



# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Third Sunday of Advent

Year A

11th December 2022.

### Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

**Darfield:** Sunday - 8.30am  
**Leeston:** Sunday - 10.00am

### Weekday Masses:

**Lincoln:** Tuesday - Thursday, 9.00am  
Friday 2.00pm

**Leeston:** Wednesday 2.00pm  
**Darfield:** Thursday 10.00am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**  
Friday February 3rd after Mass until  
Midday

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10.00am at  
Lincoln

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

## From Fr Brian:

- There will be **Adoration** of the Blessed Eucharist on Fridays 16 & 23 December. Adoration will recommence on Friday 3 February.
- There will be 1 more newsletter this year: 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Leeston mass this Wednesday** will be at 2.00pm ... the Anointing Mass, followed by afternoon tea at a local café.
- **Lincoln mass this Friday** will be at 2.00pm ... the Anointing Mass, followed by afternoon tea.
- 'Thankyou' to Fr John O'Connor for facilitating the Advent Reflection Day.

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It is hoped to have a **Christmas Pageant at Darfield** during the carols on Christmas Eve.

Fr Brian requires at least 14 children to participate.

There is only 1 narrator ... so the children don't have to remember any spoken parts.

There will be a **rehearsal on Thursday 22 December, at 10.30am**. It will take about an hour.

**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.

The first Parents' Meeting will be on Sunday 12 February, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

Please contact the Parish Office to enrol: [selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com](mailto:selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com)

## Advent Programme

### Anointing of the Sick

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

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

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Leeston:** this 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

**Parishioners are invited** to the presbytery after the 8.30pm Lincoln Vigil Mass for some ‘**Christmas Cheer**’.

### 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.



**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](mailto:aimee.stewart2424@gmail.com)

**St John the Evangelist Leeston.** Christmas Nativity Play. Christmas Eve Mass 5.30 pm Carols. 6.00 pm Mass All children who are interested please let me know as soon as possible. If you know of children who are interested, please let them know they are welcome. Practices at the church, are on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December both at 9am Costumes are provided Children will need to arrive at the church by 5.15pm on Christmas Eve. Parent assistance is very appreciated. Anna Carter 027 235 0869

**Darfield.** There will be morning Tea after Mass this Sunday

**Darfield Church:** Flowers required for Christmas. Preferable white but other colours welcome. Please bring to church Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> or contact Helen 03 318 1780.

**Lincoln Mass of Anointing** - If you are in need of healing, please come along on Friday 16 December at 2pm to St Patrick's. Afternoon tea will be served following the Mass in the Church Centre. All parishioners are also invited to come along to give support to our sick and elderly. If anyone needs transport, please contact Tricia Smith.

**Lincoln Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning** - Volunteers for all Ministries are required. Lists are on the notice board for you to put your name. Thank you.

**Lincoln Projector Operators and Greeters urgently** required for 5.30pm Vigil Mass - Lists on noticeboard for you to put your name down as a volunteer. Thank you.

### **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. It would be much appreciated if anyone has fresh produce from their garden that they would like to donate to the Christmas Appeal. Please bring these to mass on the 18th December.

We will be hosting a simple get together for the families we are assisting this Christmas between 11-1pm in the parish centre at Lincoln. This is a great way for us to build and develop relationships with the families. This is where they will be able to select treats and fresh produce thanks to your generous donations. They will also receive a small food voucher.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you and your family and safe and holy Christmas  
SVDP Selwyn



**Catholic Social Services** – St Patrick's Annual appeal for gifts for Christmas will be this weekend. All donations will be taken to CSS for their distribution this 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.

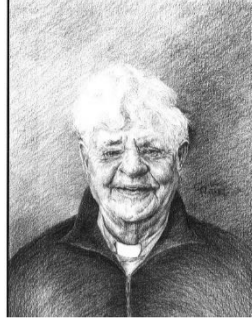
**Craft and Friendship Group:** Last gathering for 2022 this Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Lincoln Church centre. We will commence again Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023. For further details contact Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151

**Handel's Messiah** will be presented by CBS Music in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, this 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.

**Brother Peter Bray**, the Kiwi Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University, will make a speaking tour to the Christchurch Diocese early next year, to talk about the Holy Land, his work with his students, and the lives of other ordinary Palestinians. In preparation for the tour, he is making three videos; the second has just been issued. View it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R17kia53-GY>

Go here for more information about the videos and Br Peter's speaking tour: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/brpeter-video2/>

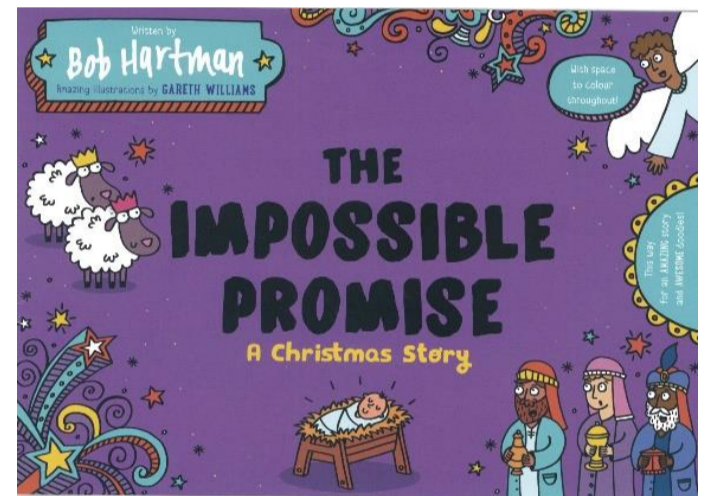


There are Memorial Card for the late **Mons Bill Middleton** in the 3 church porches

There are **free copies** of the 'Impossible Promise' – a Christmas Story – at the 3 churches.

Please take a copy/copies.

Even grandparents may like to take a copy and place it in the grandchildren's Christmas Stockings.



**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](mailto:colleenD@harvestjourneys.com)



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weakest and poorest among us."*

- Pope Francis



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