



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Third Sunday of Lent.

12 March 2023.

Readings

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-42



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
Also Friday 7.00pm

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.

This Friday is Patrick's Feast Day: there will be an extra mass at 7.00pm on Friday, followed by supper in the Church Centre. BYO.

Doug Corbett will play a few Irish tunes on the keyboard.

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. She is having a meeting with Jean Hindley and Clodagh Ward as part of her 'handover'.

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.

Baptism Programme - for Parents wishing to have a child baptised will commence this **Sunday 12 & next Sunday 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 'Prayer of Sorrow' at the 8.30am mass this Sunday.

First Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 11 June at 2.00pm in St Patrick's Church.

RIP

Recently deceased: May Savin (Lincoln), Rosemary Prince (Otaki), Marie Gardener (Gill McNoe's mother)

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 & Simon Eccleton will assist)

Darfield: Tuesday 28 March, 7.00pm.

Leeston: Sunday 26 March, after 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, (**not next Friday**, 17 March: St Patrick's Day mass &/supper)

Leeston: Sundays, 9.35am (before mass)

Darfield: Fridays, 5.00pm

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.

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.



ALPHA in SELWYN

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. Over 25 million people have completed Alpha courses worldwide. A shared meal begins the session which allows people to get to know each other, followed by a film 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 beginning 16 March at 6:30pm in the Lincoln Parish Centre.

To register email alphaselwynparish@gmail.com or visit our website <https://selwyncatholic.nz/alpha-2023/> for follow this QR code



Lincoln: The following items have been left at the church.

- 1 Childs Cardigan,
- 1 Childs Jacket and
- 1 Childs blanket. If unclaimed they will be donated to SVDP.

Lincoln Holy Thursday and Good Friday - sign-up sheets are on the noticeboard. Please enter your name where you can help – Greeters/Offertory, Altar Servers, MOW, EMOC, Projector, Wardens and Washing of Feet.

Lincoln. The Catholic Women's League are going to Orton Bradley Park for their next meeting on Monday 13th March leaving the church car park at 10.30. Anyone interested in joining us for the outing just bring a picnic chair and your lunch.



St Patricks Feast Day: Friday 17th March St. Patrick's Day. In addition to the 9.00am mass, there will be Mass at 7pm followed by some music and supper. A small plate please for supper. The SAT team will be serving the supper. Come and celebrate with us. BYO

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 meet on Wednesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Lincoln 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; On Tuesday's 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

Last Days of Bishop Michael's Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Appeal.

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting Bishop Michael's Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Appeal. All monies given to the Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Appeal 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.

The Appeal finishes on Monday and we will distribute the funds to the three dioceses as soon as practical.

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

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

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



Reflection Day with Sr Lyndall Brown rsj – this Tuesday 14 March, 10.30am – 2.30pm, at Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College.

Inspiration from the mystic, St Hildegard of Bingen: appreciation of God, Source of Life within us and all of creation.

Bring our lunch, cuppa from 10am. Registration: 379-1298; roho@xtra.co.nz

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?" this 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.

Final Profession of Sr Monica Tauillili 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

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.

DATE: Thursday 30 March, midday - 2.00pm; at Rakaia Room, Te Pae Convention Centre.

Cost: \$120. Visit www.cbn.nz for tickets/information.

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

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

'Golden Catholics': Fr Michael Mahoney SM will be the Guest Speaker.

He will share tales of working as a priest and initiating projects to benefit the lives of the locals in Outback Brazil



Come for mass - before Fr Michael shares tales of working as a priest in the semi-desert outback of Brazil for many years. As well as working in far-flung parishes he initiated many projects to benefit the lives of the locals.

The presentation offers an insight into the life and faith of a unique and fascinating people and culture.

When/where: Friday 31 March, 11:00am Mass, St Bede's College Chapel.

Followed by a Light Lunch at 12.30pm.

For catering purposes, RSVP by 27 March to: ph. 366-9869 or receptionists@cdoc.nz

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