

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Third Sunday of Lent 20th March 2022.

Readings

Exodus 3:1-15
1 Corinthians 10:1-12
Luke 13:1-9



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.

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.

Lincoln Masses this week: Tuesday - Friday, 9.00am.

From Fr Brian:

The recent quarterly Rate Demand for the 3 church properties in the Selwyn Parish was \$4,104; which is ~\$16,416 /year. The next sizeable account will be the insurance.

Financially, the Parish runs hand-to-mouth.

As we come to the end of the Financial Year, I remind parishioners that if they possess Envelopes or have Automatic Payments then they are eligible for 1/3 IRD Rebate on their Donations.

If parishioners wish to change from envelopes to AP or request envelopes - then please contact Mary, the Parish Secretary.

Prior to Christmas, Fr Benito Velasco had surgery for cancer. At that time, the surgery seemed to be successful. However, in recent weeks he has had a reoccurrence of lung cancer. Fr Benito has resigned as Parish Priest of the Christchurch East Parish in order to undergo palliative treatment. He has moved out of the parish.

Fr Benito celebrated a monthly Filipino Mass in Lincoln over the past 6 months. These monthly masses have now ceased.

Please keep Fr Benito in your prayers over the next few months.

Darfield:

- **Daylight Saving ends** on Sunday 3 April. So we will revert to 9.00am Sunday Mass on 3 April.
- **Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation** will be **this Thursday, 24 March, 7.00pm**, in the church. Frs Brian & Chris will be at Darfield.

Lent is always an opportune time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance – it is a living-out of the mantra of Ash Wednesday: *Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel.*

Study of the Book of Genesis – bring a Bible. The next session will be on Abraham.

- **Darfield: Sundays** (not this Sunday): 27 March & 3 April, 7.00pm, in the Darfield Church Centre.
- **Lincoln: Mondays:** 21, 28 March, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

RIP

Anniversary: Gerarld Johnson, 16/3.

First Holy Communion Programme

Lincoln: First Reconciliation was celebrated last Wednesday – this was a major step in the children's appreciation of the Church's Sacramental Life.

Leeston: two candidates will celebrate their First Confession at Leeston after mass this Sunday. Family members may also take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance.

Darfield: the 6 candidates will celebrate their First Confession after mass on Sunday 1 May.



The **Third Parents' Meeting** will be **this Sunday, 20 March, 7.00pm**, in the **Lincoln Church Centre**. The subject of discussion will be 'The Church'.

Leeston: Jaxson Borisi will celebrate his First Holy Communion on Sunday 3 April. We will reschedule the Leeston Lenten Reconciliation to Sundays 27 March & 10 April, after mass.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Stations of the Cross:

Lincoln: on Fridays of Lent, 7.00pm, in the church.

Leeston: 9.30am, before mass on Sundays.

Darfield: on Fridays of Lent, 5.00pm, in the church.

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. They may be returned weekly or in one offering.

Lenten Reflection Programme: on Wednesdays, 7.00pm. The programme involves reflection, sharing, & discussion based on the Lenten Sunday Gospels, Contact Fr Chris.

Lenten Anointing Masses:

Leeston: Wednesday 30 March, 2.00pm (followed by a cuppa at the local café).

Darfield: Thursday 31 March, 10.00am (followed by a cuppa at the local café).

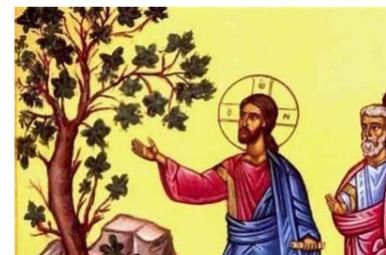
Lincoln: Friday 1 April, 2.00pm (followed by afternoon tea in the Church Centre).

Lenten Reconciliation:

Darfield: this Thursday, 24 March, 7.00pm

Leeston: Sundays, 27 March & 10 April, 11.00am, after mass. NOTE new dates.

Lincoln: Thursday 7 April, 7.00pm (Fr Peter Head SM, from Addington, will be the visiting priest).



Easter Liturgy Volunteers - The lists for Easter for our various Ministries, are now on the noticeboard for you to volunteer. Many thanks.

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.

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas appeal, which has helped in providing food and grocery items for Selwyn families in need for the last couple of months. Your St Vincent's conference is active and committed to helping the more unfortunate in our communities and we continue to need your help. Currently there is a shortage of good clean bedding in Christchurch, so if you have surplus bedding, we can take it and put it to good use. Contacts are below.

Providing help often takes money to pay for food or services. Please consider helping us financially. There is now a donations box in the foyer and we do have internet banking as well. Don't forget the food box in the foyer goes to Vinnies for the first week of the month. We need your prayers as well if our mission is to succeed. We would love you to join us as a member or associate of Vinnies and help us expand the help we can provide. Over the last month or so we have helped provide food more than 20 times, as well as help with school supplies and other matters. The need is increasing. With your help we are making a difference out there. Here is a note we received after the Christmas hamper delivery:

***A big thank you to all the volunteers who organised my hamper, I was humbled and yet felt very blessed to receive such a wonderful gift. It was truly amazing and much appreciated as it's been a very difficult year. It's times like this that you don't feel so alone, keep up the good work and if I can help out, please let me know. It was lovely to catch up with Bridget who delivered my goodies.
God bless and thanks once again.***

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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/e7fba446-52c8-4585-aa31-2a70f63285eb>



Synod Consultation: The NZ Bishops are inviting people – Catholic & non-Catholic – to take part in a survey for the ongoing international synod on the future direction of the Church. The survey is being advertised on Stuff and in social media such as Facebook, so you might see it pop up. Please share it with friends. Details including a link to the survey:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-feedback/>

From Archbishop Paul:

I continue to be saddened by the events in Ukraine and the deplorable situation that has evolved over the past three weeks.

On Wednesday, a number of church leaders from across Christchurch city met by zoom and one of the outcomes was a decision to hold **one day of prayer for peace in Ukraine.**

This is to be held on Friday 25th March from 7am to 7pm.

In addition to this you may be aware that Pope Francis, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation (25 March), will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at St Peter's.

As parishes and faith communities I am asking you to consider how you might take this opportunity to pray for peace on this day.

(In Lincoln: there will be mass at 9.00am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until midday).

Given the Red-Light restrictions, we are unable to organise a gathering of Christians in one venue to pray. Accordingly, we are calling individuals, families, and churches across the whole of our city and region to intentionally pray on this day.

People are invited to pray:

- For peace and stability to be restored quickly
- Safe passage for civilians
- Safe aid routes
- The Church in Ukraine and surrounding countries
- Medical aid within Ukraine
- Refugee care and relief in border countries
- For God's protection over children and families as they are uprooted from their hometowns.
- For Aid organisations to be able to quickly reach the most vulnerable families with the resources they need most.

There was a good group of parishioners who celebrated the Patronal Feast of the Lincoln Church on St Patrick's Day evening. Appropriate music, and ample fruit of the grain & fruit of the vine was provided. Leeston parishioners gathered at the *Crate & Barrel* for a leisurely breakfast.



Lincoln: Doug Corbett & Lin Windle



Fr Chris with an Aussie drink



A great wee 'top of the morning' St Patricks Day Celebration at the Crate and Barrel Leeston.