



# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Feast of 'Christ the King' 20th November 2022.

### Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3  
Colossians 1:11-20  
Luke 23:35-43



## WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm  
Sunday - 8.30am

Darfield: Sunday - 8.30am

Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am

### Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Wednesday & Friday, 9.00am  
Liturgy & Communion.

Leeston: No Mass

Darfield: No Mass

### 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.

**Next Sunday** is the First Sunday of Advent, Year A

*Taking time to breathe...  
...an Advent reflection day.*



*This day offered by Fr. John O'Connor will focus on the heart of Christian life lived in the midst of the complexities and challenges of 21st century Aotearoa New Zealand considering a couple of key questions:*

- Keeping perspective and avoiding stress.
- Living a greater maturity of faith as a life of abundant relationship with Christ and with other people.

*This retreat day will be especially helpful for those who find themselves asking: 'there must be more to life...'*

**Saturday 3 December 2022 10.30am - 3.00pm**  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Lincoln.

**ALL WELCOME**

**Advent Reflection Day: Saturday 3 December, 10.30am – 3.00pm,**  
in the Lincoln Church Centre.

Fr John O'Connor will lead the Advent Reflection Day.

All invited.  
BYO Lunch.



## From Fr Brian:

➤ The priests of the diocese will be having their Annual Retreat at Rochester Hall this coming week. There will be **NO masses in the Selwyn Parish this coming week.**

However, there will a **Liturgy of the Word with Communion** on Wednesday & Friday in Lincoln, 9.00am. Fr Brian will return for any funerals.

➤ There will be **NO Adoration** of the Blessed Eucharist on the next 2 Fridays: 25 November and 2 December.

## RIP

**Anniversary:** Ron McNoe 16/11. Dolores Barit 19/11

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

The next **Baptismal Preparation Programme** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Sundays 27 November & 4 December, 7.00pm - 8.15pm** in the Lincoln Church Centre. This will be the last Programme until February 2023.

Parents may attend the Session before the child is born.

A date for baptism is made after the Programme.

**First Reconciliation and First Communion Programme** will begin in Mid-February once school has started. Children who have had their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday are eligible to enrol.

In anticipation – contact Frs Brian or Chris or the Parish Office to enrol.

Our Selwyn SVDP conference met two weeks ago. It was wonderful to have a large attendance and to see how our Selwyn conference is going from strength to strength. We spent some of the meeting organising the final details for our participation at the Rolleston Fireworks, where we had a stall to advertise our presence in the district and to raise funds with a firewood raffle and drinks. It was a very successful venture and we would like to thank all the parishioners who also bought tickets after Sunday Mass. The winner was a parishioner in Leeston, who was very happy when Rodney and family delivered the wood.

We also welcomed our parish Health and Safety officer, Jean Hindley, who explained our obligations as parish volunteers regarding codes of conduct and, as part of a wider discussion, police vetting.

We discussed how we can help the needy in the district at Christmas time this year. We are hoping to repeat the incredible success of last year's effort, made possible by the humbling generosity of the parishioners at the different Mass centres. This year we hope to offer a more targeted package with emphasis on the more essential fare needed at Christmas time to make it a special occasion, and we are hoping that our faith communities will again support us.

An exciting development is the acceptance of our conference as Refugee Sponsors under the government's CORS programme. More about that later when the paperwork is all done and we have more detail.

Our Area President is hoping to attend our next meeting on Thursday 1 December at 7.30 and, as always, we would welcome anyone who wants to join us.

Please pray for the success of our mission and for those we help.

Contact details,

Secretary: [secretary@svdpselwyn.org.nz](mailto:secretary@svdpselwyn.org.nz) Phone: 0210 855 1988

Website: [www.svdpselwyn.org.nz](http://www.svdpselwyn.org.nz)

Give a Little website: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/st-vincent-de-paul-selwyn-conference>

God Bless.

Ian Tennant



**All Parishioners:** are invited to come along to the Selwyn Parish Christmas Pot Luck dinner to be held at the Lincoln Event Centre **this 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) SAT team

**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

### **Musika Filipinas Aotearoa Choir – “Äting Musica”(Our Music)**

Choral concert showcasing Filipino songs and Christmas Carols. All welcome.

When: 26 November 1-3pm

When: 3 December 6-8pm

Where: Te Ara Atea ( Rolleston Library)

Where: Aldersgate Centre ChCh Central

Free admission – Get your tickets now – Scan code – see flyer on noticeboard for further detail.

## **‘LIVE LATER LIFE’ TO THE FULL AT ABBEYFIELD ELLESMERE.**

The residents of ‘Abbeyfield Ellesmere’ invite you to join them at an Open Day at their home 33 Flannery St, Leeston. Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 2pm. They want to welcome you so you can see for yourself the purpose-built, happy House they live in.

The Selwyn Council have repainted the gates to the Leeston Catholic Cemetery.



**Parish to Parish Bed & Breakfast** – Catholic Hospitality in NZ & Australia. The latest booklet listing bed and breakfast accommodation in Catholic homes is now available at a cost of \$15.00. Information: Marie Anderson: 359-5541 or [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

**Handel’s Messiah** will be presented by CBS Music in St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, Sunday, 11 December, 1.30pm. Admission is by programme donation of \$20 and \$15, available at the door.

**Food For Faith for Advent** (by Fr John O’Connor) - Subscribe at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz) to receive daily email encouragements in preparation for Christmas.

**Mass for Peace in West Papua** at St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, Thursday 1 December, 5.30pm. Details contact Ron: 022 097062.

**Greater Company of Mary Mass:** Saturday 26 November, 10.30am at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street North.

A reflection will be given by Sr Helena Kearns. Morning Tea will follow. All welcome.

For catering purposes: rsvp to the *Little Company of Mary* office by Monday 21 November, ph 372-9224.

### **Preparing for Advent**

**Advent Reflection Day:** Saturday 3 December, 10.30am – 3.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

### **Anointing of the Sick**

**Darfield:** Thursday, 8 December, 10.00am. Followed by morning tea at a local café.

**Leeston:** Wednesday, 14 December, 2.00pm. Followed by afternoon tea at a local café.

**Lincoln:** Friday, 16 December, 2.00pm. Followed by a cuppa in the Church Centre.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Leeston:** Sunday, 11 December after Mass.

**Lincoln:** Tuesday, 13 December, 7.00pm.

**Darfield:** Tuesday, 20 December, 7.00pm.

### **Christmas Masses – Christmas Eve, Saturday 24 December**

**Leeston:** 5.30pm carols for 6.00pm mass

**Darfield:** 8.00pm carols for 8.30pm mass

**Lincoln:** 5.30pm carols for 6.00pm mass

8.00pm carols for 8.30pm mass

### **Christmas Day Mass**

**Lincoln:** 9.00am



## THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SELWYN

**Rolleston – Future Sunday Mass  
Exploration of a Temporary Location 2023  
Where to next !!!**

Dear Parishioner,

Thank you for taking the time to complete the recent questionnaire asking your thoughts on the Selwyn Parish offering an additional Sunday Mass in the **Rolleston Area** to support the worshipping and faith development experiences of our growing population in Rolleston.

Your responses have provided guidance for a way forward and indicated that there was a desire for us to explore this further.

**We invite you to join us on  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am  
in the Church Centre at Lincoln**  
for coffee & discussion & to share your thoughts on how we move forward.

Please feel free to invite along anyone you are aware of from the Rolleston Area that may like joining in this discussion on how we move forward.

God Bless,  
Fr Brian Fennessy & The Selwyn Parish Leadership Team



Some of the Selwyn Parishioners at the 'Ablaze Conference'

### The Victory of Love

**On the cross Jesus endured insults and mockery.  
Yet his heart remained open, even to his enemies.  
He absorbed all the violence, transformed it,  
and returned it as love and forgiveness.**

**People's pain can so easily turn into rage,  
so that they want only to lash out blindly  
at whoever happens to be within range.**

**From the depths of his own pain,  
Jesus reached out to comfort the thief.  
Some people are like sugar cane:  
- even when crushed in the mill, what they yield is sweetness.  
Jesus stretches our capacity for compassion.  
He challenges our idea of love.  
Each of us has a great capacity for love.  
The pity is that it often goes unused.  
By our love people will know that we  
- are followers of 'Christ the King'**

