



# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Mission Sunday 23rd October 2022.

### Readings

**Ecclesiasticus 35:15-22**  
**2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18**  
**Luke 18:9-14**



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

**Darfield:** Sunday – 8.30am  
**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.

This Sunday is Mission **Sunday** – a day to remember, pray and support Catholic Missions throughout the world. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the Day of Prayer for Missions.

There is also a Special Collection on Mission Sunday to assist the work of the Missions. There are Donation Envelopes in the church porch; or donate directly to the Pontifical Missionary Society: <https://missio.nz/donate/>

### Pope Francis, 6 January 2022:

"I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities. I repeat Moses' great desire for the people of God on their journey: "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets." (Numbers 11:29).

Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth. Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us."



This Wednesday, 26 October, 1.30pm - a **DVD** on the life of **St Thomas Aquinas** will be shown in the presbytery.

He died in 1274, aged 69.

He was one of the great philosophers and theologians of the medieval times.

His writings are still read and studied today.

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**Advent Reflection Day:** Saturday 3 December, 10.00am – 3.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

Fr John O'Connor will lead the Advent Reflection Day. All invited. BYO Lunch.

**RIP:** recently deceased: Mons Bill Middleton (Nazareth House), Fr Bryan Parish (New Brighton).

**Anniversary:** Gerald McMahon 25/10, Joan Roach 26/10

**Feasts of All Saints and All Souls:**

**Lincoln:** Tuesday 1 November & Wednesday 2 November: 9.00am.

**Leeston:** Tuesday 1 November & Wednesday 2 November: 5.30pm.

**Darfield:** Tuesday 1 November and Thursday 3 November (transferred from the Wednesday) :10.00am.

**Annual Selwyn Parish Bereavement Mass:** Lincoln, Wednesday 2 November, 7.00pm (All Souls' Day).  
There will be supper in the Church Centre after the mass.

**Ablaze Parish Renewal Conference**

Ablaze is for leadership teams, sacramental programme leaders, and **all** interested parishioners.

So far, 7 parishioners have registered. It will be a worthwhile 'Event' to attend.

**Ablaze** is being held: Friday 4 November (evening) & Saturday 5 November at the Aldersgate Centre, Durham Street.

Keynote speakers include Bishop Michael, Fr Chris Ryan (Sydney) and Anna Stuart (Canada).

If parishioners are interested in attending - please contact either Tricia Smith or Fr Brian.

Copies of the latest edition of **Inform** are available at the entrances of the Parish's churches.

**2023 Columban Calendars** are now on sale: \$12.



**All Parishioners:** You are invited to come along to the Selwyn Parish Christmas Pot Luck dinner to be held at the Lincoln Event Centre in Saturday 19th November after 5.30 Mass

We would love to have all tables filled so hopefully you will come and join us.

You can let us know that you are able to attend by email to

[mbmerea@gmail.com](mailto:mbmerea@gmail.com) or put your name down at Mass at the next couple of weekends

SAT team

**Leeston** the rosary is being said before 10.00 mass in Leeston at 9.30 each Sunday for the 5 Sundays in October (any queries ring Robyn)

**Craft and Friendship Group:** is held Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Lincoln Church centre. For further details contact Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151

**Lincoln Craft.** We need 8 ply or larger wool for **Prayer Blankets** Yvonne on 0273341151

**CYT Sports Night**

It is back - the CYT Sports Night – on Saturday **November 19 from 6pm at the Ara Sports + Recreation Centre**. So, with parish pride on the line, it is time to get some Selwyn Parish Youth Teams together for the night.

The Sports Night is organised by the Catholic Youth Team and is a great opportunity for youth from around the parishes to come together and have some fun - albeit slightly competitive fun!! Prizes and bragging rights are up for grabs! So, if you are in years 7-13, get your friends together into a team of 6-8 people. All the information including registration details are on the CYT website: <https://cyt.org.nz/sports-night/> If you don't have enough for a team you can register individually and flick an email to Cyrene ([ctionko@cdoc.nz](mailto:ctionko@cdoc.nz)) and he will sort it all out for you! Look forward to seeing you all there 😊



The good news is **Alpha is coming to the Selwyn Parish next year.**

**Alpha** is a wonderful tool for evangelisation, and other parishes in our Diocese are seeing real fruit from those who have gone along on the team or as guests.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of FREE interactive sessions EXPLORING LIFE, FAITH & MEANING.

Each session involves: Food, a Film and Discussion.

People can share their thoughts and ask those BIG questions they've always wanted to ask.

Alpha runs for 10 weeks with a day away.

It is a wonderful opportunity for anyone to explore our Christian faith in a relaxed setting.

The course covers topics like:

- Who is Jesus?
- Why did Jesus die?
- How can I have faith?
- Why & how should I read the Bible?
- Does God heal today?
- How do I make the most of the rest of my life?

We hope to launch Alpha in the Selwyn Parish in March 2023, and we are calling anyone interested in seeing Alpha in our parish to come along to an **Alpha Enthusiasts Night on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm-9pm at the St Patrick's Parish Centre, Lincoln.**

Carly Mulqueen, from St Peter Chanel Parish in Waimakariri, will be coming along to share how Alpha is impacting their parish after running it back-to-back for the past four years. She will share some tips to get us going.

I invite parishioners to offer your gifts, talents, and experience to make Alpha a success. You might like to help with set up, hospitality, host a small group, be on the welcoming team, pray in the background, assist with admin.

So please save the date and register your interest for **Tuesday 15 November** by emailing the office, [selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com](mailto:selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com). It's going to be a great night. I'm sure you will come away excited about the possibilities before us.

Thanks, and please feel free to come and ask any questions.

**Carmelite Retreat:** "Mystical Love with our Carmelite Saints".

Fr Carl Telford SM will lead the upcoming silent retreat at Rochester Hall on Friday 18 -Sunday 20 November.

Costs: \$240 live-in, or day only \$120.

RSVP: Megan Emery ph. 027 410 6940; email [benedictus@windowslive.com](mailto:benedictus@windowslive.com)

**Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast** – Catholic Hospitality in NZ and Australia. The latest booklet listing bed and breakfast accommodation in Catholic homes is now available at a cost of \$15.00. Information: Marie Anderson: 03.359-5541 or [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

**Vacancy - Tenancy/Property Manager – part time:** The Ozanam Canterbury Charitable Trust was established in 2020 to build and manage the social housing units at Pavitt Street. This facility has been designed with young vulnerable families in mind who find it difficult to obtain secure rental housing. We are looking to employ a person for 10hrs per week to manage the complex and tenancies. For more information, please visit the diocesan website [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz) or contact Mary Brady [mbrady@sudpchch.co.nz](mailto:mbrady@sudpchch.co.nz)

### **Crafty Crew**

The October session is on **Sat 29th**, 1:30-4:00pm in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. Come meet and work alongside crafters from other Christchurch parishes. Bring your handcraft project and a gold coin donation, as well as some cash for raffles. It's a friendly social gathering with good conversation and enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217-2052



Monday is Labour Day. Labour Day is an annual holiday; but I wonder, in 2022 do we really deserve the holiday? Do I believe in what the Day signifies?

The first Labour Day was celebrated in New Zealand on 28 October 1890 - when thousands of Trade Union members and their supporters attended parades in the main centres. Government employees were even given the day off.

The significance of Labour Day was that it celebrated the struggle for an 8-hour working day. A right that was achieved after a hard fought fight.

The Labour Day Act (1899) created a statutory public holiday on 28 October. The holiday was first celebrated in 1900; it was later "Mondayised" in 1910.

In the early days, Labour Day was a real spectacle - with banners, bands, and a parade, followed by sport events and picnics. However by the end of WWI its colourful side began to decline and it became just another holiday.

Labour Day celebrates the 8-hour working day or the 40-hour working week. In 2022, is the Day still meaningful? How many people treasure this practice? How many people work on Labour Day? Most Shopping Malls delight in the extra customers that are lured to their counters on Public Holidays; I'm sure Briscoes and Harvey Norman will have their normal 'Long Weekend' specials.

It seems to me that one of the social problems or 'sicknesses' in modern New Zealand society is workaholism. The victims are the workers, as well as their family. How many 'tear-jerker' movies are built around a child who has a workaholic parent? How many relationships are put under stress due to the effects of a workaholic?

The 3 monotheist religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, all have an official rest day each week – there is some wisdom here; but the modern commercial society says, 'we know best'. The consequence is not always happiness.

Work is part of being human. Work enables us to extend ourselves, to deepen our understanding about the mystery of life, to add beauty to our environment, it assists in perfecting our world; work also provides security and stability to society, especially when people work together. By our work we give our imprint to our world.

However, there is a risk of work 'dehumanising' those who perform it, when they allow work to 'master' them - for work is 'human' only if it remains intelligent and free.

Labour Day is still a day with a message.

New Zealanders need to remember what the Day signifies - and endeavour to live a balanced life, participate in the world, but also live and enjoy life.