



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Second Sunday of Advent

Year A

4th December 2022.

Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12



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 16th December after Mass
until Midday

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00am at
Lincoln

A Funeral Mass will replace the
advertised mass in the same church.

Advent Reflection Day:

this 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:

- Fr Dan Doyle will be the celebrant at the Lincoln morning mass and the Leeston mass this Sunday.
- There will be **NO Adoration** of the Blessed Eucharist on 9 December as there is a wedding.
- There will be 2 more newsletters this year: 11th & 18th December.

RIP

Recently deceased: Arnold Foley

Anniversary: Ron McNoe 16/11.

Mass for the Holy Souls.

2023 Columban Calendars are now on sale: \$12. There are only a few remaining.

Lincoln: There will be a nativity play at 5.30pm Lincoln Christmas Eve Mass. We would love as many children as possible involved. Practises will be run for the first three Sundays in December during children's liturgy time at 8.30am Mass. Please send your child along to attend these practises so they can join us for the play. Please email Aimee and Mike Stewart with any questions aimee.stewart2424@gmail.com

Darfield: It is hoped that we will have a Christmas pageant at the Darfield Vigil Christmas Mass. Fr Brian requires 14 children. There will be a rehearsal a couple of days before Christmas.

Preparing for Advent

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

Anointing of the Sick

Darfield: this 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, (Fr Simon Eccleton will be the visiting priest).

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

New Year's Day is the regular weekend timetable.

There will be **NO weekday masses** in the Selwyn Parish: 26 - 29 December

There will be **NO weekday masses:** 2 - 5 January 2023

Mass on Fridays 30 December & 6 January, 9.00am at Lincoln

There will be a **mass for the Filipino Community** on Thursday 15 December, 7.00pm, in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.

First Reconciliation and First Communion Programme for 2023 will commence during February.

Children who have reach 8-years are eligible for the Programme.

There are 12 children's sessions & 5 parent meetings.

Please contact the Parish Office to enrol: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com





The second session of the **Baptismal Preparation Programme** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be this **Sunday, 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.

ALPHA IN SELWYN

The Selwyn Parish intends to run a pilot Alpha programme, for parishioners, in 2023. We are currently assembling an 'Alpha Team' to assist in running the 11-week course. An initial planning meeting will be held in the St Patrick's Parish Centre, Lincoln at **7pm on Tuesday 6 December 2022**.

If you weren't able to make the enthusiasts night last month, but are interested in helping the parish run this amazing evangelising and re-evangelising tool, please do come along.

For those of you who have done Alpha already, this is a great opportunity to bring that experience to the parish-wide team and help support Bishop Michael's vision of using Alpha to help create vibrant and thriving parishes.

For further information contact alphaselwynparish@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

We would be grateful for any donations of edible Christmas treats (chocolates, biscuits, Christmas mince pies etc) or toiletries (body wash, shampoo, conditioner, soap etc). Please leave them in the Christmas SVDP box at the back of the church.

Whatsoever You Do to the Least of My Brothers You Do unto Me – **Matthew 25:31-46.**



Wardens – urgently required. At least four for Vigil Mass and one or two for Sunday Mass. **Training will be given.** When an emergency occurs and our church has to be evacuated it is necessary for us to have a warden to man each exit. Please give this matter your urgent attention. It is hoped to have a fire drill and emergency evacuation drill before Christmas. Hi-Viz vests for an emergency are hanging on the pew in the Narthex. If you can help, please let Tim Hogan or Tricia Smith know or write your name and contact on a list on the noticeboard.

Leeston Catholic Ladies, just a reminder of our Mass and Pot Luck Dinner at Anna and Denis Carters home, 6 Country Lane Leeston on Tuesday the 6th December.

Could you please indicate if you are attending by Sunday 4th December.

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Catholic Social Services – St Patrick’s Annual appeal for gifts for Christmas will be made over the next two weekends. All donations will be taken to CSS for their distribution on Monday 12 December. Please wrap gifts and label for man, lady, boys age, girls age and place in plastic bin in church Narthex. Many thanks for your continued support.

Lincoln The Catholic Women’s League are holding their annual Christmas raffle this weekend at both Masses. So come along and support the CWL in our parish.

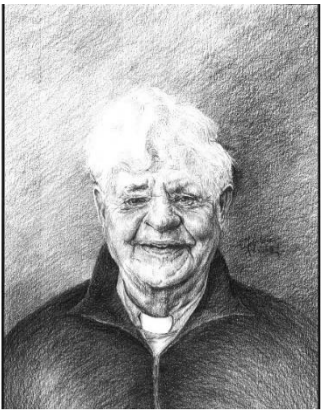
Craft and Friendship Group: is held Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Lincoln Church centre. For further details contact Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151

Handel’s Messiah will be presented by CBS Music in St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, next 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 to receive daily email encouragements in preparation for Christmas.

Trip to the Holy Land with Bishop Steve Lowe: this 20-day pilgrimage commences on 5 March 2023. For further information contact Colleen Duffy colleenD@harvestjourneys.com

A Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account allows you to enjoy the peace and joy of Christmas. Your savings are available from 1 December in time for Christmas, and your account will earn interest for you while doing good within our community. CDF: 0800 403 863 | www.cdf.org.nz



There are Memorial Card for the late Mons Bill Middleton in the 3 church porches

Bishop Michael has announced the Diocesan Clergy Shifts for 2023

- Fr Denis Nolan (currently Parish Priest of Ashburton) is retiring from parish ministry. He will retire in Christchurch.
- Fr Lito Quinones (currently Parish Priest of the Mackenzie Parish) will move to Ashburton as Parish Priest.
- Fr Tien Cao, (currently Assistant Priest at Rangiora/Kaiapoi) will move to the Mackenzie Parish as Parish Priest.
- Fr Do Nguyen (currently Assistant Priest at Timaru) will move to Christchurch North Parish as Assistant Priest.
- Fr John Tholatt (recently arriving from India) will go to Timaru as Assistant Priest.
- Fr Peter Costello is moving from the Christchurch East Parish to be a priest-in-residence at 'Holy Cross Seminary' in Auckland.
- Fr Thanh Tran (currently Assistant Priest at the Cathedral) will be going to Florida in USA during January for a year to study to be the Formator at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland during 2024.
- Fr Vincent Barboza (recently arrived from India) will go the Pro-Cathedral as Assistant Priest.
- Two extra priests, from the Philippines and Ghana, will be appointed to Waimakariri & Christchurch East Parishes in the New Year.



THE **BISHOP'S** CARE APPEAL 2022

When you donate to the Bishop's Care Appeal, you support initiatives to help those among us who are struggling.

Initiatives including Vinnies and Catholic Social Services.

For many this support means not having to choose between essentials.

Food OR a doctor visit?

A small gift can make A BIG DIFFERENCE.

Please scan to donate today



*"To live charitably means...
carrying the burdens of the
weakest and poorest among us."*

- Pope Francis

This Advent, please give to help those who are in need

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: the Community of the Beatitudes invites you to celebrate their annual Festival of Lights at the Sanctuary of Fourvière, located at 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield, on Saturday 10 December, beginning with mass at 6:00pm.

Please bring a picnic; a spit roast lamb with hangi vegetables will also be available for sale.

At dusk there will be a candlelit procession of the Blessed Sacrament; there will be adoration under the stars until benediction at dawn.

For more information: apostolate@fourviere.nz ; ph. 022 506 2538.