

# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Feast of the Ascension 29th May 2022.

### Readings

**Acts 1:1-11**  
**Ephesians 1:17-23**  
**Luke 24:46-53**



## WEEKEND MASSES

**Lincoln:** Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm  
Sunday - 8.30am

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

### **Weekday Masses:**

**Lincoln:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
9.00am

**NO Mass on Thursday**

**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.

Feast of Pentecost is next Sunday, 5 June (Queen's Birthday Weekend).

### **From Fr Brian:**

**Lincoln:** weekday masses this week: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; **NO Lincoln Mass on Thursday (2 June).**

**Leeston:** Wednesday, 5.30pm

**Darfield:** Thursday, 10.00am.

### RIP

**Recently Deceased:** Denise Amyes (Leeston), Sally Lee (ex-Darfield), Wanda Lentjes (ex-Leeston).

**Anniversary:** Austin Winter 27/5; Natale Carmana 26/5.

**Mass for:** Raymond & Alice Hayes; Natale & Fernanada Carmana

**Prayers for the sick:** Fr Benito Velasco

**Newsletter:** some parishioners with an 'xtra' email address have had difficulty receiving their Parish Newsletters.

Solution: Go to the 'junk/spam' box or the 'xtra email box' ....it is most likely there. The newsletters were sent.

For some reason 'xtra' is not obeying the rules for emails. You will need to sign in via the Xtramail web page

The newsletters are available on the Parish website [Selwyn Catholic Parish](https://selwyncatholic.nz/)

Or on our Facebook page. (See above under parish contacts)

**NZ Bishops' Conference** was held in Christchurch last week.

If you'd like to get the flavour of the kind of matters, they discuss, go to this link:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-may2022meeting/>



The next **Baptismal Preparation Programme**, for parents wishing to have a child baptised, will be on Sundays 12 & 19 June, 7.00pm – 8.15pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre. At date for baptism is worked out after the Preparation Programme.



**First Communion Parents' Meeting:**

- **Darfield:** this Sunday, 29 May after Mass in the Parish Centre.
- **Lincoln:** this Sunday, 29 May, 7.00pm, in St Patrick's Centre.

**First Communion Mass** will be celebrated in:

- **Lincoln** on Saturday 11 June, 4.00pm (Feast of the Trinity). This day/time was chosen when we were still at Covid Red Protocols. Parishioners are welcome.

There will be afternoon tea in St Patrick's Church Centre after the mass.

There will still be the normal Saturday Vigil mass.

- **Darfield:** Sunday 19 June, 9.00am (Feast of the Body & Blood of Jesus). There will be morning tea after the mass.

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The Selwyn parish are having a mid-winter luncheon on Sunday 19 June at midday 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 366 9795 or Joanne on 027 3317428. SAT team

**Envelopes for special collections.** For those on Automatic payments. I have completed a set of envelopes for the special collections held throughout the year for those who requested them last year. They are at the back of the church for collection. If you wish to have a set with your planned giving number, please contact the office. You can also do an extra payment to the parish account but please mark it clearly with the reference for its purpose. E.g., Peter Pence.

**Sunday Cuppas** – Every Sunday morning after 8.3am Mass we have a cuppa and a chat, in the church centre. This gives us the opportunity to get to know one another socially and meet new parishioners. We are desperate for helpers to host the cuppa and look after the kitchen. All you need to bring is milk. You can bake if you wish, but there are always biscuits in the cupboard. If you are able to help, please write your name and contact on the list on the bench in the kitchen.

**Friendship Group** – our next gathering is Friday 3 June in the Church Centre following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome.

**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.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** 9.30am to 11.00am private adoration. 11.00am to 12pm Scripture Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Angelus, interspersed by hymns to the Blessed Sacrament, and ending with the blessing.

## Parish Diary & Events.

**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](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

**The Lincoln Catholic Women's League** are having a movie afternoon on Monday 13th June and we just wanted to invite any from the parishioners who would like to come along. The movie is New Zealand made and called Poppy and is a beautiful story so come along and watch it with us. We will have a short meeting at 1pm and we will be ready to watch the movie by 1.30pm

**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.

## **Bishop Michael Gielen**



The 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Christchurch and the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Christchurch



### **A few brief notes on Bishop Michael**

Bishop Michael Gielen was born in Cambridge and raised in Tokoroa, the son of Henk and Maureen Gielen and the oldest of six siblings.

After studying at Holy Cross College, Mosgiel, he was ordained as a priest in 1997, for the Hamilton Diocese, in Tokoroa by Bishop Max Mariu SM.

He has been a priest for 24 years serving in Gisborne, Hamilton, Mt Maunganui & Rome; he was the Director of Formation at Holy Cross Seminary, in Auckland.

He was ordained Auxiliary Bishop for Auckland Diocese on 7 March 2020. The deacon at the ordination Mass was his father, Deacon Henk Gielen. His father is a permanent deacon in the Hamilton Diocese.

Bishop Michael is a keen cyclist. In 2015 he and eight seminarians of Holy Cross Seminary cycled for 33 days from Cape Reinga to Bluff to promote vocations for the priesthood. His other passions included rugby and cricket, which he played.

He always has a book "on the go", covering most genres, latterly he has enjoyed NZ historical novels.

Bishop Michael's Latin motto is Totus Tuus: "All for Jesus through Mary."