

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SELWYN

Incorporating the churches of: St Joseph's, Darfield: St John the Evangelist, Leeston:
St Patrick's, Lincoln and including parishioners from the Rolleston area.



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www.chchcatholic.nz

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

23 July 2023.

Readings

Wisdom 12:12-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 11:24-30



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: No Wednesday mass until
Mid-August

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.

Notes:

❖ Due to pressure on Bishop Michael's diary - the date for the **Confirmation Mass** has been changed - it will now be **Saturday 2 December, 7.00pm.**

Candidates from Year 8 and above plus any adults - are invited to inform the Parish Office or Fr Brian. There are 4 adults who have expressed a desire to be confirmed. A Programme will commence in September.

❖ This Sunday, Fr Dan will celebrate the Lincoln morning mass and Leeston mass.

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

The **Selwyn Parish** will commence another 'Journey to Catholic Faith' for adults who wish to become Catholic towards the end August/beginning September.

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 4 parishioners returning to the Team from the previous Programme.

Contact Fr Brian if you'd like to join the Team. It is a great Programme - as parishioners accompany candidates along their journey to Catholic Faith.

We need a couple more helpers.

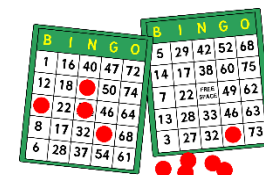
Also, if you know of an adult who is contemplating becoming a Catholic - please inform them of this 'Journey to Catholic Faith Programme'.

Presentation on the work of Dr Edric Baker: next Sunday, 30 July - following Morning Tea, after the 8.30am Lincoln Mass - to promote Kate Day's book '*Call Me Brother*' which is about the late Dr Edric Baker and the Kailakuri Healthcare Centre which he established in Bangladesh. Kailakuri link group coordinator will be present. The book will be available for \$25.00. This mission was promoted in the Lincoln Parish several years ago. Contacts: Helen Gallagher & Jeanette O'Donnell.

RIP: Anniversary: Jack O'Donnell 22/7;

Masses for: Holy Souls; Thanksgiving; Special Intention

Housie / Bingo for August: Parishioners are invited to come to the Housie afternoons each Wednesday in August. Commencing 2nd August 1pm in Lincoln Church Centre. Afternoon tea provided. \$10 card extra cards \$1 each. All money paid out in prizemoney. Please come along and join in the fun.



SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP in the Selwyn Parish:
For All Selwyn Parish Volunteers

22 parishioners gathered in Lincoln last Tuesday for the Safeguarding Workshop.
There are 2 more options for parishioners to attend.

✚ **This Sunday 23rd July after Sunday Mass, 10.00am – 11.30am** – Darfield Church Centre.

✚ **This Tuesday 25th July, 7pm – 8.30pm** – St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln.

The Workshop is for about 1½ hours

Who is required to attend?

All Volunteers in Parish ministries, regardless of role, eg Ministers of the Eucharist, Greeters, Communion to the Sick, PPRE & Children's Liturgy of the Word etc.

If you have not been to a Safeguarding Workshop in the last three years, please attend 1 of these options within the Selwyn Parish – this includes Catholic groups active with Selwyn Parish: eg. Catholic Women's League, St Vincent de Paul members, Legion of Mary.

If you are new to volunteering and wish to gain an understanding of what safeguarding is about in our parish communities (before you attend the workshop) you can view a short video clip on this link, but attendance at the workshop is still required.

<https://safeguarding.catholic.org.nz/safeguarding/formation-and-training/>

- Selwyn Parish Safeguarding Representative – Janet Cummings - email: jan.bern@xtra.co.nz
- Workshop Facilitator: Clodagh Ward (Christchurch Diocese Safeguarding Officer) cward@cdoc.nz;
- mobile: 0220124142

Seeking interest for Volunteers in Prison Ministry

Years-gone-by there have been parishioners who have been part of a Parish Team to visit one of the local Prisons.

Arii Taimataora, the Regional Chaplaincy Manager of the Southern Region – will speak to parishioners, about forming a Team of prison volunteers.

She will speak on 2 occasions:

* **after the Vigil mass this Saturday 22 July, 6.30pm**, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

* **and after morning tea this Sunday 23 July, 10.00am**, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

Her presentations will take about 30+ minutes, plus questions/discussion.

As you know - there are Safeguarding and Security Procols that need to be followed.

Volunteers would form a Team, and attend, on a roster, an Ecumencial Church Service with a Prison Chaplain.

There would be only about 6-10 imates present at the Service. This Service would be in a Community Area. This role doesn't imply meeting imates at random, but only those who choose to attend a Church Service.

However, it would be a 'blessing' if there are a handful of Selwyn Parishioners who may like to visit the prisons, in accompaniment with chaplains.

Attending the Presentation doesn't commit parishioners to joining the Team.

Altar Servers' Training session – All children who have made their First Communion are eligible to become Altar Servers'. If your child would like to join this important Ministry a training session will be held with Fr Brian and myself on Friday 4 August at St Patrick's Church at 5.30pm for approx. an hour. More children needed for both the Vigil Mass and Sunday morning. Please let Tricia Smith know if you are coming
Email: tric1948@gmail.com

Craft and Friendship: Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Lincoln Church centre. Enquiries to Yvonne 0273341151 or 3669795 We are also looking for wool to make Prayer Blankets. Any Donations would be greatly appreciated.

Darfield Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meets at **Trinity Church at 2pm this Thursday, 27th July** where we will be entertained by the story of Mabel Howard, New Zealand's first female Cabinet Minister, as told by Margaret Copeland. All ladies welcome to come and enjoy the warm venue and the warm fellowship.

Darfield Thursday Mass – I will be attending the Mass on Thursday 3 August at 10am. If anyone would like to join me, I have 3 spaces in my car. Email: tric1948@gmail.com

Friendship Group – the next gathering is Friday 4 August following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of Morning Tea to share. All welcome.

Prayer Blankets are given to the sick and those who are going through a distressing period of their lives. They are Blessed at mass and from then on, the person is kept in our prayers. Contact Yvonne 366 9795 or 027 334 1151 if you would like one for someone or for yourself.

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 our Middle Eastern Correspondent – Fr Chris

14th July Hi Everyone

Today our group was blessed in being able to spend a whole day in Bethlehem.

We went to the Herodian which was built by Herod the Great. It began life as a Jewish Fortress & town & ended up being a mausoleum, as Herod was buried there.

We also visited the Church of the Nativity which is built over the place of Jesus' birth: it was very moving to be there & spend time in prayer & reflection. Our guide was a Christian Palistianian & we were privileged to meet some of his family & have lunch at his home.

Last Saturday a group of us got up early & hiked up to Masada at 4:30am in the morning. On reaching the top we were in time to take in the sunrise. Masada is an ancient Fortress in the Southern District of Israel, where the Zealots held out against the Roman seige which took place from 73 -74 AD. The Roman's won & all the Zealots died.



Next week we head to Galilee for around 5 days which will include visiting Nazareth where the Holy Family lived.

Trust you are all fine & keeping you all in prayer.

Inside the Masada Fortress



Church of the Nativity the grotto of Jesus birth, Bethlehem.

21st July Hi Everyone Greetings from Galilee

Our group has been traveling through Galilee the past few days & visiting places associated with Jesus life & Ministry. This afternoon we visited Mount Bental which is where Jesus' taught the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12). Many of the places we have visited that are associated with significant parts of Jesus' life have a Church built there & on Mount Bental there is a lovely Church.

Earlier in the week we spent 2 nights in Nazareth. The most significant part of being there was visiting the Basilica of the Annunciation. The Basilica is built over the place where it is believed the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary & through her "Yes" the Word of God took flesh in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit.

It has been wonderful to spend much time by the Sea of Galilee which figures greatly in Jesus' Ministry & we have been out on a boat as well as some of us swimming in the Sea of Galilee.

Tomorrow we visit Mount Tabor where the Transfiguration took place (Mark 9:2-13)

I have just one week left in Israel so I am treasuring every moment.

Wishing you God's blessings & keeping you all in prayer

Report from the recent CYT Revolution Camp

All Parishes in the diocese were represented with over 90 young people attending camp, (there were about 7 from Selwyn Parish).

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this camp possible: our amazing youth group leaders, parish priests; Chaplains in our schools; our 30 Camp volunteers who were the heart of the camp, and to the CYT who worked tirelessly in the background leading to, during and after Camp.

Special thanks to all that financially contributed toward Revolution Camp. Your generosity allowed more young people to encounter Jesus at camp. May God's blessing return to you 100-fold. Thank you to all parents for entrusting us with your children. We pray they continue to grow in their faith journey toward Christ.

Finally, thank you to all our young people that attended the camp. You are a true blessing to our diocese.

We pray you continue to strengthen your relationship with JESUS because you are truly made for MORE. Visit our CYT FB page to see photos and video <https://www.facebook.com/CYTministriesh>

Jubilate: Christchurch South and West Parishes & Schools are bringing their talented choirs and young singers together for a good sing.

Come and support our featured choirs : @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Thursday 27 July, 7.00pm - 8.00pm. All welcome and admission is free.

Ken Joblin, Sacred Music Advisor, Christchurch Diocese.

John Paul II Centre for Life Race Night

Join us on **Friday 1 September in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway** for an evening of fun and help support the work of the JP II Centre for Life.

Tickets will be \$60 per person which includes entry and a two-course meal with cash bar available. For more information - Contact Matt: moconnell@cdoc.nz



Safeguarding in the Catholic Church Aotearoa New Zealand “ KICKSTART DAY”, Tuesday 12TH September, 10am-4pm, at ‘Christ the King Parish Centre’. Registrations Now Open.

Bishop Michael has directed that completion of this course is a requirement for all Priests and Religious in active ministry as well as those in Church leadership roles in the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch as promulgated by the NZCBC.

As well as priests and religious, this short online course is specifically for those who are leading ministries in the Catholic Church, whether religious, paid or in a voluntary role. The course was written by the National Office for Professional Standards in partnership with Te Kupenga – Catholic theological College.

The ‘Kickstart Day’ is facilitated by an external tutor provided by Catholic Theological College. On the day a large portion of the Course will be completed. Completion of this course after the ‘Kickstart Day’ is online in your own place and space in a more self-directed approach supported by a tutor.

Expectation of completion for all those who attend this day is end of October 2023.

Food: Refreshments and Lunch will be provided

Cost: Attending the day is free. (The total cost of the course including this day is \$150.00. Please confirm with Selwyn Parish as to undertaking of the cost).

Spaces are limited so please register your attendance directly with Clodagh Ward on cward@cdoc.nz by 12 August.



Sailing on Lake Galilee

The Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth.

