

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter 15th May 2022.

Readings

Acts 14:20-26
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

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

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Wednesday & Friday 9.00am
Leeston: No Mass this week
Darfield: No Mass this week

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday after Mass until Midday
None on 20th May

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00am at Lincoln

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

From Fr Brian:

1. Fr Chris & Fr Brian will be at a Priests' Gathering this week: 16-20 May.

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

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

2. **No Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday 20 May.

3. There are still some boxes of **RAT boxes** at the back of the churches. Help yourselves.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Sally Lee (ex-Darfield), Wanda Lentjes (ex-Leeston);

Anniversary: Patricia Healy 13/5.

Prayers for the sick: Fr Benito Velasco

First Reconciliation in Darfield: after mass this 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.
At date for baptism is worked out after the Preparation Programme.



Since August, the **Journey to Faith Team** have been meeting, each Tuesday evening, with 6 adults as they discern their Journey to the Catholic Faith.

It is hope that they will be received into the Catholic Church at the Vigil Mass on 18 June.

Loving for Life

This was to take place later this month.

Due to unforeseen circumstances this has now been postponed till later in the year.

Volunteers for Lincoln – More volunteers are needed for various Ministries at both our Masses. If you can help with any of the following, please write your name and contact details on the lists on the noticeboard.

- **Projector operators**– if you can use a computer, you can do this. Training will be given.
- **Greeters/Offertory procession – Vigil Mass only**
- **Altar Servers** – especially for the **Vigil Mass**
- **Cleaners** for both Church and Parish Centre. **Coordinator required**
- **Gardeners** to keep grounds tidy on a roster basis. **Coordinator required** for this also. Equipment is kept in garden shed.

Lincoln Catholic Women's League:

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is alive and well in our Parish. Currently our CWL has 18 members. Our CWL belongs to the Catholic Women's League of Aotearoa New Zealand is a national organisation of Catholic women. The League speaks out on educational and social concerns and has a particular interest in issues relating to women and the education of young people. Belonging to the League gives women an opportunity to share friendship and prayer and to live out our Motto of 'Faith and Service'.

We thank parishioners for their support of our Sales Tables and Raffles. Your support has meant that this past year, we have been able to donate \$1000 to our Mission Community in Ruavatu in the Solomon Islands, \$500 to support those in Tonga, and \$500 in support of those in Ukraine. And this week, the proceeds of our Mother's Day Raffle and Sales Table \$1200 will be sent off to KidsCan in support of children in low decile schools in Christchurch.

We meet at 1:00pm on the second Monday of each month; in order to meet the various needs of members, each meeting has a different focus. Some meetings increase our spirituality & prayer-life, some meetings have interesting speakers, and some meetings such as our High Tea, Movie afternoon and Winter Soup and Savoury lunch are for fellowship and always fun.

If you would like to join our CWL - for further information contact Colleen, Branch Chair (027 442 4116) or Margaret, Branch Secretary (021 173 1316) or watch for details of our meetings in the Parish Newsletter and just come along.

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank all parishioners who supported our Raffle and Sales Table over the last two weekends. It was very much appreciated and we are now happy to report we will be sending \$1200 to KidsCan so many, many thanks to everyone.

The winners of the raffle were

- 1st prize. Trish Baugh
- 2nd.prize Glenside Petroz
- 3rd prize. Kylie Gratton

You may be aware there was to be a special Cathedral edition of the Inform magazine to be posted out in May. As the launch of the cathedral campaign has been postponed, the Cathedral edition will be sent out at a later date. If you need to update your postal details, please contact the parish secretary selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com.

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!

19th May – Day of Solemnity for St Patrick’s – The third anniversary of our church being dedicated is next Thursday. We will remember the occasion at our weekend Masses 21/22 May. The first anniversary 2020, we were unable to celebrate because of lockdown. Last year we had a 7pm Mass that approx. 50 parishioners attended with a supper to follow. We welcomed back Fr Job and Rev Christine from St Stephen’s was present. To briefly reminisce on the ceremony of dedication on 19 May 2019 – at 1.45pm we assembled at St Stephen’s where we had been celebrating Mass for 10 years. We began with the sound of a trumpet and started our procession along Gerald St, led by a group of Indian drummers and followed by Bishop Paul and Bishop Basil, Fr Job, Fr Pat Crawford, a number of priests and then the congregation including of number of Anglicans who joined us for the procession. At the door of the church Bishop Paul handed Fr Job the key and we entered the church to the sound of bagpipes and singing Amazing Grace. Memories of the ceremony were – Bishop Paul pouring the chrism oil onto the Altar and spreading it with his hands to every corner. He also blessed the 4 crosses around the church with the oil. Monty Bamford – our seminarian bringing out the brazier with the incense rising up from the altar. Special moments for us, as in a life time how many experience the opening of a new church. This was not only the dedication of a church, but showed the dedication of priests and laity giving time and effort into building up the parish community over nearly 150 years. We are a community of people who come to worship and pray in God’s house and may we continue to grow in God’s love with one another. Tricia Smith



Pentecost 4/5 June 2022 - Once again this year we would like parishioners from different countries around the world to take part in the reading of the Prayers of the Faithful, in their native language and in English at all weekend Masses. The prayers have been prepared by Fr Brian. Also, it would be great if parishioners were able to dress up in their national costumes to show the diversity of culture in the Selwyn Parish. We have parishioners from Australia, Brazil, Columbia, England, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Samoa, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Tonga, and Vietnam. There may be other countries I have missed, so please let me know. Also please let me know if you would like to participate in Reading the Prayers of the Faithful ASAP. Tricia Smith Email: tric1948@gmail.com

The Selwyn parish are having a mid-winter luncheon on Sunday 19th June at 12 noon at HQ in Rosemerryn Lincoln and we would like to invite parishioners to join us. The cost of the meal is \$30 per head. There are three meats to choose from and also two desserts to choose from. There is a children’s menu for \$14. You need to buy your own drinks.

Nearer the date we will be taking names of those wanting to attend. If you would like to put name down now you can contact Ray on 021 1841704 or Joanne on 027 3317428. SAT team

Craft & Friendship Group: 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

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

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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

Right to Life AGM: Friday 27 May, 7.30pm, at *Christ the King Centre*, Burnside. The Guest Speaker will be Melanie Aitken, President of Pro-Life Group at the University of Canterbury.

Photos from the CWL High Tea last Monday

