

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time 7th August 2022.

Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-19
Luke 12:32--48



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 Monty:

I am writing to thank you for the very warm welcome and very kind gift you gave me on my visit to the Selwyn Parish last weekend.

The parish has contributed greatly to my discernment and formation as a seminarian and a priest, and it was a privilege to come out and celebrate the Eucharist with and for the people who have accompanied me so far.

Thank you once again for all the support and I ask that you keep me in your prayers. I assuredly will keep you all in mine too as I begin my ministry here in the Christchurch Diocese.

Many thanks and God bless
Fr. Monty Bamford

Next 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. This is an opportunity to reflect on the financial position of the Selwyn Parish.

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.

I will be on holiday from 17 - 29 August. On Sundays 21 & 28 August a priest from the City North Parish will celebrate mass in Darfield.

Darfield: Monday Funeral Mass - 11.00am for Reg Youngman.

Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm mass resumes this Wednesday (10 August).

RIP

Recently deceased: Reg Youngman (Lincoln); Mary Cobeldick (Nelson)

Prayer for the Sick: Fr Benito

Next weekend - 13/14 August the Catholic Church will celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven**.

(When a Solemnity falls on a Monday - then the Feast is normally transferred to the Sunday)



**From Fr Brian and the Leadership Team:
Do we want a Mass in the Rolleston Area?**

Dear Parishioner,

The Selwyn Parish Leadership Team are exploring the opportunity of re-introducing a Sunday Mass to be held in Rolleston.

As we endeavour to work on opportunities to build our Selwyn Parish community, we want to ensure that we are including and offering worshipping and faith development experiences to all Selwyn parishioners in the areas of Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston.

We would appreciate your feedback if you would like us to consider offering an additional Sunday Mass in the Rolleston area to support you in your Catholic faith.

Please can you click on the following link, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CTKP3J> this will take you to a brief questionnaire which will take approximately 2 minutes to complete and submit.

Your responses will provide guidance and indicate the need or desire for an additional Sunday Mass located in the Rolleston area

If there is enough support the Selwyn Parish Leadership team will begin our search for a suitable location that we can utilise for Mass and faith community activities and workshops.

If you are aware of anyone from the Rolleston area that may like to complete the survey, please feel free to share the link above.

Thank you for taking the time to complete.

Kind Regards
(Fr) Brian Fennessy

* Rolleston parishioners, who are on the email list, received a similar Letter a week ago.

Many have replied on-line.

Before we make any definitive decision - we would like to have some indication of support from Rolleston parishioners.

Selwyn Parish Website/Facebook Report: by Triona Doocey

Website: www.selwyncatholic.nz

Visitors to the website: approx. 332 page views in the last month.

Referral visits come from Facebook, otherwise visitors are direct visits to the site. 90% of our visitors come from NZ and 10% are mostly coming from USA and Australia. Popular pages: In order of popularity Mass times, Parish team, Newsletter, Sacraments, and Resources for your faith journey

FACEBOOK@SELWYNCATHOLICPARISH

Our Facebook viewing has remained steady. We have 57 followers.

As a public page, when someone comments or likes our posts this may appear in their feed and thus to a wider audience. When our posts are shared that also increases potential audience.

Fr Monty's ordination related posts had the highest engagement. Our Theology Thursday posts reach just over 40 each week, with the Synod post series just behind, reaching on average 38 people each week.

GENERAL

As always the facebook posts are viewable on the website for those who do not have facebook accounts. Any ideas or links to and for content that will engage and inspire please do send them through to me: tdoocey@cdoc.nz .

The next **Baptism Preparation Meetings** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on :

- **Sundays: 11 & 18 September 7.00pm – 8.15pm;**
- **at St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln.**





'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 – Margaret Rea Email mbmerea@gmail.com

Loving for Life': mothers/daughters and fathers/sons Afternoons

Loving for Life NZ helps young people explore topics around relationships and sexuality from a Catholic perspective.

Our 'Toward Loving' Programme aims to support parents to have confident conversations around adolescence, while also covering topics such as social media and friendship.

The Selwyn Parish is hosting this programme on:

Sunday 11th September for fathers (or caregiver) and sons,

and Sunday 18th September for mothers (or caregiver) and daughters.

The Programme is for years 7-8 (11-13 year olds) and their parents/caregivers, and will run from 1:30pm - 4:00pm in the St. Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln.

Suggested donation is \$15.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

To register, contact the Parish Office. Please register by Wednesday 7 September. Information pamphlets are available in the foyer. For more information visit: www.lovingforlife.org.nz

Housie Afternoons- Senior Parishioners of Selwyn Parish. 10th to 31st August 1pm – 3pm. Afternoon tea provided. Cost \$10 for 10 Games. Money paid back in prizes.

Lincoln Catholic Women's League next Meeting is our Annual 'Soup and Savoury Mid-Winter Lunch':

- When? Monday 8th August 2022
- Where? Lincoln Parish Centre
- What time? 11:00am Meeting,
12:00noon Soup & Savoury Lunch
1:00pm Quiz
- What to bring? Just Bring yourselves and Bring something savoury to share for lunch – e.g., sandwiches, savouries, quiche, muffins, bread rolls etc. (we have the soup sorted)
- We extend an Invitation to all ladies of the Parish to join us for lunch and the quiz.

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.

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.

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.

Thank you, Afternoon teas, – Over the past couple of months the Leadership Team has hosted three afternoons to show our appreciation to our Selwyn Parish volunteers who give their time and talent in various Ministries – these include Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Altar Server Coordinators, Children’s Liturgy Team, Greeters/Offertory, OCIA Team, Organists, PPRE teacher, Projector Operators, Sacramental Coordinators and Sacristans. In September we will hold another afternoon for Cleaners, Collectors, Counters, Finance and Maintenance. The Leadership Team is working hard along with our priests to build community, making our services the best they can be and ultimately pointing people to Jesus. If you would like to join any of the above Ministries please contact the Parish Office. Tricia Smith – Chair of Selwyn Leadership Team

Break Open The Word. : This book is available annually and contains the readings for each week for the year. We are completing an order for the 2023 print. If any parishoners and especially the Minister of the Word volunteers would like a copy. Can you please let the office know by 24th August. The approximate cost will be \$40.00.

The next **Greater Company of Mary Mass** will be on Saturday 13 August, 10.30am at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North.

Morning Tea will follow. All welcome to attend and to bring friends and family.

For catering purposes: RSVP to the Little Company of Mary office by Monday 8 August, ph 372-9224.

RETREAT DAY – Catholic Women’s Movement: “Advancing on Two Feet”.

Date: Saturday, 3 September

Time: 9.30am – 4.30pm

Facilitator: Joy Cowley

Place: the McFadden’s Centre, 64 McFaddens Road, Papanui

Everyone Is Welcome. It will be a day of spiritual nourishment. Just bring yourselves – delicious food provided.

To book for the retreat you can make an electronic payment of \$55 to our bank account — 031707-0043199-000.

Please include your name and ref RETREAT and email your contact details to Helen at helenterry@slingshot.co.nz by 20 August; or phone Helen: on 382-2302 or 021 133 5132.

A Mass of the Dedication of St Mary of the Angels Church in Wellington as the National Shrine to Mary, Mother of God, Assumed into Heaven will be held at St Mary of the Angels on Sunday 14 August, 2.00pm.

Details will be posted on the website: <https://www.tearaamaria.nz/>

The Mass will be live-streamed.

