



# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Feast of the Ascension

**21 May 2023.**

### Readings

**Acts 1:1-11**

**Ephesians 1:17-23**

**Matthew 28:16-20**



## 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

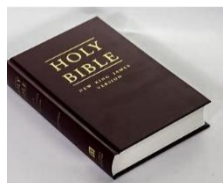
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10.00am at Lincoln

A Funeral Mass will replace the advertised mass in the same church.

Gordon Richie's **Funeral Mass on Monday 22 May**, 10.0am, at St Patrick's Church.

### From Brian:

1. No mass on Friday; there will be a Communion Service. No Adoration will be held.
2. **Fr Anton McLean** will be helping in the Selwyn Parish for the next 2 months. This Sunday he will be at Darfield.
3. There are still a few **IRD Tax Receipts and new Giving Envelopes** 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.
4. **Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 26 November, 11.00am**, with Bishop Michael. 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.



### Study of the Book of Joshua

**Leeston:** at the home of Rita & Michael Morley-Bunker, 21 Manse Road, Leeston, on: Mondays 12, 19, 26 June, 7.00pm.

**5<sup>th</sup> and final Parents' Meeting for the First Communion Programme** will be **this 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.

**Lincoln:** We celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the church today. After mass 28 people enjoyed morning tea and fellowship to celebrate.

**RIP Recently deceased:** Gordon Richie (Lincoln), Anthony Clinton (Darfield), Denise Stewart (ex Rolleston), Fr Kevin Foote; Paddy Havlin (Ireland).

**Anniversary:** Andrew McMillan 19/5, Philip Van de Klundert 25/5

**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](mailto:selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com) to enrol.



**Newsletters.** It has been brought to our attention that some parishioners wish to receive the newsletters by email however they do not. The sending of newsletters started at the request of some parishioners when Fr Job was here. Then when the parish went into lockdown for covid we extended this to everybody on our database to allow for regular contact. This has been continued with any one completing the parish enrolment form being added. We now send approximately 640 per week. We only have 1 or 2 return due mainly people being away from work. We have had some problems with mainly xtra emails going to the spam folders. Please sign in via the internet and check to see if they are there. They will not appear in spam folders on some devices and phones. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter, please check that you are on the roll and if not complete a form. Please print neatly as some are very hard to read. If you no longer wish to receive the emails, please also let us know so we can delete you. We are asking you to keep us informed as with the growth of the parish and the workload this is a matter we will not be following up unless you tell us. The newsletter is also available on our web and face book pages.

**From Fr Chris.** Hi Everyone



Just arrived in Ponte de Lima, Portugal, on the 4th day walking the "Portugese Way". All is going well with fine weather, beautiful scenery & plenty of exercise. I have met many good people over the past few days; on the road; sharing a table for lunch & where I have stayed. I have been walking most of the time with Jeni from Whangarei, NZ who I met on the 1st day.

Prior to beginning the "Portugese Way" I went to Fatima. Of all the days I could have chosen it happened to be 13th May which is the Feast of Our

Lady of Fatima, with around 200,000 pilgrims having visited that day.

Our Lady of Fatima is a Catholic title of Mary, who appeared to 3 shepherd children in 1917 at Cova da Iria in Fatima.

While I was there, I concelebrated at a Portugese Mass in the Basilica & participated in an International Rosary at the Chapel of Apparitions & the candlelight procession that followed. I was blessed to be able to visit this place of pilgrimage where Our Lady appeared.

Tomorrow, I walk 22km to Cossourado, Portugal. This will be the biggest day thus far & includes going over the Labruja Mountain which has wonderful views from the top.

Keeping you all in prayer.



**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](mailto:rodneyandemma.keegan@gmail.com)"

**The Catholic Women's League** would like to thank the parishioners who supported our raffle. We were delighted with the results and all the money made is all profit and donated to KidsCan. We now have \$565 to go to this worthy organisation.

The raffle was drawn last Sunday morning after Mass. The winners were 1st prize Michael and Margaret Vaughan, 2nd prize Kerry O'Connell and 3rd prize Tricia McDrury

**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.



**Darfield** Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meets at 2pm this Thursday, 25th May at Trinity Anglican Church. The speaker will be Pam Aldersley who will talk about the work of the Darfield District Nurses and her role as their co-ordinator. All ladies welcome at this friendly get-together.

**DARFIELD:** The choir Schola Cantorum and guest artists, the Recorder Ensemble, performed in Darfield two years ago in the beautiful acoustic of St Joseph's Church to a large and very appreciative audience so felt a return visit would be worthwhile for both the performers and our community.

Below are details of the programme



**Peasants, Penitents and Pilgrims - a programme of early music songs, both playful and prayerful**

**Saturday 27 May, 3pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Telegraph Road, Darfield**  
**Featuring Schola Cantorum, conducted by Courtney Hickmott, with guest artists the Christchurch Recorder Ensemble, directed by Caitlin Godfrey.**



Entry: CASH door sales only. \$20 general admission. Children under 16 free. Schola Cantorum was founded in 1987 to preserve and perform the rich tradition of Mediaeval and Renaissance music, including plain chant, polyphony and madrigals. Visit our web page at <https://scholacantorum.org.nz/>

**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, Kenya, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Samoa, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Timor, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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

**Open Day - Villa Maria College:** this Tuesday 23 May, 9am – 3pm. Ph: 348-4165; [www.villa.school.nz](http://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.

**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.



**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@svidpchs.co.nz](mailto:robyn@svidpchs.co.nz)

**Mass for 'Irish Society' 75<sup>th</sup> 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. Information: <https://fb.me/e/2urmQB9oX> Bookings for tickets: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/NHB>

**Jubilate 2023:** The Cathedral and Waimakariri Parishes are bringing their talented choirs and young singers together for a good sing. Come and join your voice in fervent core singing and support our featured choirs @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, **Tuesday 15 June** from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. All welcome and admission is free.

**2023 NZ Catholic Directory:** The spiral-bound print edition costs \$37 (plus postage and GST). The online edition costs \$22 (GST inclusive) for 12 months' access for each subscriber. Details and how to get your own copy: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/2023directory/>

**The Justice and Peace Commission** invites you to participate in **World Environment Day** on **5<sup>th</sup> June**. This year the focus is on solutions to plastic pollution. Single-use plastic plagues New Zealand rivers and beaches but there are many easy and simple ways you can reduce this plastic pollution.

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### 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. 🔥

