

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter 8th May 2022.

Readings

**Acts 13:43-52
Revelation 7:14-17
John 10:27-30**



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

Darfield: Sunday – 9.00am
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

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

From Fr Brian:

1. This Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Easter, is traditionally observed as '**Vocation Sunday**'. This theme dovetails with the Gospel passage of Jesus being the 'Good Shepherd'. We are asked to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.

The Seminary Collection is a contribution towards the running of the Seminary in Auckland.

2. Fr Chris & Fr Brian will be at a Priests' Gathering the week after next: 16-20 May.

There will be **NO masses at Leeston or Darfield that week.**

In **Lincoln** there will be a Communion Service on: **Wednesday 18th & Friday 20th May, 9.00am.** No Services on Tuesday & Thursday.

3. **No Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 20 May.

4. **Rapid Covid-19 (Antigen) Self-Test Packs: FREE:** there are copious number of 5-packs to take - at the entrances of the 3 Churches of the Parish.

Help yourselves. The packs are worth ~\$30 a pack.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Sally Lee (ex-Darfield), Wanda Lentjes (ex-Leeston); Linda Perry (UK); Jan McMurtrie (Rolleston); Michael Moore (West Melton).

Anniversary: Gerald McDrury 5/5.

Mass for: Barbara Forgeson.

Prayers for the sick: Fr Benito Velasco

First Reconciliation in Darfield: after mass on next Sunday, 15 May.

The next **Baptismal Preparation Programme**, for parents wishing to have a child baptised, will be on Sundays 12 & 19 June, 7.00pm – 8.15pm.

A date for baptism is worked out after the Preparation Programme.

Mass at the Carmelite Monastery

One of the Sisters at the Carmelite Monastery has tested positive for Covid 19. This means there will be no Masses at the Carmelite Monastery until further notice. Please keep the Sisters in your prayers.

'Good Shepherd Sunday'

~ Fr Tien Cao - Assistant Priest at Waimakariri Parish

Jesus Christ wants to be our Good Shepherd in every generation. He desires that we belong to him as he has already given himself to us, especially in the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Christ has laid down his life for our salvation, and thus, in gazing upon him constantly, we are liberated from our selfishness and self-centeredness.

The call to imitate the life of Christ our Good Shepherd is a holy and noble vocation in the Church.

Christ has never promised an easy way of life for those who followed him in the past, nor anyone who is following him in this present age, nor will it be easier for those who will be following him in the future. However, the promise of Christ to reward us with a hundredfold more in this life and the inheritance of eternal life hereafter is true.



On this Vocations Sunday, Good Shepherd Sunday, may I take this opportunity to ask each of you to identify and invite young men in your community to discern the vocation to the priesthood. You know who they are in your communities. These young men, whom the Lord has already called, may be your sons and grandsons, or someone that you may have thought of as a candidate for priesthood.

Please approach and talk to them about priesthood.

God is faithful to his promise, and we, who are the bearers of this beacon of hope, trust that he will give us shepherds after his own heart who will feed us with knowledge and understanding (Jer 3:15).

Fr. Tien Cao

Diocesan Vocations Director

Email: vocations.chch@gmail.com

Loving for Life is a Catholic charity that provides resources and education on relationships and sexuality for school-age children and parents. Their programmes come recommended by the diocese and are a great resource for families. Topics include Friendships, Puberty, and Media/Technology. Selwyn parish has the opportunity to host their 'Toward Loving A' programme for children aged 11-13 and their parents/ caregivers on the following dates:

When:

Sunday 22nd May, 1:30-4pm, Mothers and Daughters – facilitated by Briegé

Sunday 29th May, 1:30-4pm, Fathers and Sons – facilitated by David Jackman and Joel McBrien

Venue: St Patricks Parish Centre Lincoln

Cost: \$20 and please bring something to share for afternoon tea.

For more information or to ask questions, please take a brochure, visit www.lovingforlife.org.nz or contact lovingforlife@gmail.com

Please register to lovingforlife@gmail.com by the 18th of May.

From CWL:

Catholic Women's League Diocesan Conference Opening Mass: Saturday 14 May 10.00am, St Peter's Church, Beckenham.

'Lincoln Catholic Women's League Annual Ladies High Tea – not too late to register'.

CWL Raffle is on sale at Lincoln masses this weekend.

Invitation to
all women of the Selwyn Parish
Come to our Annual Ladies High Tea !

Monday 9th May
at 2:00pm
at the Parish Centre,
Lincoln Catholic Church
Gerald Street, Lincoln

RSVP:
Email: mbmerea@gmail.com
Phone / Text: Margaret 021 173 1316

Come along ready to natter, nibble and sip the afternoon away while enjoying lovely company. All are welcome!



St Vincent de Paul Selwyn report.

Your St Vincent de Paul conference is continuing to help needy families and individuals in our region despite the constraints caused by Covid. I want to thank all of you who support us in material ways through financial contributions and donations of food etc., and those who pray for the success of our mission.

While restricted by Covid requirements, we are meeting monthly via teleconferencing. We also cannot have close personal meeting with our clients. Despite this, we are continuing to meet the requests from the less fortunate in our community and in the last month have helped clients in Rolleston with \$200 in food vouchers for two families and food parcels made up from your generous donations. In Lincoln 9 food deliveries have been made and other assistance given.

There has been a request for bedding from the Stanmore Road location and I am pleased to report that we were able to help with this, having spent \$400 on bedding (duvet inners and other items) as well as sending good clean used sheets and pillowslips. We hope to continue to support our wider local community, through Stanmore Road, where we can. Our ability to help is still hampered by a lack of space to store items of food and other donated materials and we continue to seek a solution to this. We have now set up a "Give a Little" page and this can be accessed through our website.

As you will surely know, there is a need for aid to be sent to the displaced populations of Ukrainian cities, but it was felt that there were organisations on the ground in those locations and surrounding countries, like Red Cross and Caritas, that are better placed to provide help. We are therefore not sending any aid directly, but leaving it up to individuals to make their own decisions on this.

Please continue to support us in any way you can. We are making a difference. As always, if you wish to be an associate or assist more actively, please get in touch with us via any of the contacts below. God bless you all, and keep yourselves safe.

Secretary: secretary@svdpselwyn.org.nz Phone: 0210 855 1988

Website: www.svdpselwyn.org.nz

Give a Little website: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/st-vincent-de-paul-selwyn-conference>

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Parish Diary & Events.

Darfield. "A Live, plus D.V.D. Presentation" A warm welcome to a "Life in the Spirit Course- (A personal release and empowering of the Holy Spirit, made available to us by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ) Starting- Sunday 15th May, directly following Mass in St Joseph's Church centre. 10am – 11.30am each Sunday for 7 weeks. Interested? – More Info? – What to Do? Pick up a flyer at the church

- ❖ Or, check out www.thegiftofthespirit.org
- ❖ Or, Phone Marge Newburry (03) 3386793
- ❖ Or, None of the above – Just come and see!

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.

Diocesan Items

Latest edition of **NZCatholic** us available on line; this will be the last edition that is offered free in newsletters.



<https://indd.adobe.com/view/a7fa5f65-1699-44e7-9334-9dd35f940bc1>

Villa Maria College – Open Day: Wednesday 25 May 9.00am – 2.30pm.

Principal Deborah Brosnahan and student leaders will address visitors in the auditorium at 9.00am and 1.00pm for Year 9 intake; and 11.00am for Year 7 intake. www.villa.school.nz

The Spirituality of Eldering: discover the richness of life when we age with grace.

A reflection day led by Sr Lyndall Brown, Tuesday 10 May, 10.30am - 2.30pm at Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. Bring own lunch. Cuppa prior to 10.30am. Koha/donation. Registration: roho@xtra.co.nz or phone 379 1298.

A **CDF (Catholic Development Fund) Funeral Savings Account** allows you to invest in the good works of the Diocese now, and secures peace of mind for you and your family. Contact: 0800 403 863; www.cdf.org.nz

A project led by Caritas and the Christchurch Tongan community is being organised to send a container to Tonga to provide needed materials to the Ha'apai Parish and schools – post-tsunami aid. Collections are being received until Wednesday 11th May.

Looking for donations of:

- Breakfast food, rice, flour, oil and any non-perishable food items;
- Large pots, plates, cups, bowls;
- School supplies: school bags, exercise books, pencils, rulers, any stationery;
- Shoes (sport or walking).



Items can be dropped at Mercy House, 31 Peer Street.

Volunteers for packing the container are also required on 10, 11 and 12 May. For more information contact Sr Monika Mo'ale RSM, 021 113 2448.

Prayer for Vocations

~ Pope Francis

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving —
for vocations blossom in the
good soil of faithful people.
INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries,
and families
with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace
the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,
so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy and truth,
of justice and peace.
Amen



Catholic Youth Team AMAZING RACE 2022

Inviting youth from age 12 -18 to grab your friends and enter a team (4-6 people) into the CYT Amazing Race we are holding on Sunday 15th May. This is the link to register: <https://forms.gle/7Dkwr7BoZ1N7mFdTA>.

Starts at **11am**. Teams meet at Victoria Square and are briefed on the race which is on foot around Christchurch Central it has 12 stations with activities to complete at each. Distance approx. 5kms in total. **1:30pm** Race finishes & a Pizza lunch is provided and results are announced. **2:00pm** everyone departs. Cost is \$25 per team. If you would like any further information please email our Events Coordinator, Grace at gchallies@cdoc.nz

Mothers' Day Prayer

Today is a day to remember and offer a prayer for our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers.



We pray,
Loving God, we thank you for the love of mothers you have given us
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.

We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or
patience.

We ask you to bless them with your special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother. Amen.



Happy Duck Shooting

