



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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www.chchcatholic.nz

Sixth Sunday of Easter.

14 May 2023.

Readings

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

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

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Tuesday, Wednesday,
Friday 9.00am

Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm

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.



Happy Mothers' Day



From Brian:

1. **Fr Anton McLean** will be helping in the Selwyn Parish for the next 2 months. This Sunday he will be at Lincoln & Leeston
2. There will be **NO Thursday Masses in Lincoln from May – November.**
3. **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. Contact the Parish Office on Wednesdays or Fridays (9.00am - 1.00pm) if you would like to go on internet banking or receive envelopes.
New 'Giving Envelopes' are also available at the entrances to the churches.
4. I have booked **Sunday 26 November at 11.00am for the Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Michael. It is 2 years since our last Confirmation Programme.
To accommodate candidates and their families, I have suggested to Bishop Michael that we have an extra mass.
Adults, who have not been confirmed, and students in Year 8 and above are eligible for the Programme.
I will advertise the Programme in Term III.
In the meantime, please email the Parish Office or Fr Brian to enrol.

Rolleston Parishioners: "I know it has been a long time since we gauged interest in a Rolleston Mass through the survey you completed. We now have a proposed venue for a Sunday 11am Mass. The Parish Senior Leadership Team wishes to put together a team in order to meet the requirements of a regular Mass in Rolleston e.g., ministry rosters. This will be a great start in building up a thriving faith community in Rolleston. Could you please prayerfully consider being part of this team, and if you are willing to commit, please email Rodney: rodneyandemma.keegan@gmail.com"

From our European Correspondent - Fr Chris

Hi Everyone.

Just a little update on my Sabbatical thus far. As I write this I am currently in Lyon, France. This morning I visited the Basilica of Notre Dame de Fourviere.

The Basilica was built between 1872 & 1884 to thank the Virgin Mary for having spared the city from invasion during the Franco-Prussian war.

Prior to the building of the Basilica in October 1836, before the departure of the first missionaries for Oceania, Bishop Pompallier had a novena of Masses offered here.

Prior to my time in Lyon, I have been enjoying the company of relatives in the Netherlands & taking in the beauty & history of this Country.

Tomorrow, I depart for Portugal. I will visit Fatima & then begin a 2-week pilgrimage walk from Porto, Portugal to Santiago de Compostela, Spain.



Keeping you all in prayer & I look forward to sending you an update each week or so.

From the Wellington Archdiocese

Cardinal John Dew, the Archbishop of Wellington since 2005, has retired on reaching his 75th birthday. Pope Francis has accepted Cardinal John's formal resignation as Archbishop of Wellington and made the announcement on 5 May.

Coadjutor **Archbishop Paul Martin** SM succeeds Cardinal John as Archbishop of Wellington. He will be formally installed as Archbishop of Wellington on Saturday 17 June at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral.

Cardinal John remains as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Palmerston North and continues with his various Vatican roles, including membership of the College of Cardinals, able to take part in papal elections until aged 80.

5th Parents' Meeting for the First Communion Programme will be on Sunday 21 May, 7.00pm. We will look at the Memorial Aspect of the Eucharist and fine-tune the First Communion Mass.

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' x2.

RIP

Recently deceased: Fr Kevin Foote; Agnes McArley (Wellington)

Anniversary: Gerald McDury 5/5; Pat Healy 13/5.

Mass for: Barbara Forgeson; Modesto Sr; Modesto Jr & Ponciana

Next Baptism Preparation Programme for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on: Sundays 11 & 18 June, 7.00pm – 8.15pm, in St Patrick's Church Centre. Contact Parish Office: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com to enrol.

19th May – Day of Solemnity for St Patrick's – The fourth anniversary of our church being dedicated is next Friday We will remember the occasion at the Friday morning 9am Mass followed by a Morning Tea celebration in the Church Centre. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Wanted: We are looking for a keen photographer who would be able to take photos for our Parish, especially on occasions like 1st Holy communion and significant occasions. Preferably with a camera.



Darfield: Morning tea after mass this Sunday 14th May

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

Mosaics at Craft and Friendship. Raewyn from **Macs Mosaics** is coming to Craft and Friendship on the 23rd of May at 1.30. She is a tutor plus a supplier of materials. She will tell us about her craft, and for those who like to be hands on, they can make a mosaic from one of her starter kits. There is an owl at \$25 (22cms high,) a four-leaf clover \$30 (20 cms square) a mirrored heart at \$30 (23 cms high) and a red heart \$30 (23 cms high) The Owl can be hung outdoors the others are for indoors. Enquiries to Yvonne and she can order whatever one you like.



Pentecost 27/28 May 2023 – Once again this year we would like parishioners from different countries around the world to take part in the reading of the Prayers of the Faithful in their native language and in English at all weekend Masses. The prayers have been prepared by Fr Brian. Also, it would be great if parishioners were able to dress up in their national costumes to show the diversity of culture in the Selwyn Parish. We have parishioners from **Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Columbia, England, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Samoa, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, USA, Vietnam.** There may be other countries I have missed, so please let me know. Also please let me know asap if you would like to participate in reading the Prayers of the Faithful that weekend. Tricia Smith Email: tric1948@gmail.com

Thursday Mass at Darfield 10am – If any parishioners from Lincoln would like to join me on Thursday 1 June 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

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.

From the SAT team: An early notice for our Selwyn parish mid-winter luncheon on Sunday 18th June at HQ Lincoln. Last year it was a great success so come along. Mark the date in your calendar. More details to follow

From Catholic Women's League: A big thank you to the twenty ladies from our parish who came our High Tea last Monday to celebrate Mother's Day as well as May being the Catholic Women's League promotions month. It was a great afternoon. Just a reminder we are selling raffle tickets at weekend masses in Lincoln and the raffle will be drawn after Mass on Sunday. All money raised will go the KidsCan

Alpha - Holy Spirit Encounter Day

We thank God for an amazing Alpha Holy Spirit Encounter Day a few weeks ago! The team are so grateful to the Darfield hospitality team who looked after us so well, and thank you to the Alpha guests who came to be filled by the power, gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit. It was a powerful day and one of the highlights of the Alpha course so far. 🔥



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 ; Ph. 0800 356728.

Consecration of Tema Colati to a life of virginity living in the world: Sunday, 14 May, 11am, St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Consecrated virginity is a distinct vocation and is one of the oldest forms of consecrated life for women in the Catholic Church.

For more information: <https://chchcatholic.nz/pastoral/vocations/consecrated-virgins>

St Vincent de Paul – Administrator Vacancy - 20 hours/week, at Stanmore Rd. The role involves assisting with the financial management processes of the Society as well as providing administrative support to the General Manager. The ideal person would have past financial experience and used Xero or similar software plus strong office administrative skills.

For role description: Robin Casey – robyn@svdpchch.co.nz

Next Safeguarding Workshops:

- Wednesday 17 May, 10.30am-12pm – Sacred Heart Church Hall, Addington
- Wednesday 17 May, 7pm-8.30pm – St Peters, Beckenham

It is recommended that if you have not been to a Safeguarding Workshop in the last three years you attend this new and updated safeguarding workshop.

Attending these safeguard workshops is a requirement of volunteering/ministering in every parish in our Diocese. Just turn up and sign in.

Contact: Clodagh Ward – Christchurch Diocese Safeguarding Officer; 022 0124142 ; cward@cdoc.nz

Open Day - Villa Maria College: Tuesday 23 May, 9am – 3pm. Ph: 348-4165; www.villa.school.nz Principal: Deborah Brosnahan and student leaders will address visitors in the Auditorium at: 9am & 1pm for Year 9: and 11am for Year 7 intake.

Mass for 'Irish Society' 75th Anniversary: Sunday 4 June, 10.30am, Sacred Heart Church, Addington.

Parenting for Faith Seminar with Dr Andrew Mullins: Saturday 3 June, 1pm - 5.30pm @ Rossburn Reception Centre, Sparks Lane, Rangiora Dr Andrew works with parents in Melbourne and teaches formation of character at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney. Parenting for Faith will focus on the parenting approaches that enable us to pass a love for prayer and the sacraments. Inspiring and practical stories of effective parenting will be shared. Information: <https://fb.me/e/2urmQB9oX> Bookings for tickets: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/NHB>

Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account: 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

