



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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www.chchcatholic.nz

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

18 June 2023.

Readings

Exodus 19:2-6

Romans 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

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

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Tuesday - 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.

First Communion Mass: there was a full church for the 45 candidates and their families last Sunday.

There was a 'banquet' at the Lincoln Events Centre for the Afternoon Tea. 'Thankyou' to Margaret Rea for her years of dedicated service and to all who assisted with the Afternoon Tea.

The First Communicants will receive their Certificates at mass this Sunday.

Reminder to the parents - please take your child's baptismal candle with you.

First Communion Parents: as mentioned, **Alex Chia**, from the Diocesan Pastoral Office, will present a session to introduce an excellent and free resource for the children and their families to continue growing in their knowledge and practice of the Catholic Faith.

Alex will also lead a discussion about what is the heart of the Christian Faith.

The Parish pays a sub for the website - that enables all parishioners to use this excellent internet resource.

When/Where: next Sunday 25 June, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

“And the Word Became Flesh ...” drawing on her book, *The Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Earth: Hearing Justice in John's Gospel*, in this first session of a series, **Sr Kathleen Rushton** will focus our call to participate with Jesus in “finishing the works of God” by hearing both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor in God's evolving, unfinished universe.

This Tuesday, 20 June, 7.30pm – 9pm, Catherine McAuley Centre, Peer Street. roho@xtra.co.nz or Ph. 379 1298. Bring your Bible.

Catholic Business Network: next gathering in the 'Rakaia Room', Convention Centre, beginning at **midday, Tuesday 27 June**, to hear business leaders Dame Therese Walsh and Sir Brian Roche reflect on their experiences leading high-profile organisations and how they bring a Catholic business ethos to the Board table and the businesses they lead. Tickets close this Tuesday. Information & registration: www.cbn.nz

Perpetual Adoration - 10th Anniversary Mass: Friday 30 June, 7.30pm, to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael and will be held at St Gregory's Church, Cotswold Ave. Information: Matt O'Connell, 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com

Catholic Youth Team Revolution Camp: 30 June - 2 July: there are 5 young parishioners from Selwyn Parish attending the Camp.

Sponsorship Request: *Revolution* is our Camp for Years 6 - 8. Many young people struggle financially to be able to come to camp so we are asking if you would consider donating to support this camp and those who wish to attend.

Your donation will provide the opportunity for young people to develop, strengthen and/or maintain their relationship with Christ. There has been a good response to the Appeal for sponsorship.

Thank you in advance for helping a young person's faith journey.

There are two ways to donate: either online:

<https://secure.fundraiserpro.com/donate/CatholicDioceseChristchurch/?Event=Catholic%20Youth%20Team>

or Online banking through the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch:

Account: 03-0802-0948733-00 Particulars: Donation Reference: RevCamp23

Journey to Catholic Faith Programme – 'Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults'

Later in the year, the Selwyn Parish will run another 'Journey to Catholic Faith' for adults who wish to become Catholic. So far, there are 4 adults interested in the Programme.

The Programme will commence in August/September. In the meantime – we're looking for parishioners who may wish to be part of the Team – to accompany the candidates on their Journey and join in the discussion - there are 3 parishioners returning to the Team from the previous Programme.

Special Collections: Last week I made up sets of envelopes for the special collections held during the year for people who donate via Bank deposits and wish to have their donation included in the annual tax receipt. These are available for collection. If any other parishioners require these, please contact the office. We leave blank envelopes for others who may like to donate but unless you add a name or your number these are treated as cash donations. You can also do an additional bank credit but you must mark it clearly for the purpose e.g., Seminary, Peter pence or other causes. **Please note** if you are depositing funds into the parish account, **PLEASE** let us know what it is for e.g., Baptism, PPRE as we are getting a few unmarked deposits.

Our Selwyn SVDP conference is experiencing increasing requests for warm bedding. Do you have some spare blankets or duvets in the closet for that unexpected occasion that never arrived? If you are considering decluttering, then please give us a call, or bring them to Mass, and we can take these items from you and put them to good use. Please use our contacts below for this, and always remember there is a Vinnies bin outside the church centre in Lincoln for all the smaller items in good condition that you want to go to a good home. It is emptied weekly. **Don't forget the 9th of July lunch. RSVP by 5th July.** Thanks.

Also thank you all again for your support and prayers.

Contact details: Secretary: secretary@svdpselwyn.org.nz SVDP Phone: 0210 855 1988

Website: www.svdpselwyn.org.nz Give a Little website: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/st-vincent-de-paul-selwyn-conference> God Bless. Ian Tennant

The **Darfield Combined Churches** Women's Fellowship meets at Trinity Church at 2pm this Thursday, 22 June. Our speaker Sue Grace will share her experience of working on Nauru Island in the "Boat people" Australian immigration scenario. She worked in the education area involving many races and cultures so will be a very interesting speaker. Ladies from any or no church are all welcome at this informal gathering.

Race Night at Addington – JPII Fundraiser – early notice Friday 1 September – mark your diaries now.



Ministry Volunteers – Thank you to the parishioners who volunteered last weekend for Ministry. We are still in urgent need for **Greeters/Offertory for the Vigil Mass**. Please contact Tricia Smith if you can help. Email: tric1948@gmail.com

The Selwyn Parish is having its annual mid-winter luncheon at HQ in Rosemerryn Lincoln on Sunday 18th June at midday.

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

Craft & Friendship Group: Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm In Lincoln Church centre. Contact Yvonne 0273341151

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.

SELWYN PARISH FIRST COMMUNION 2023

45 CANDIDATES



Second Hand Catholic Book Shop - 'Christ the King Church' foyer, at 90 Greers Rd. Opening Hours: 11am-2pm. EFTPOS available.

Come and browse the many subject areas and discover something new to read about our Faith. If you have any Catholic books that you no longer need and not sure what do with, you are welcome to drop them off at the shop so they can be passed onto a new generation.

'Spirit of Mercy film' – this film explores the story of the Sisters of Mercy and the founding of Villa Maria College - at Lumiere Cinema, The Arts Centre, 26 Rolleston Ave, Christchurch, **Sunday 18 June**, 4pm.

Book in advance at Lumiere Cinema: Ph 365-0066.

Ticket Prices: Adults - \$19.00, Seniors - 60+ with ID \$14.00; Children - Under 15 \$14.00.

Students - A valid tertiary ID - \$15.50.

The film will be followed by a discussion with the filmmaker and those who star in the film.

Safeguarding Course –Catholic Leadership Institute - is now ready to accept enrolments for the July intake. Details on the course below:

- The Safeguarding in the Catholic Church in NZ.
- Online short course • Part-time for 3 months • Study at your own place and pace
- Mix of self-directed study, assignments and tutor-led discussions • Cost \$150

Email or call admin@ctc.ac.nz ; ph09 3611053 for information.

To enrol go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/safeguarding

Catholic Parish of Christchurch East - Office Administrator Vacancy: the Parish Office Manager will be retiring in September. This role is 25hrs/week and involves assisting with the financial management and other office administration processes of the Parish.

The ideal person will need: Experience in Financial Management and Xero Accounting Software • strong office administrative skills • Be proficient with Microsoft Office Suite • Great interpersonal skills and an appreciation for the Catholic faith. To request a detailed role description email: parish@christchurcheast.org.nz . Applications close Tuesday, 20 June.

Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account allows you to enjoy the peace and joy without the unnecessary stress at what is often a busy and expensive time of year.

Your savings are available from 1 December in time for Christmas or even summer holiday expenses, and your account will earn interest for you while doing good within our community.

CDF – INVEST IN GOOD: 0800 403 863 | www.cdf.org.nz

FROM OUR EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT: FR CHRIS

Hi Everyone

I arrived back in Aix les Bains yesterday after enjoying a 2-week motorcycle road trip through Southern France & part of Switzerland. Words cannot express the beautiful scenery that I experienced, from the majestic mountains to the towering cliffs; from the marvels of engineering with the mountain pass roads & the numerous tunnels & viaducts. There were many times when I said out load "amazing; wow; unbelievable". Not surprisingly there were many other motorcyclists enjoying the alpine pass roads & just like New Zealand it is customary for motorcyclists to acknowledge each other on the open road with a wave. There is one town called Briancon where I stopped for the night. I was told by the Accommodation owner to park in an accessible motorcycle park as there was a large group of motorcyclists arriving later. I counted the number of bikes later that evening: there were 19.

Just before returning to Aix les Bains, I stayed in a Mountain Village in Switzerland called "Lauterbrunnen". Of all the places that I stayed this was the most beautiful, nestled among mountains with flowing waterfalls.

Tomorrow, I depart for Lyon, France & then fly to Barcelona in Spain. While there I will spend a few days on a Spiritual Retreat at Montserrat Monastery, which will be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the past weeks & give thanks to God.

My next update will be in 2 weeks' time. Know that you will be in my prayers during Retreat.

