

# 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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The Christchurch Diocesan Website:  
[www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

**30 July 2023.**

### Readings

**1 Kings 3:5-12**

**Romans 8:28-30**

**Matthew 13:44-46**



## 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 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:

- ❖ **Fr John Adams'** Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop of Palmerston North will be in the 'Holy Spirit Cathedral', Palmerston North, Saturday 30 September, 11.00am. It will also be live-streamed.
- ❖ Fr Dan and myself are having 3-days' R&R this week in Hanmer. There will be **NO Lincoln Masses on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.**
- ❖ **Leeston Wednesday mass** will recommence on Wednesday 16 August, 5.30pm.
- ❖ **No** Lincoln Thursday mass until November.
- ❖ We need 3 - 4 parishioners to serve as '**emergency wardens**' in the Lincoln Church. This is to supervise evacuation of the church in the case of a fire/earthquake. Training will be provided. Please contact Fr Brian – if you are able to assist.
- ❖ **Safeguarding Workshop:** over the 3 sessions, there were about 60 parishioners who attended the Workshop. Thankyou to all who attended.
- ❖ **Prison Ministry:** 9 parishioners attended the 2 presentations on the role of being a volunteer in the prisons to assist with ecumenical church services. More information will come out soon.

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Next **Baptismal Preparation Programme** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Sundays 20 & 27 August**, 7.00pm – 8.15, in St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln. Contact the Parish Office: [selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com](mailto:selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com) to enrol.



The Selwyn Parish has a subscription to '**Formed**' - an online Catholic Resource Service. It is like a 'Catholic Netflix'.

It has some excellent programmes for adults and children.

How to register – **it is free** - go to:

- <https://formed.org/signup>
- enter **Selwyn Parish**
- enter **your name and email**
- **save**

The top bar gives various topics to look at.

**Philipino Mass** next Sunday, 6 August, 3.00pm.



## **Journey to Catholic Faith Programme**

The **Selwyn Parish** will commence another '**Journey to Catholic Faith**' for adults who wish to become Catholic towards the end August/beginning September. At the moment, there are 14 adults who have expressed a desire to attend the Programme.

This is great news for the Parish

To make the Journey a success, I'm seeking **parishioners to be part of the Team** – to accompany the candidates on their Journey and join in the discussion – so far, I have only 1 new volunteer, 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.

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

## **RIP**

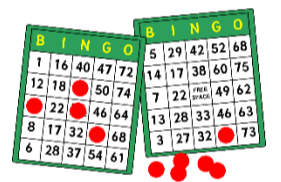
**Anniversary:** Jack O'Donnell 22/7; Larry Holcroft (Ireland)

**2024 Calendars:** with photos of local Catholic Churches are available to order. **Order Forms** in the Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln churches. Cost \$20. This is a fund raising enterprise by Rachel van der Plas to go on a Catholic pilgrimage to Australia at the end of the year.

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**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.

**Housie / Bingo for August:** Parishioners are invited to come to the Housie afternoons each Wednesday in August. Commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**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](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

**Darfield Gardening:** Hi, Its gardening time. For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

**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 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](mailto: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.

### SVDP Parish report for 30-07-23



It has been a very cold month and it looks set to continue for a while, so we are grateful for all the help from parishioners with warm bedding and other support. There is still a need for more, so if you have any spare duvets etc, that are surplus to your needs, then contact us and we shall be happy to find it all a new home. The Vinnies shops are always needing furniture and other items in good condition for selling or giving to welfare cases, so, if you can help, please contact Stanmore Road Vinnies or us and collection can be organised. Also, please remember the Vinnies bin outside St Patrick's in Lincoln for smaller items. Thank you.

Contact details:

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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>

God Bless. Ian Tennant

### From our Middle Eastern Correspondent – Fr Chris

Hi Everyone Trust you are all well.

Today our group has been in Jericho & to the river Jordan. It was a hot day in Jericho, reaching a high of 43 degrees. While in Jericho we visited a beautiful Eastern Orthodox Church & read the story of Zacchaeus. There was a large sycamore tree outside & it seemed opportune to see how my climbing skills where. Later on, we visited the River Jordan where Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist. There were many people going into the water with some even being baptised. All of our group took the opportunity to renew our Baptismal promises & some were immersed fully in the River. During the week we visited a number of places including the Church of St Anne. This Church is built over what is believed to be the childhood home of the Virgin Mary. While we were there, we took the opportunity to sing as a group & fill the Church with song. Today was our group's last full day together which made it very special & we shared a lovely meal this evening in an outside Restaurant & watched the sunset.

Tomorrow, I depart for Tel Aviv & fly to Australia a day later. While there I will be travelling for a few weeks before returning home. This is my last update & it has been a pleasure sharing some of my experiences with you. I look forward to seeing you back in New Zealand. I wish you all well & keep you in my prayers.



Up the Zaccheus Tree.

The Jordan River  
(Near the Dead Sea) where  
St John the Baptist  
baptised Jesus



### **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 are \$60 per person which includes entry and a two-course meal with cash bar available.

Book your ticket at <https://jp2.org.nz/community-events/> or contact Theresa on [director@jp2.org.nz](mailto:director@jp2.org.nz) or 022 503 9249. For more information - Contact Matt: [moconnell@cdoc.nz](mailto:moconnell@cdoc.nz)



It is a really fun night, so do consider coming along. I have booked at this stage two tables for the Selwyn Parish with Matt O'Connell. If you would like to attend, please contact me to reserve a ticket. More detail re payment later. Email: [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

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A **Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account** allows you to enjoy the peace and joy of Christmas 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 celebrations 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](http://www.cdf.org.nz)

### ***'Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?'***

The ACU Centre for Liturgy invite you to join an online public lecture on Monday 7 August, 10am-11:30am, presented by Dr Phyllis Zagano (Hofstra University, New York), live via Zoom on the topic of Women Deacons and the Synod: What Happens Now?"

Enquiries: [centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au) Register online by 4 August <http://www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl>

**St Joseph's Catholic Church Dannevirke - Celebrating 125 years:** 14 & 15 October, Allardice Street, Dannevirke.

Jubilee Mass & luncheon on Saturday 14 October; special Mass Sunday 15 October.

We invite past parishioners to celebrate this occasion. Register: [stjodvke@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stjodvke@xtra.co.nz)

**St Anthony's Catholic School, Seatoun, Wellington, Centenary:** 13 -14 October. We invite past students, staff, families to celebrate this occasion. Register: find us on the St Anthony's School Centenary Facebook Page; email: [centenary@stants.school.nz](mailto:centenary@stants.school.nz) or Julie O'Brien, 021 377 192. Accommodation is being held aside at Brentwood Hotel on a first-in-first-served basis.

**Safeguarding in the Catholic Church Aotearoa New Zealand " KICKSTART DAY",** Tuesday 12 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 the Catholic Theological College. The 'Kickstart Day' is facilitated by an external tutor.

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](mailto:cward@cdoc.nz) by 12 August.