

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th July 2022.**

Readings

**Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42**



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

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

Weekday Masses:
Lincoln: Thursday - Friday, 9.00am
Leeston: No Mass during July
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:

I tested positive for Covid on Wednesday evening.
To make sure, I re-tested myself on Thursday morning ... still positive!
So far, Fr Chris has not got covid, but he has to isolate with me.
We should be able to come out of isolation on Thursday.
I seem to have a mild dose of covid - seems just like a cold.

There will be changes to this weekend's Mass Schedule.

Lincoln: Fr Dan Doyle will come out to Lincoln for the 5.30pm Vigil mass, and then again on Sunday for the 8.30am mass.

Darfield: will have a Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 9.00am.

Leeston: will also have a Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 10.00am. (Fr Dan is not going to Leeston).

Lincoln: there will be **NO Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday** this week.

Selwyn Mass schedule should be back to normal on Thursday.

We have some good disinfectant to clean down door handles and other areas of the church.

I hear on the 'Diocesan Gossip-line' that 2 priests in the City North Parish and Fr Jeff Gray in Akaroa, also have covid - so there are changes there this week as well.

- As is the custom - during July - there is **NO Wednesday Mass in Leeston.**
- There will be **NO Lincoln Reconciliation this Saturday, 16 July.**
- There will be **NO Lincoln Tuesday & Wednesday Mass.**

RIP:

Recently Deceased: Vilma Connell (Hornby), Lily Roach (ex-Darfield)

Prayers for the sick: Fr Benito Velasco

From Fr Brian

On Sunday, 14 August, 2.00pm, in the St Patrick's Church Centre, the Selwyn Finance Committee are presenting the **Financial Statement** to the Parish.

This will be the first complete Financial Year Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Selwyn Parish.

Members of the Finance Committee will be present.

Over the following Sundays - I will make the Statement available to parishioners in Leeston & Darfield. This will not be a complete presentation, but simply making available the Statement for parishioners to read.

In response to the Government's legislation of a couple of years ago - the Diocese is asking parishioners - who are volunteers within the Parish to sign a **Code of Conduct and Volunteer Agreement**.

By signing these 2 documents, it implies that the volunteer has read the **Code of Conduct**.

Parishioners who have not signed the Code of Conduct or Volunteer Agreement are asked to do so - there are spare copies in the Parish Office or Sacristies in the 3 churches.

Under the 'Church National Policy Safeguarding-Policy' it is a requirement under this policy that all staff and volunteers of any ministry or role sign the Church **Code of Conduct**. This standard acknowledges that everyone knows the parish culture:

for example - all people are treated with justice and respect; and that people's personal boundaries are respected. These values are listed on the Code of Conduct.

The Royal Commission will most likely have further recommendations for Safeguarding.

Deacon Monty Bamford will be ordained to the priesthood this **Saturday, 16 July, 11.00am**, at St Mary's Pro-cathedral. Parishioners are invited. There will be refreshments after mass.



Monty lived in Lincoln for several years before entering the Seminary.

He will offer the **Lincoln 8.30am Mass on Sunday 31 July**.

There will be morning tea after the mass for parishioners to 'meet & greet' Monty.

We are having a Collection to congratulate Monty.

An envelope, (there are some envelopes in the narflex). They may be placed in the collection basket or paid into the parish account ... with your details and 'Fr Monty' in the reference box - the **Parish Account: 03-1592-0207180-020**.

The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed: <https://vimeo.com/729020112>

Sadly, Frs Chris & Brian won't be able to attend the ordination - watching the livestream on Saturday morning will have to be the second option.

A Memorial Mass will be held for Fr Frank Kelly next Saturday, 23 July, at 11:00am at 'Christ the King Church', Burnside. Fr Frank died on 25 September last year.

He is buried at Memorial Park Cemetery.

All are very welcome.



The Legion of Mary is a Catholic organization of lay men and women recognized around the world with currently 10 million members in 170 countries. Legionaries perform spiritual and apostolic duties alongside respective parishes.

To promote and to encourage involvement among parishioners of St. Patrick's Church Members of the Legion of Mary are visiting on July 23, (5:30pm Mass) and July 24 (8:30am Mass). After each Mass, Legionaries will welcome queries and sign ups to those who are interested to join.

Parish Diary & Events.

Housie Afternoons- Senior Parishioners of Selwyn Parish. Commencing 3rd August and all Wednesday's during August; 1pm – 3pm. Afternoon tea provided. Cost \$10 for 10 Games. Money paid back in prizes.

'A Night at the Races' - the John Paul II Centre for Life Race Night Fundraiser is back and all members of the Parish are invited. Come and join in a night of fun on **Friday 2nd September** in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway. Tickets are \$60 per person which includes entry and a two-course meal with cash bar available. The proceeds from ticket sales are for the venue hire and the meal. The fundraising comes from sponsorship and raffles. I have so far booked two tables for the Selwyn Parish, so please let me know if you would like to purchase tickets - Tricia Smith Email: tric1948@gmail.com or phone 325 2234.



Our **Selwyn conference of St Vincent de Paul** held our meeting on Thursday 2 July. We had a good attendance and discussed several matters including our first fundraising venture, which we hope will be stall at the Rolleston Fireworks. We have had some generous donations, which have enabled us to keep our head above water, financially speaking, as we meet an increasing level of need in our local community. We have provided food, clothing and firewood to clients over the last month and the requests for help are increasing. We are always in need more money from donations and are so grateful for the support given so far. We provided a morning tea at Leeston in June as a thank-you for all the support we have received and are intending to do the same at Darfield on Sunday 23 July. We continue to look for solutions to our storage problems so we can be more effective in meeting need. If anyone can help, or has suggestions, we would love to hear from you

A commissioning Mass was held last week for some of our members, and it was truly uplifting to see the strength of our faith in the coming generations. If anyone is interested in joining us in any capacity, please contact Theresa. You would receive a very warm welcome.

Contact details: 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> God Bless. Ian Tennant

Prayer Blankets are given to the sick and those who are going through a distressing period of their lives. They are Blessed at mass and from then on, the person is kept in our prayers. Contact Yvonne 366 9795 or 027 334 1151 if you would like one for someone or for yourself.

Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust

The Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust is completing the restoration of an 1880s farmer's cottage. The cottage was built by an Irish couple with strong links to the Catholic Church. In furnishing the cottage we would like to reflect this connection. We are currently trying to source religious pictures, (the Sacred Heart, Blessed Virgin Mary etc), as well as a crucifix and some statues. Edward Carroll was also a very active member of the Hibernian Society if there are any memorabilia available for this. If there are any of these languishing in cupboards, we would be grateful to receive them.

If you can help, please contact Mary Cameron 027 5551801

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.

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.

Sacristans – more volunteers are required for the preparation of the altar before and after our weekend Masses especially the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. This is an important and vital role to assist our priests in preparing the altar and church for Mass and the clearing away after Mass. If you are a couple or an individual and feel you can help in this Ministry, please let Tricia Smith know. Email: tric1948@gmail.com

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.

Life Lessons From Mary and Martha

For centuries people in the church have puzzled over the Mary and Martha Story, knowing that someone has to do the work.

The point of this passage, however, is about making Jesus and his word our first priority.

Today we come to know Jesus better through prayer, church attendance, and Bible Study.

If all 12 apostles and some of the women who supported Jesus' ministry were traveling with him, fixing the meal would have been a major job.

Martha, like many hostesses, became anxious over impressing her guests.

Martha has been compared to the Apostle Peter: practical, impulsive, and short-tempered to the point of rebuking the Lord himself.

Mary is more like the Apostle John: reflective, loving, and calm.

Even still, Martha was a remarkable woman and deserves considerable credit.

It was quite rare in Jesus' day for a woman to manage her own affairs as the head of the household, and especially to invite a man into her home. Welcoming Jesus and his entourage into her house implied the fullest form of hospitality and involved substantial generosity.

Martha appears to be the eldest of the family, and head of the sibling household. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, both sisters played a prominent role in the story and their contrasting personalities are evident in this account as well. Although both were upset and disappointed that Jesus did not arrive before Lazarus died, Martha ran out to meet Jesus as soon as she learned he had entered Bethany, but Mary waited at home. John 11:32 tells us that when Mary did finally go to Jesus, she fell at his feet weeping.

Some of us tend to be more like Mary in our Christian walk, while others resemble Martha.

It's likely we have qualities of both within us. We may be inclined at times to let our busy lives of service distract us from spending time with Jesus and listening to his word. It's significant to note, though, that Jesus gently admonished Martha for being "worried and upset," not for serving.

Service is a good thing, but sitting at Jesus' feet is best. We must remember what is most important.

Good works should flow from a Christ-centred life; they do not produce a Christ-centred life.

When we give Jesus the attention he deserves, he empowers us to serve others.

