



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Year A

19 February 2023.

Readings

Leviticus 19:1&2, 7&18
1 Corinthians 3: 16-23
Matthew 5: 38-48



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

Selwyn Parish Safeguarding Representative

1. The workmen have commenced work removing the screws that have conducted the moisture into St Patrick's Church walls; they have filled-in the holes. The repaired area will need to be sanded and then the walls repainted. Parishioners will see some of the work when they attend mass this weekend.

2. The invitation is still there for a parishioner to volunteer to be the **Parish's Safeguarding Representative.**

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.

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.

RIP

Recently deceased: Denis Power (Rolleston)

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.



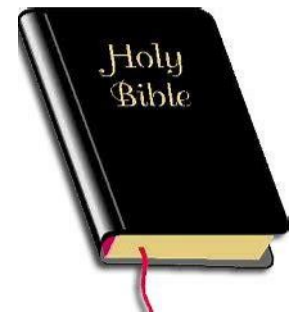


First Reconciliation and First Communion Programme: the children will receive a copy of the New Testament at the 8.30am this Sunday. There are 42 children enrolled in the Programme.

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 this Wednesday, 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 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,

Leeston: Sundays, 9.35am (before mass)

Darfield: Fridays, 5.00pm

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.

ALPHA in SELWYN

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. A shared meal begins the session which allows people to get to know each other, followed by a video and discussion. These are opportunities to listen, learn, discuss and discover the aspects of the Christian Faith. Alpha is for everyone and anyone. Selwyn Parish is committed to running Alpha Programmes every year, starting with a pilot programme in March.

Our team are about to undertake training and over the next few weeks we will take registrations for the pilot programme. Numbers for the first Alpha will be limited but there will be opportunities to sign up for subsequent programmes as we grow our team members. We ask for all parishioners in the Selwyn Parish to pray for everyone involved in Alpha that all grow in their journey with Jesus.

If you have any questions chat to Joan or Chris or email alphaselwynparish@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer – World Day of Prayer is an international movement of Christian people of many denominations and languages in more than 170 countries that have a continuing relationship of prayer and service. People from various denominations gather in one another's churches to celebrate, using a Worship Service prepared by women of a different country each year. 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" It affirms that informed prayer and prayerful action are inseparable. Everyone is welcome at this service which is a great opportunity to enjoy our Christian unity and to recognise the power of prayer.

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

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 We will not meet the following Wednesday 22/2 to allow participants to attend the Ash Wednesday evening liturgy. 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

'**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 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, Bishop Michael 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

On behalf of the SAT team, we would like to say a very big thank you to Mike and Helena Hanning for hosting our parish picnic last Sunday and what a lovely day it was. We were thrilled to see so many parishioners from Leeston, Darfield and Lincoln. It was a marvellous crowd of about 130 including many children and we hope you had as much fun as we did. Thank you for supporting the day.



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 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 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.

Laudato Si': Action for Care of the Earth (Call of Pope Francis).

Session led by Sr Kathleen Rushton RSM, on this Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm.

Come and hear about the Laudato Si' platform with goals and practical ways to take action. Venue: Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College.

Registration: kprushton@gmail.com

FOOD FOR FAITH: every morning of LENT for those seeking greater maturity of faith. Sign up to receive daily emails at www.foodforfaith.org.nz/sign-up

VOCATIONS for the Priesthood: Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. He is currently the parish priest of the Mackenzie Parish. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien at vocations.chch@gmail.com