



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of God, into Heaven. 14th August 2022.

Readings

Revelation 12:1-10
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56



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

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.

Pope John Paul II on the Assumption:

The Blessed Virgin Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven makes clear to us that there is room for our humanity in heaven. Mary's Assumption assures us that what Jesus accomplished in rising from the dead and ascending into heaven was not limited to his own Person. Even though we are not divine, we too are meant to be in heaven with the Incarnate Son, in his home with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Thus, the Blessed Mother's birth into heaven generates in us "an ever-new capacity to await God's future"

From Fr Brian:

Do we want a Mass in the Rolleston Area?

To date, about 70 parishioners have responded to the questionnaire about re-introducing Masses in Rolleston. The comments to the second part of the questionnaire have been enlightening. If you haven't responded to the questionnaire - please take a moment to respond.

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: please 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.

I will be on holiday from 17 - 29 August. On Sunday 21 (Fr Alister) & Sunday 28 (Fr Rick) from the Christchurch City North Parish will celebrate mass in Darfield.

There will be **NO Lincoln Thursday** Mass on 18 & 25 August.

This 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. Member 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.

RIP
Recently deceased: Reg Youngman (Lincoln); Mary Cobeldick (Nelson)
Anniversaries: Camille Malincon & Carlito Malincon; Maria Kyamkot

Prayer for the Sick: Fr Benito

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.

Contact the Parish Office.



'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

The Legion of Mary is privileged to hold its annual curia retreat here at St. Patricks Catholic Church, Lincoln, an annual retreat attended by all praesidium's of the Legion of Mary of Christchurch. This will be held on August 20, Saturday from 10am to 3pm at the parish centre. We are inviting all parishioners who are interested to join for an hour or for the entire duration of the retreat and those who would like to witness what Legion of Mary is all about. For further queries, you may get in touch with Angeline Wong, president of the Legion of Mary Curia at: 0211918001



'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

Darfield: Morning Tea after mass this Sunday.



Housie Afternoons- Senior Parishioners of Selwyn Parish. 17th to 31st August 1pm – 3pm. Afternoon tea provided. Cost \$10 for 10 Games. Money paid back in prizes.

Leeston Community Parish: Morning Tea after Mass Sunday 21st August in Parish House, to view post renovation and prior to renting.



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.

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 parishioners 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.

St Vincent de Paul report for 14-08-22

We had our monthly meeting last week. We are busy helping people with a range of needs from food and firewood to furniture and household items. There is a steady increase in the requests for help, which is a reflection of our existence being increasingly known in our community and the rising level of serious need for help. We are committed to helping the less fortunate and are grateful for the ongoing support our parish provides us. We absolutely cannot do it without your help. Thank you all so much.

At our last meeting we have agreed to apply to become a recognised Community Organisation Refugee Sponsor. This is a major undertaking for us and we hope to help at least one refugee family resettle in New Zealand. If anyone has contacts in the areas of employment and housing, then we would be very grateful to hear from you. These are the two areas we need most help with.

There is a crisis in Sri Lanka, which I am sure you are all aware of, given the distressing news coming from there. Our national organisation has put out an appeal for help. If you wish to donate you can do it directly to the account number below, or to our account with SRI in the reference line, along with your details so a donations receipt can be issued to you.

Sri Lankan Appeal: Bank Account Number: 020528-0208598-027 Ref: Sri Lanka Appeal

The crisis in Sri Lanka has had a local effect at Lincoln University too. A Sri Lankan student has had no scholarship money from home since the unrest began. She desperately needs help with after school care for her child. Please contact Jayne Smith, welfare officer at the university if you think you can help in any way. Jayne Smith 0274 143 591.

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>

As always please keep our efforts in your prayers.

God bless. Ian Tennant



Contemplative Prayer Day facilitated by Sr Lyndall Brown rsj: The Gospel of Creation, Saturday 27 August, 10.30am – 2.30pm at Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. Bring own lunch. Register with Rosary House 379-1298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

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.



PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATION:

‘Father, in your plan for our salvation, You provide shepherds for your people.

Fill your Church with the Spirit of courage and love.

Raise up worthy ministers for your altars, and ardent but gentle servants of God Gospel.

We ask this in the name of Jesus – the Eternal High Priest. Amen!’

Anyone who wants to talk about Vocations to the Priesthood, please contact Fr Tien Cao, the Vocations Director for the Diocese of Christchurch. Email: vocations.chch@gmail.com or explore the seminary website: www.holycross.org.nz