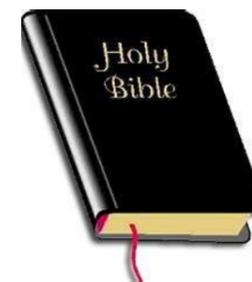


Study of the Book of Genesis

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 – 28 February, 7.00pm, at the home of Rita & Michael Morley-Bunker, 21 Manse Road.
- **Darfield:** Sundays – begins next Sunday 6, 13, 27 March & 3 April, 7.00pm, in the Darfield Church Centre.
- **Lincoln:** begins Monday 7, 14, 21, 28 March, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

World Day of Prayer is this Friday 4 March.

This year, St Patrick's Church is the host Church.

The *World Day of Prayer* involves all the Christian Churches in a local area.

The **Lincoln** Service will be at 7.00pm in St Patrick's Church.

My vaccine Pass required

World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service for Leeston Community at The New Life Church, Leeston, Friday 4 March, at 7pm.

"I Know the Plans I have for you"

My Vaccine Pass Service.

Darfield Service 10am on Friday, 4th March at Trinity Church.

. everyone (women and men) is welcome to this service.

Vaccine passes and masks required.

Ash Wednesday is 2nd March

- **Lincoln: 9.00am** - I expect there will be more than 25 people at this mass - so this mass will be with a **'My Vaccine Pass'**.
- **Darfield: 10.00am** - **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Mass.
- **Leeston: 5.30pm** - **'Without My Vaccine Pass'** Mass.

Some advice from Archbishop Paul: his preference is for priests not to impose the ashes on parishioners' foreheads. If people are wishing to receive the ashes, the option would be to self-administer the ashes after the Mass. The ashes would be available at the front of the sanctuary and people would be able to come forward and self-administer from the bowls of ashes.

His comment is that with the current omicron community numbers, people may not feel comfortable receiving the ashes this year.

Archbishop Paul also wishes to advise that there will be no distribution of ashes in schools and colleges.

This is an extraordinary circumstance for this year only and we look forward to being able to receive the ashes again in the usual way in the future.

Parishioners are advised to sanitise their hands before they come forward to the Ashes.

- **Anglican-Catholic Combined Service: 7.30pm, St Patrick's Church**

(This is with a **'My Vaccine Pass'** Mass).

Due to the unsure nature of the 'Traffic Light System' - we have decided **not to have supper** after this Service. It just makes it easier for planning.

This year St Patrick's Church is the 'host Church'; Rev Mark Barlow will be the preacher this year.

This is an Anglican-Catholic Joint Service. I encourage parishioners to attend.

Mass Intention: Joie Patriarca who is ill in the Philippines.

Lent - begins on Wednesday 2 March

Lincoln: there will be **Stations of the Cross** on the Fridays of Lent, beginning on 11 March, 7.00pm.

Caritas Lenten Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Money from this annual Appeal goes towards the Catholic Church's relief and development work in foreign countries. Please take a pack of envelopes.

Anointing Masses:

Leeston: Wednesday 30 March, 2.00pm,

Darfield: Thursday 31 March, 10.00am

Lincoln: Friday 1 April, 2.00pm

To all Catholic Parents with children at State Primary & Intermediate Schools.

Beginning Thursday 3rd March 4pm at Lincoln we will begin Parish Primary Religious Education (PPRE). This 1st Meeting is for Parents & children who are in Yrs. 6-8 at School.

At this Meeting we will discuss the Programme & agree upon the day & time that we will meet regularly in the future.

Look forward to seeing you all then.

For more information, please contact Fr Chris.

Lenten Reflection Programme

Parishioners are welcome to participate in Lenten Reflection Programme beginning Wednesday 9th March at 7pm. The programme involves reflection, sharing & discussion based on the Lenten Sunday Gospels. For more information please contact Fr Chris.

End of Financial Year. This is fast approaching and we have to order new planned giving envelopes soon. This is an opportune time to change to Automatic payment. We have had several parishioners make this change and as the printer needs to print consecutive numbers on our order, we may have to amend your envelope number if you wish to receive the new set. Each set costs approximately \$7 to have produced. If you would like to change, please contact the office and we will issue you with a planned giving number and the details we need to reconcile your donation.

Parish Diary & Events.

Friendship Group – This month we will combine with the World Day of Prayer – details below.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 4 March at 7pm. This ecumenical service is being hosted in Lincoln this year by St Patrick's. The theme this year is "I Know the Plans I Have for You" and has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. All are welcome to attend and following the service supper will be served in the Parish Centre. Covid regulations will apply

International Women's Day Breakfast – Tuesday 8 March @ 8am Robert Harris Cafe Lincoln. All Selwyn Parish ladies are invited to breakfast. Please register your name with Tricia Smith Phone 325 2234 or Email: tric1948@gmail.com Vaccine passes and masks are a requirement of the café.

Social Bowls @ Lincoln Bowls Club – Sunday 13 March – 10 to 12 noon. All Selwyn Parishioners are invited to come along for a fun morning. Whether you belong to a club, play sometimes or never played you are welcome to join in. \$10 per head goes to Lincoln Bowls Club. A Sausage Sizzle will be provided free following the game and there will be an opportunity to buy drinks from the clubrooms during lunch. Be sure to bring a hat and sunscreen. **Please register to play** by emailing: tric1948@gmail.com or phone 325 2234. Spectators also welcome. **Vaccine passes and masks are necessary to enter the Bowls Club.**

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

Online Mass

An online Mass is once again being offered.

This will be St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Sunday 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.

Or search for it on YouTube.

Shine TV : Sunday Mass, 2.00pm: free to air Chanel 25 and Sky Chanel 201.

Lenten Programme - 'Belong and Believe': there is a need for a vibrant and welcoming Christian community. This new filmed 5-session course is a timely resource drawing on the immense wisdom and inspiration from Celtic spiritual heritage – it helps us to find renewed faith and vision together.

Beautiful on-location filming from Lindisfarne, Iona and St David's.

Presented by David Payne with in-depth interviews from Celtic experts.

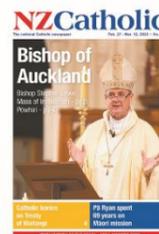
Topics: Building Welcoming Communities; Growing in Faith Together; Renewed in the Holy Spirit; Caring for God's Creation; Evangelising with Love & Action.

Join us online for this Lenten programme: commencing Tuesday 8 March 7 – 8 pm

Register [here](#):

Latest edition of **NZCatholic** is available on line:

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A Message from the Selwyn St Vincent de Paul Group

Good Morning All

A prayer I particularly liked from a publication I was reading [this morning](#).

May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy,
Go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.

May the Son who teaches us to care for strangers and foreigners,
Go with us as we are about being good neighbours in our communities.

May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates community,
Go with us as we find the courage to create a conference of welcome for all.

Help Us to help Others through Omicron!

As the number of omicron cases increase exponentially week by week as is the number of vulnerable families reaching out to St Vincent de Paul for support.

Next week is the first week of March and the parish food basket collection in the narthex goes to St Vincent de Paul. We would be extremely grateful if you could please pop a few extra items in your shopping trolley and bring it to Mass. For donations our bank account number is 03-0767-0082945-00. (as per already in the bulletin).

Thank you for helping us help Others. He Waka Eke Noa -We're All in this together.