

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent 6th March 2022.

Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

Weekday Masses:
Lincoln: Tuesday-Wednesday, 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.

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.

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

The English word "Lent" comes from an ancient Anglo-Saxon word "Lencten" that means lengthening or Spring. In the Northern Hemisphere the period of preparation for Easter takes place during Spring and of course the days are lengthening, Here, in the southern hemisphere we experience that the evenings are slowly drawing in. The Light of Christ will brighten our way as we move into Winter.

The blazing fire at the Easter Vigil is used to light the Paschal Candle (symbolising the light of the Risen Christ) and enkindle our personal candles. We carry these candles into the darkened church as a sign of our sharing in the resurrection of Christ and of our willingness to live the Gospel.

Lent is a time for repentance, a time to turn away from the darkness of sin and turn towards God, the source of light.

Lincoln Masses this week: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9.00am. **(NO Mass on Thursday)**

Study of the Book of Genesis – bring a Bible.

- **Darfield:** Sundays – begins this Sunday 6, 13, 27 March & 3 April, 7.00pm, in the Darfield Church Centre.
- **Lincoln:** begins this Monday 7, 14, 21, 28 March, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

First Holy Communion Programme

Darfield: the children will receive a copy of the 10 Commandments at mass this Sunday.

Lincoln : **First Reconciliation** will be celebrated on Wednesday 16 March, 7.00pm



Ash Wednesday - there was a modest congregation at the Lincoln Anglican-Catholic Ash Wednesday Service (most likely due to Covid anxiety). However, it was a meaningful Joint Service.

Lent - began on Wednesday 2 March

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

Leeston: 9.30am, before mass on Sundays.

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.

Lenten Anointing Masses:

Leeston: Wednesday 30 March, 2.00pm,

Darfield: Thursday 31 March, 10.00am

Lincoln: Friday 1 April, 2.00pm

Lenten Reconciliation:

Darfield: Thursday 24 March, 7.00pm

Leeston: Sunday 3 April, 11.00am

Lincoln: Thursday 7 April, 7.00pm

St Patrick's Day, Thursday 17 March – patronal feast of the Lincoln church: we will have an evening mass, at 7.00pm, followed by supper in the Church Centre. (**NO** 9.00am mass).



St John the Evangelist Leeston

Stations of the Cross will be held before Sunday Mass during Lent.

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.

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 – In fairness to all concerned the social bowls planned for Sunday 13 March has been cancelled. Hopefully we can reschedule for next summer.

Leeston Ladies we are planning a van trip to visit Jean Scarlett in her new home in Hororata on Tuesday March 22nd. Please contact Jeanette 3291762, 0272040407 or Kathleen 3242550, 02102436762 by Sunday 14th March so we can finalise trip.

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 Newbury 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.

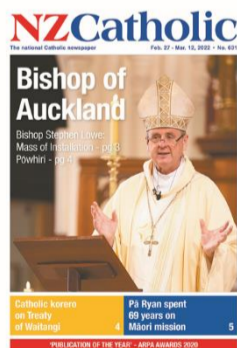
This will be St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Sunday Mass at 9am.

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.



Latest edition of NZCatholic us available on line:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/e25bfeca-e399-42ba-9da3-2a0caa12f2ee>

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](#):

Synod

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

Discernment processes are happening - in addition to this the Diocese is offering 2 opportunities to gather with others to encounter, listen and discern together, including small group conversation.

Sunday 6 March 6.30pm, at Christ the King Centre, Burnside

Please register by emailing jclarke@cdoc.nz or phone 03 366 9869.

More info about the synod can be found at www.chchcatholic.nz/synod or contact Mike Stopforth 0275398542 email mstopforth@cdoc.nz

Some Leeston parishioners and Fr Brian - at last Sunday's mass

