



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Second Sunday of Lent.

5 March 2023.

Readings

Genesis 12:1-4

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9



NO 9.00am mass on Tuesday.

There will be a Funeral Mass at 11.00am for May Savin.

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

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

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Wednesday 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. Bishop Michael is going to visit part of the Selwyn Parish on the weekend of 15/16 April (the week after Easter).

He will celebrate the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at Lincoln; we will have a cuppa after mass for parishioners to meet the Bishop.

On Sunday he will celebrate the 8.30am Mass at Lincoln - then drive to Leeston for the 10.00am Mass (The Bishop will be unable to attend the Morning Tea in Lincoln).

However, there will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop after the Leeston Mass. We will have a 'Garden Party Cuppa'.

He will make a visit to Darfield on a later date.

2. Janet Cummings has accepted the role as the **Safeguarding Representative** within the Selwyn Parish. I'm thankful for Janet's generosity in fulfilling this role.

Safeguarding is part of the Government's requirements for people working with children and vulnerable people. The Diocese also requires volunteers to sign a Code of Conduct.

Janet will take over this role. I ask parishioners to support Janet in her role as the Parish's Safeguarding Representative.

She will receive support from Clodagh Ward, who is the Diocesan Safeguarding Representative.

I'm appreciative of the generous commitment of Jean Hindley to this role. She established a high standard within the Parish.

3. The gutters on the Darfield Church require cleaning there is a wee forest growing out of the south-west corner.

Due to OSH requirements - we need to employ a professional company to clean the gutters.

RIP

Recently deceased: May Savin (Lincoln), Graeme Parkin (father of Amanda Tennant); Denis Power (Rolleston); Peter Stanbury (ex-Darfield).

Anniversary: Bernadette Mohekeu

Mass: for Hawke's Bay Cyclone Gabrielle victims.



End of Financial Year. We are now in the month of March and the Selwyn Parish is preparing for the End of Year balance.

It is a time when we ask you to consider if you wish to review your donations to the Parish. This is the Parish's main source of income and is important to us in continuing parish life and the upkeep of our buildings and facilities.

If you are donating via Parish Envelopes the current pack finishes on the 21st May 2023.

You may like to consider changing to Automatic Payments.

We will be ordering new sets next month and if you wish to change, please contact the office for bank account details and a new Planned Giving number.

We will be issuing receipts for this Financial Year's donations in April.

Parishioners who use Envelopes or Automatic Payments are eligible for an IRD Tax rebate.

These will be available as soon as practical, but please remember Easter is the beginning of April and could affect this.

Please do not contact the office for your receipt as this will delay the process. If you do not require a receipt, we can stop the issuing of it.

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.



Parents: will have their **Second Meeting this Sunday, 5 March, 7.00pm**, in the Lincoln Church Centre. We will look at the reality of sin and forgiveness.

The children: will receive a copy of the '10 Commandments' at the 8.30am this Sunday.

Lenten Bible Study of the Book of Joshua

The Book of Joshua focuses on the settlement of the Promised Land.

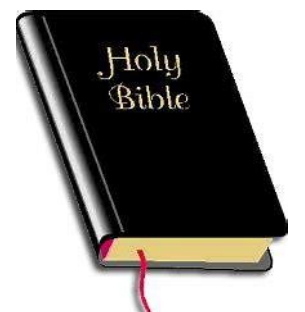
There were small attendances at both Darfield & Lincoln, but engaging participants.

❖ **Mondays in Darfield:** 6 & 13 March, 7.00pm in the Darfield Church Centre. .

❖ **Tuesdays in Lincoln:** 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. (Frs Geoff Gray & Dan Doyle will assist)

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 this Friday**, 3 March: *World Day of Prayer* & 17 March: St Patrick's Day mass & supper)

Leeston: Sundays, 9.35am (before mass)

Darfield: Fridays, 5.00pm

St Patrick's Feast Day: There will be mass at 7pm at Lincoln, followed by supper in the church centre.



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

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.

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.



World Day of Prayer: Leeston service has been **cancelled** due to covid.

Darfield Gardening: Hi, Its gardening time. For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 7th March 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

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: will be **cancelled** this Tuesday due to May Savin's funeral. It will recommence next Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Lincoln Church centre. For further details contact Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151

Would you like a **Prayer Blanket** for the sick and those you know who are having a tough time. Phone Yvonne on 0273341151.

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

Bishop Michael Launches Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Appeal

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. My first parish was Gisborne so I have a particular soft spot for them.



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

You can also donate by scanning the QR Code with your phone.

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

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Discernment as a Way of Life: Wednesdays, 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 .

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

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

Closure of St Paul's Church, Albury – Mackenzie Parish

Former parishioners and friends of St Paul's Church in Albury are invited to attend a final Mass and de-consecration ceremony to be officiated by Bishop Michael Gielen on Sunday 12 March, 11.00am.

The church was opened during 1903.

After the ceremony you are further invited to attend a light finger food luncheon and refreshments at the historic Albury Tavern at a cost of \$10 per head.

Those wishing to attend please phone Rita Gallen on 03.685-5704.



Vacancy - Personal Assistant to Bishop Michael: Applications for this position close 8 March. Full details about this position and how to apply can be found on the diocesan website www.chchcatholic.nz

Right to Life invites parishioners to pray during Lent for an end to abortion. Join us at our weekly prayer each Monday, 2pm - 3pm, in Hagley Park opposite the nurses' chapel. We will pray peacefully for the unborn, their mothers, fathers and those who take part in abortion. For further pro-life information refer to www.righttolife.org.nz

NET Ministries the Diocese has 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 5 March at St Mary's Pro Cathedral, 4.30pm, with a BBQ dinner provided after. Everyone is more than welcome to come and meet the team. Information: Grace at gchallies@cdoc.nz

ALPHA in Selwyn Parish

a meal, film and discussion

every Thursday beginning 16 March, 6:30pm

at the Parish Centre, Lincoln

visit selwyncatholic.nz to register

