



# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

### Year A

**12 February 2023.**

### Readings

**Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21**

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

**Matthew 5: 20-37**



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

### Weekday Masses:

**Lincoln:** Tuesday, Wednesday & 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.

There will be **NO Thursday Mass** in Lincoln on Thursday 16 February.

## From Brian

### 1. Selwyn Parish Safeguarding Representative

Last week I wrote an article in the Newsletter informing the Parish that Jean Hindley has resigned from the position as the Selwyn Parish Safeguarding Representative. She accomplished a remarkable degree of work in lifting the profile of Safeguarding within the Selwyn Parish. After her 2 years of service, Jean is focusing on family matters ... and has resigned as the Parish's Safeguarding Representative.

Safeguarding is part of the policy of the Diocese and for most Institutions.

I know that some parishioners wonder why??? However, Safeguarding Practices are part of our modern society - just like Health & Safety Procedures. It is also a requirement of Government Legislation.

I am now **requesting a parishioner to consider fulfilling this important role.**

Clodagh Ward, the Diocese's Safeguarding Officer, will offer on-going support to the new Parish Safeguarding Representative.

The foundational work has been established ... the role is to build on what has been accomplished.

One task of the new Representative will be to oversee the renewal of Police Vetting for parishioners who are working with children and vulnerable people. Police Vetting is valid for 3 years. (This is part of the Government's requirements of working with children and vulnerable people).

The Safeguarding Representative also needs to communicate Safeguarding Procedures to the Parishioners.

Part of this role is to check that volunteers have signed the Code of Conduct Form.

The Parish Secretary looks after the administration and record-keeping of volunteers for police vetting information and the database of volunteers.

I have a work-description of the Role ... so a volunteer will know what their task requires.

Jean Hindley will offer a hand-over to her successor.

Please contact me – if you are able to fulfil this essential role within the Parish.

2. On a similar, but different note - as the parish is registered as a **Charitable Trust**, the Parish must abide with Government/IRD requirements in administering money.

New volunteers to count the Sunday Collection (not current counters) will need to undertake a Conviction Check from the Ministry of Justice. (They don't need Police Vetting). This may seem 'over the top' for parishioners, however, as I mentioned - the Parish and Diocese are registered as Charitable Trusts - so we have to abide with new government requirements. Two parishioners have just been 'Checked' - and it was a straight-forward undertaking.

Once again, I ask parishioners to understand government regulations ... if we weren't a Charitable Trust then this exercise would not be required, but we are a Charitable Trust - which enable donations to be eligible for an IRD rebate.

Volunteers also need to sign the Code of Conduct Form.

### 3. St Patrick's Church repairs

There is a need to repair the walls of St Patrick's Church ..... there was a fault in preparing the walls when it was constructed and there are now black marks along all the walls ...this is caused by moisture.

Over the next week or two, remedial work will be undertaken on the walls ... which will involve patching and repainting the walls.

For ease of finishing the work, I have instructed the workmen to leave the scaffolding during the week.

Those who attend weekday mass - please use 'common sense' and keep away from scaffolding etc ... please sit in centre of the church.

This remedial work will be at no cost to the Parish.



**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.

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**The first Parents' Meeting for the First Reconciliation and First Communion Programme for 2023** will be this **Sunday 12 February, 7.00pm**, in the Lincoln Church



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**Selwyn Parish picnic: This Sunday 12th February**, beginning with Mass at 12 noon. It will be held at Mike and Helena Hanning's property **4/ 1608 Main West Coast Road, Highway 73, West Melton**. Their property is 5 kilometres west of West Melton township. It will be sign posted there is plenty of parking so follow the signs. (Same venue as last year.) BYO food, drinks and a chair. There will be games for the children If it is wet the picnic will be Postponed. If you are unsure if it is still on here are a couple of phone numbers that you use. Lyn 03 3217445 or Jo 03 3257771. We hope to see you there.



### Lenten Bible Study of the Book of Joshua

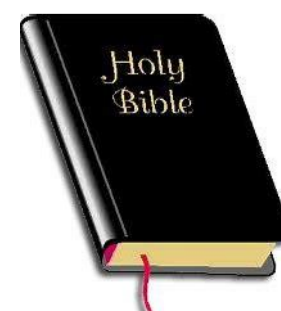
The Book of Joshua follows the Books of Exodus and Numbers and focuses on the settlement of the Promised Land.

❖ **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.**



**Ash Wednesday is 22 February**

**Lincoln:** normal 9.00am Wednesday mass.

**Leeston:** normal 5.30pm Wednesday mass.

**Anglican-Catholic Combined Service:** at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Lincoln, 7.30pm.

Fr Chris will offer the homily.

There will be supper after the Service.

**Darfield:** we will have 'Ash Thursday'. The Distribution of Ashes will be at the 10.00am Thursday mass.

**Caritas Lenten Envelopes** will be available next Sunday.

**Stations of the Cross:** St Patrick's Church, Lincoln, Fridays, 7.00pm, during Lent.



**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.

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**Catholic Women's league.** On Saturday 11th February is the opening Mass for the Catholic Women's League to be held at St Bernadette's Church Hei Hei Road Hornby at 10am followed by morning tea. After this we are going to the home of Colleen McKay's house for a shared lunch and meeting which will replace our usual monthly meeting. Please bring a small plate to share for lunch

**Darfield** Morning Tea this Sunday after Mass.

**World Day of Prayer - Friday 3 March 7pm at Lincoln Baptist Church,** Birches Road Lincoln. The Liturgy this year is prepared by the women of Taiwan. The theme is "I Have Heard About Your Faith". All parishioners are invited to attend. If there are any parishioners from Taiwan, I would love to hear from you. Please contact Tricia Smith, Email: [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

**Lincoln Prayer Group** The prayer group based at Lincoln will not meet this Wednesday 15/2 as the church is being used for another function that evening. We will also not meet the following Wednesday 22/2 to allow participants to attend the Ash Wednesday evening liturgy. The prayer group will return on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> 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



**Wedding** photographer from Waimakariri parish is looking for an old barn or woolshed near St Joseph's Catholic church, Darfield. This will be a wet weather option for bridal photos in April. Sarah 0275561198 [www.sarahblair.nz](http://www.sarahblair.nz)

**Valentine's Day Mass:** Tuesday 14 February, 6.30pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral - reflecting on God's gift of love in marriage. Hospitality to follow. Come and celebrate with others. Fr Chris will be the celebrant.

**Rosary House Programme** for 2023 – flyers are available in church porch.

**Bishop's Care Appeal 2022:** over \$52,000 has been raised over the past ten weeks. Bishop Michael says he is incredibly grateful to our Catholic community – it is through your generous gifts and prayers that we continue to provide support for individuals and families in need of a helping hand.

Thank you for making a difference.

**A Day with Mary:** at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 18 February, commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 3.00pm. For further details contact Ron: 379 0567.

**'Diocese Dispatch'** - the first bi-monthly email newsletter from the Diocesan General Manager, Simon Thompson, for 2023 has just been sent out. The Diocese Dispatch newsletter lets you know what is going on around the Diocese.

If you'd like a copy sent to your inbox, please sign-up to receive them here.

Hyperlink address: <https://forms.office.com/r/fgLSynrNHT>

**NET Ministries:** The Diocese is excited to announce that we have finalised the NET Ministries Team that is coming to the Diocese.

The team members are Talia Yates, Kaiya Lysaght, David Keady, Michael Rayner and Matilda Lenthall. These young people are excited to spend a year in the Diocese connecting and ministering to young people. To welcome them into the Diocese, the Bishop is celebrating a welcoming Mass on Sunday 5 March, at St Mary's Pro Cathedral, 4.30pm, followed with a BBQ.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet the Team.

If you would like to support the team's ministry, contact Grace: [gchallies@cdoc.nz](mailto:gchallies@cdoc.nz)

### **Auckland Flood Appeal**

Bishop Michael has launched an 'Auckland Flood Appeal' to provide support to those in Auckland who have been severely impacted by the recent flooding. If you would like to support the Appeal, please donate online at [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz) or to the fundraising account: 03 0802 0948733 22 with the following information: your surname and initials. Code: AKL. Reference: Your Phone Number.

If you would like a receipt, please email: [giving@cdoc.nz](mailto:giving@cdoc.nz) with the date of donation, the amount, your phone number and your email/postal details.

The Appeal will run until 19 February and the donation sent to the Auckland Diocese to distribute through The Catholic Caring Foundation.

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