



# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter.

**30 April 2023.**

### Readings

**Acts 2:36 - 41**

**1 Peter 2:20 - 25**

**John 10:1 - 10**



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

**Darfield:** Sunday – 9.00am  
**Leeston:** Sunday - 10.00am

### Weekday Masses:

**Lincoln:** Friday 9.00am

**Leeston:** No mass

**Darfield:** No Mass

### 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. **Fr Chris** leaves this Monday, 1 May, for a 4-month sabbatical. He's back at the beginning of September.
2. There will be **NO Thursday Masses in Lincoln from May – November.**  
When Fr Chris returns, I will go on holiday for a few weeks.
3. **Fr Brian** will be at a Priests' Gathering in Blackball this week, 1-5 May.  
There will be **NO masses in the Parish:** Tuesday - Thursday.  
There will be a **Communion Service in Lincoln on Friday 5 May**, followed by Morning Tea. **NO Adoration.**
4. There will be **NO Newsletter** next weekend.
5. Also, there will be **NO Lincoln Masses** on Tuesday & Wednesday 9 & 10 May. I will be doing a locum at Burnham Camp.
6. This Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, is known as '**Vocation Sunday**'. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' – when Catholics are called to pray and support vocations to the priesthood and Religious Life. There is a special Collection for the support of the Seminary in Auckland.
7. **IRD Tax Receipts** are available at the porches of the various churches. If parishioners have envelopes or Automatic Payment ... then they are eligible for an IRD Tax receipt which entitles them to 1/3 tax rebate on their donations.
8. '**Thank you**' to the ~15 parishioners who participated in the working bee last Saturday. A lot was achieved. We will have another working bee in Spring.



**Thursday Mass at Darfield 10am** – If any parishioners from Lincoln would like to join me on Thursday 11 May for Mass at Darfield, I am happy to drive. I have 3 spaces in my car. I will be staying for coffee following the Mass at the Fat Beagle. Please let me know asap – Tricia Smith Email: [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

The 4<sup>th</sup> **Parents' Meeting for the First Communion Programme** will be on next Sunday, 6 May, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre. The topic for this meeting will be 'The Sacraments' - an important meeting to reflect on the Catholic Church's teaching on the Sacraments.

**First Reconciliation** was celebrated last Wednesday. Congratulations to the young parishioners who celebrated their First Reconciliation; there was a good number of parents who took advantage of the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament.

'Thanks' to Frs Anton McLean & Dan Doyle who were the visiting priests.

**First Communion Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday 11 June (Feast of the Body & Blood of Jesus) at 2.30pm.

There will be afternoon tea in the Lincoln Events Centre after the mass. This will be set-up by the parents. Please 'bring a plate'.

**Darfield Gardening:** Hi, Its gardening time. For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

**Aspire Canterbury are** coming to Craft and Friendship on the 2nd of May at 2 p.m. in the Parish Centre. Do you or anyone you know need an aid to help you or them live a happier healthy life. **Aspire Canterbury** may be able to help. They are bringing along some disability aids to show us. Some will be for sale on the day. All welcome. Enquiries to Yvonne 027 334 1151 or 3669795

**Friendship Group** – As Friday 5 May is the first Friday of the month a Liturgy of the Word with Communion will be held at Lincoln at 9am at St Patrick's. Morning Tea will follow in the Church Centre and all are welcome to come. Please bring a small plate of Morning Tea to share.



**SELWYN MEN:** It's on. Selwyn Parish Catholic Men's Breakfast. Where: "The Pantry" Rosemerrin Shopping Centre Lincoln Time/ Date: 8.30 am Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Those men wishing to attend please forward your name to Ray Ph. 366 9795 leave a message on the answer phone if no answer. Those who earlier registered their interest are on the list. If you don't now wish to attend please phone a cancellation. The menu and costs can be viewed on the "The Pantry" website. There may be additions or subtractions, check the week prior of the breakfast date.

**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 3.30 pm to 4.45pm in Lincoln Catholic Church centre. For further information contact Catherine 027 356 0916

**Lincoln Prayer Group:** The prayer group will meet on Wednesday evening from 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Lincoln Church 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.

**LOST PROPERTY:** Left in Lincoln Church. 1 Child's Blanket; 1 Child's Jacket; 1 Child's Cardigan. If not picked up – Then they will be donated to SVDP Bin.

**Lincoln Catholic Women's League – Mother's Day Raffle:** The Lincoln CWL will be selling their Mother's Day Raffle on the weekends of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> May at Lincoln Masses. Be sure to bring a few \$\$\$ to Mass for your Raffle Ticket. All proceeds to support KidsCan. With the belief that education is a child's ticket out of poverty, KidsCan supports New Zealand children in low socio-economic schools with breakfast at school, warm jackets, socks and shoes. Children learn best when they are warm and well-fed. Lincoln CWL members thank parishioners for your support as we live out our Motto of Faith and Service.





**St Vincent de Paul report for 30-04-23** At our last meeting we discussed our strategic plan for the coming year, where we are going to focus on helping those who are alone and or lonely and who might benefit from a friendly visit from our conference members. This is in addition to ongoing assistance for those in material need. We trying to move more towards transformational interactions rather than just transactional food delivery and material help, in keeping with the principle of providing a “hand up” rather than just a “hand out”.

Please contact any Vincentian you know, if there are any people you are aware of who could benefit from our help, or if you wish to know more about our mission. There are also contact details below.

Our next meeting is at Leeston after morning Mass on Sunday 7May. You are most welcome to come and see what we are doing. We would love you to join us in our mission. Website: [www.svdpselwyn.org.nz](http://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

**Breakfast with Bishop Michael:** a Special Event for Men of the Christchurch Diocese - for a men's breakfast on **Saturday 13 May, 7.30am**, at Sacred Heart, Addington (70 Spencer Street).

Join him for a time of faith, feasting and a special announcement about a brand new spiritual initiative for the men of our diocese. Breakfast provided. Gold coin donation on the day. Registration information to follow.



**TOUR TO THE HOLY LAND:** Fr Chris Friel, from Timaru, will lead a 12-day tour to some of the most important Christian and historical sights in Israel and Jordan, beginning in Amman on 9 April 2024 and concluding in Jerusalem on 20 April 2024. During this amazing tour you will enjoy comfortable accommodation, great food, as well as experiencing the rich cultural and religious history of this region. For itinerary & details - contact Peter Fleming, 'Pilgrimage Tours', Auckland, at: [www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz](http://www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz) ; Ph. 0800 356728.

**Join the Caritas Team** - Caritas is looking to expand its team that's committed to the mission of the Church. These roles will see you support our work advocating for human dignity, justice, peace and the needs of the most vulnerable. At Caritas, it's our mission to be known as 'love in action', if you want to join us in this mission, email us on [Caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:Caritas@caritas.org.nz) or see the link below for more information. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

**Beloved Disciples:** An inspiring course for the over-sixties.

Pope Francis has been reminding us all that 'older people are a treasure'.

This profound and enjoyable online Zoom course will help many to feel new value and serve with fresh confidence. Ideal for parishes and individuals.

More details and registration at: [www.fdm.org.nz/beloved-disciples](http://www.fdm.org.nz/beloved-disciples)

Once registered, we will send you the Zoom link for the sessions.

Commencing Tuesday 9 May, 7.30 pm – 8.30pm

Course will be led by David Wells and David Payne

I hope you can join us in this inspiring journey of growth and discovery. Inquiries: [info@fdm.nz](mailto:info@fdm.nz) or phone 021 413 659. Session 1 - The Autumn of Life - A reflection on the joys and challenges of getting older, and how to make the most of this precious time.

**Catholic Musicians Retreat Evening – Tuesday 9 May 6.00pm - 9.00pm**

We are excited to offer musicians from our Catholic communities the opportunity to take time out of the busyness of life and to come and be ministered to. If you use your musical gifts with instruments or voice to lead the people of God in our parishes or schools in worship, please join us as we take time to connect with God and go deeper into this beautiful ministry.

The evening will be led by international Catholic speakers Emma and David Kruse.

People of all ages and musical experience are welcome – at Villa Maria College.

To register your interest or for more details go to [www.cyt.org.nz/music](http://www.cyt.org.nz/music)

**Next Safeguarding Workshop** – specifically for Volunteers in Children's Ministries and Activities.

Date: Sunday 7 May, 10am – 11.30am **Venue:** St Peter's in Beckenham.

Facilitator: Clodagh Ward – Diocesan Safeguarding Officer

This is a specific safeguarding workshop for volunteers who are involved in ministries with children and youth. This includes - Liturgy of the Word with Children, Youth Group Leaders or any leaders of groups that include children in the diocese. New Volunteers and Volunteers who have not attended a safeguarding workshop in the last 3 years are invited to attend.

**A Day with Mary:** at Our Lady of Victories Church, Sockburn, Saturday 13 May, 9.00am - 3.00pm. Further details - Ron: 022 0970 627.

A **Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account** allows you to enjoy the peace and joy that the birth of Jesus brings without the unnecessary stress at what is often a busy and expensive time of year. Your savings are available from 1 December. Your account will earn interest ; the Diocese also shares in some of the interest.  
CDF – INVEST IN GOOD: 0800 403 863 | [www.cdf.org.nz](http://www.cdf.org.nz)

## The Gift of the Priestly Vocation

“Among the many vocations that the Holy Spirit never ceases to call forth in the People of God - the vocation to the ministerial priesthood calls one to participate in the priesthood of Christ and to be united with Him to feed the Church in Christ’s name with the word and the grace of God” (from ‘The Gift of the Priestly Vocation’, No. 11).

As we know, this call can come to a person at various stages of human life, including adolescence, adulthood, and even childhood.

In the context of today’s migration, it is important for us to recognize the need to offer constant pastoral care to immigrant families. These families are a valuable resource for our parish communities, and the vocations to the priestly ministry can arise from within them. Therefore, let us accompany and support them with a focus on gradual cultural integration.

The vocation to the ministerial priesthood is rooted in the baptismal vocation through which the People of God are established as a communion of life, charity, and truth. Therefore, it is the mission of the whole Church to care for the birth, discernment, and fostering of vocations, particularly those to the priesthood and consecrated life. And so, promoting vocations to the priesthood is the work of all Catholics. It requires intentional prayer, education, and deliberate outreach efforts, as well as support and resources for those who are discerning a call to the priesthood. The priesthood is a noble and honourable vocation that allows individuals to serve God and His people in a special way.

As Pope Francis has emphasized, these individuals are like ‘uncut diamonds’ that must be formed patiently and carefully so that they may shine among the People of God. Thus, let us all work together to promote and support vocations to the priesthood, particularly in our Diocese of Christchurch so that our community of faith may continue to flourish and spread the Gospel throughout the world.



Fr Tien Cao, parish priest of the Mackenzie Parish, is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese.

If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien at [vocations.chch@gmail.com](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com)

### Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation  
You provide shepherds for your people.  
Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love.  
Raise up worthy ministers for your altars,  
and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Eternal High Priest.  
Amen.  
St John the Baptist – Pray for us.  
St John Vianney – Pray for us.

‘An Invite for all women of the Selwyn Parish to the Lincoln Catholic Women’s League Annual Ladies High Tea’

Invitation to  
all women of the Selwyn Catholic Parish  
Come to our Annual Ladies High Tea!!

Monday 8th May  
at 2:00pm

at the Parish Centre  
Lincoln Catholic Church  
Gerald Street, Lincoln

RSVP:

Email – [mbmerea@gmail.com](mailto:mbmerea@gmail.com)

Phone / Text – Margaret 021 173 1316



Come along ready to natter, nibble and sip the afternoon away while enjoying the lovely company of like-minded women. ALL are welcome!!