

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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First Sunday of Lent.

26 February 2023.

Readings

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

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

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Tuesday to Friday 9.00am

Leeston: Wednesday 5.30 pm

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.

From Brian

1. Last week, the workmen removed 250 screws from St Patrick's Church walls. They have completed their remedial work and sanded and re-painted the walls. This work was completed with no cost to the parish.

Please keep the chairs away from the walls.

2. A fence has been erected around the majority of the Darfield Cemetery Extension. By fencing off this area, it will save the volunteers, who mow the lawns, about 1 hour's work. It will also cut back on wear-&-tear on the mower.

We have just had a few repairs and maintenance completed on the mower at a cost of \$923.

New volunteers to help mow the lawns are welcome - speak to Fr Brian/Chris, or Chris & Ann Wilson.

Baptism Programme - for Parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Sundays 12 & 19 March, 7.00pm – 8.15pm**, in the St Patrick's Church Centre.

At the conclusion of the Programme a date is set for the celebration of Baptism.

Enquiries: contact Fr Brian/Chris, or the Parish Office.





First Reconciliation and First Communion Programme: the children will receive a copy of the Creed 8.30am this Sunday.

(Last week 2 children, not in the Programme, came up and received a New Testament from Fr Chris - will you please return the NTs).

RIP

Recently deceased: Denis Power (Rolleston); Peter Stanbury (ex-Darfield).

Anniversary: Bernadette Mohekeu

Mass: for Hawke's Bay *Cyclone Gabrielle* victims

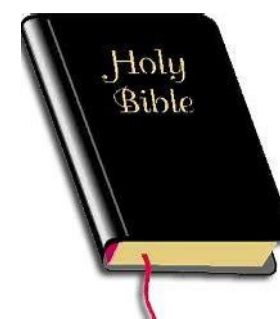
Lenten Bible Study of the Book of Joshua

The Book of Joshua follows the Books of Exodus and Numbers and focuses on the settlement of the Promised Land. Joshua is the main character.

Beginning this week:

- ❖ **Mondays in Darfield:** 27 February, 6 & 13 March, 7.00pm in the Darfield Church Centre.
- ❖ **Tuesdays in Lincoln:** 28 February, 7 & 14 March, 7.00pm in the Lincoln Church Centre,
- ❖ **Leeston** at a later date.

Please bring a Bible.



Lenten Programme

Anointing Masses

Leeston: Wednesday 29 March, 2.00pm, followed by Afternoon Tea at a café.

Darfield: Thursday 30 March, 10.00am, followed by Afternoon Tea at a café.

Lincoln: Friday 31 March, 2.00pm, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Church Centre.

Reconciliation

Lincoln: Wednesday 29 March, 7.00pm.

Caritas Lenten Envelopes are available at the entrances to the 3 churches. This Appeal assists the Church's Relief and Development work in various countries.

Stations of the Cross (during Lent):

Lincoln: Fridays, 7.00pm, (not 3 March: *World Day of Prayer* & 17 March: St Patrick's Day mass &/supper)

Leeston: Sundays, 9.35am (before mass)

Darfield: Fridays, 5.00pm

Philipino Mass: next Sunday, 5 March, 3.00pm, in St Patrick's Church.



World Day of Prayer – This year it is Taiwanese women who share the hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, opportunities and needs of their country. The Theme is "I have heard About Your Faith"

Friday 3 March 7pm at Lincoln Baptist Church, Birches Road Lincoln. If there are any parishioners from Taiwan, I would love to hear from you. Please contact Tricia Smith, Email: tric1948@gmail.com

DARFIELD at 10am on Friday 3rd March at Trinity Anglican Church

LEESTON 7pm at Leeston Life, Station Street Leeston. Volunteers needed please. Ph Lesley 027 511 3322

Lincoln Sunday Cuppas after 8.30am Mass - Due to the larger number of parishioners availing themselves of some weekly fellowship the biscuit cupboard is bare. When shopping could you please consider adding biscuits to your trolley. Also we are grateful to the parishioners who volunteer to host the Sunday cuppa by adding their name to the list on the kitchen bench.

PPRE (Parish Primary Religious Education) Teachers needed

Last year we were privileged to be able to run PPRE in our Parish. The children who attended were from State Primary Schools in Selwyn in School Years 6 -8.

We wish to continue PPRE this year & are looking for Parishioners with teaching experience to assist.

Last year we had a main teacher who did a fantastic job & this year we plan to have several teachers. All going well we hope to begin PPRE later this month.

If you have a passion for passing on our Catholic Faith to Young people & would like to be involved, please contact Fr Chris.

Society of Saint Vincent De Paul The SVDP has started a national appeal to help the victims of the recent cyclones that have caused devastating loss in the largest and most widespread weather event ever to impact New Zealand. The Society, through its conferences in the affected areas, will provide financial help, and food, clothing, furniture and advocacy assistance to those affected for as long as the recovery takes. Donations will be accepted at church or you can make a donation online to our account number 03-0767-0082945-000. Please indicate it is for the Gabrielle appeal. Thank you for your help.



Friendship Group – Our next gathering is **Friday 3 March** in the Church Centre following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of Morning Tea to share. All welcome.

International Women's Day – All women of the parish are invited to come to breakfast at Robert Harris Cafe, Lincoln, on **Wednesday 8 March at 8am** in recognition of this day. Please write your name on the list in the Narthex if you can come or contact Tricia Smith – tric1948@gmail.com by Sunday 5 March.

Leeston Catholic Ladies', Tuesday 21st March. Jackie is organizing, Jeannette driving. Leave from RSA carpark at 9am. Will need numbers, please Phone 3242550 or 02102436762 by 19th.

Lincoln Prayer Group The prayer group will return on Wednesday 1st March (and every Wednesday following) from 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections on church teachings. All age groups welcome. For more details contact Marge Newburry phone 338 6793, or leave a message for her at the parish office.

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

Legion of Mary (Mother of Mercy) All catholic of the Selwyn are invited to join our meeting is held Saturday 4 pm to 5:15pm in Lincoln catholic Church parish centre. For further information contact Catherine 027 356 0916

Vacancy - Personal Assistant to Bishop Michael Applications for this position close on 1st March. Full details about this position and how to apply can be found on the diocesan website www.chchcatholic.nz

Discernment as a Way of Life: Wednesdays 1, 8 & 15 March, 7pm - 9pm led by Kevin Gallagher at Rosary House, 22 Gracefield Avenue, Central City. Koha/Donation. Explore the recent teaching on discernment from Pope Francis. Registration/information contact roho@xtra.co.nz or Ph 379 1298.

What is the Church For? A session with Fr Neil Darragh, priest of Auckland Diocese and author who asks - "What is the mission of the local Church?" Thursday 16 March 7pm – 8.30pm at Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. Registration helpful to Rosary House, roho@xtra.co.nz or Ph 379 1298 .

Food for Faith: during Lent for those seeking greater maturity of faith. Sign-up to receive daily emails at www.foodforfaith.org.nz/sign-up

Evening of Adoration and Healing: Friday 3 March, 7.30pm at *Christ the King Church*. Information - Judith, 027 261 5655 or pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

From Bishop Michael,

on behalf of the Diocese of Auckland, I would like to gratefully acknowledge the generosity of our Diocese. Together, we have raised \$135,000 for the Auckland Flood Appeal. We will directly donate this to the Catholic Caring Foundation, as requested by the Diocese of Auckland, and those funds will immediately go to help those in the Diocese most effected by the recent flooding in Auckland.

Bishop Michael Launches Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Appeal: the North Island has been ravaged again – this time by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Once more, we ask you to answer the call to assist those most unfortunate in the same way those in the North Island reached out to help us in the aftermath of the earthquakes which hit our Diocese.

Bishop Michael has launched the *Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Appeal*, which will support the disaster relief efforts, remediation and recovery work, and the physical, mental and financial support services of the Dioceses of Auckland, Hamilton and Palmerston North.

If you would like to support the Appeal, please donate online at www.cdcc.org.nz

Parishioners can also place a donation in an envelope – and the Parish Office will forward it to the Fund.

Thank you for your generosity in helping those that are struggling as a result of another tragic event.



St Vincent de Paul report for 22-2-23 We have renewed our monthly meetings after the Christmas break.



The Christmas initiative was a big success, with a BBQ for the clients to come and meet us as well as choose items that they needed to make their Christmas happier. As a conference we wish to extend our mission to other aspects of need, so, if you know of anyone who could benefit from our help, please let us know. There is a wide range of need out there: the poor, the lonely, people who need advice or just encouragement and those who just need a helping hand over a short term.

Our refugee sponsorship has moved a step closer to happening and it is hoped there will be action on this over the next few weeks. We are hoping to make contact with more of the lonely isolated members of our wider community over the coming months as well.

At our meeting we agreed to send a donation to help with the Auckland flooding, but more recent events have caused the St Vincent de Paul national office to send out a nation-wide appeal that will appear in our parish newsletter for the next few weeks. The worst ever weather-related disaster in our history needs a response, so please consider it. Details are in a separate notice.

As always, if you would like to join us in any way you are able, you will be welcomed with gratitude and open arms.

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



Conquering Everest Fr Michael Mahoney SM is the guest speaker at our first **Catholic Business Network luncheon** on 30 March.

Fr Michael, currently priest of South Westland Parish, is one of only three life members of the Mountain Guides of New Zealand and was part of the first expedition to attempt to climb Mt Everest with no oxygen and no sherpas. Their one concession to 'doing it the traditional way' was to increase their team from six to eight members once they learned there was a one-in-six chance someone would die on any given attempt to climb Mount Everest.

Everyone welcome. Visit www.cbn.nz for tickets/information.

Final Profession of Sr Monica Tauilili The Community of the Beatitudes invites parishioners to the Final Profession Mass of Sr Monica - Saturday 25 March, 11am, at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Information - Thomas, lay member of the Beatitudes Community: apostolate@fourviere.nz