

# 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:  
<https://cdoc.nz/>

## 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

**27 August 2023.**

### Readings

**Isaiah 22:19-23**

**Romans 11:33-36**

**Matthew 16:21-27**



## 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.

## From Fr Brian:

- ❖ The Government has lifted the last restrictions for Covid. I'm going to re-introduce **Communion under both kinds** when the new rosters take effect. Several parishes have already re-introduced this practice. I appreciate that not everyone will return to the practice of receiving Communion from the chalice. This is a decision for the parishioner.
- ❖ In next week's Newsletter, I will advertise the position of a **Pastoral Assistant** for the Selwyn Parish. One of the tasks of the Pastoral Assistant will be to assist with the Sacramental Programmes. Information will be available in the newsletter and a Job Description from the Parish Office.
- ❖ As mentioned, 5 parishioners have volunteered 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. We would appreciate more volunteers. Please contact Fr Brian – if you are able to assist.
- ❖ Fr Vincent, from the Cathedral Parish, will be the celebrant in Darfield this Sunday.

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This weekend we have a Diocese collection for the intention of Maori Education. Envelopes are available at each church or you can deposit to the parish account 03 1592 0207180 20. Please add the reference **Maori Education** to the deposit.

## Journey to Catholic Faith Programme

10 parishioners have joined the '**Journey to Catholic Faith**' Team.

There are about 16 adults who have expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic.

Meetings will be on **Tuesday evenings, beginning on 5 September.**

It is a great Programme - as parishioners accompany candidates along their journey to the Catholic Faith.

**Any further volunteers are welcome.**

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

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.

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## RIP

**Recentley decesaed:** Pat Devlin (Lincoln); Rosemarie O'Carroll (ex-West Melton); Moira Lipyeat; Edwin O'Donnell; Michael Thompson.

**Anniversary:** Joan Lysaght 20/8.

**Mass:** for Special Intention

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## 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 'JPII 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) **Ticket sales close on Monday 28 August**

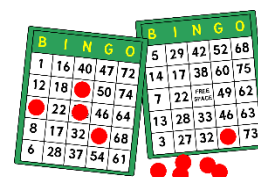
It is a really fun night, so do consider coming along. I have booked at this stage two tables for the Selwyn Parish with Matt O'Connell. If you would like to attend, please contact me to reserve a ticket. More detail re payment later. Email: [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

**Race Night Sponsorship** JPII Centre for life are looking for 3 or 4 parishioners prepared to contribute \$500 each to sponsor a race for the Selwyn Parish. Please let Tricia Smith know asap [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

**Sunday Cuppas** – once again the cupboard is totally bare. When shopping can you please add a packet of biscuits or two, to your trolley for our Morning Teas and leave in the Lincoln kitchen. Many thanks

**Housie** – All parishioners are invited to come and enjoy the fun each Wednesday in August. There are 3 more Wednesdays left so give it a go and we are sure you will fun with lots of laughs.

Cards are \$10 with extra cards \$1 each and we will give you afternoon tea



**Friendship Group** – Our next gathering is Friday 1 September in the Church Centre following the 9 -am Mass. Please bring a small plate of Morning Tea to share. All welcome.

**Father's Day Raffle.** The Catholic Women's League is holding their annual Father's Day raffle and will be selling tickets on the next two weekend at all Lincoln Masses 26/27 August and 2/3rd September. The raffle will be drawn on Father's Day after Mass.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5.

**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.

**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.

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**'Antioch'** is a 'Faith Experience' for youth in Years 9 - 13. The next **Antioch Weekend** will be at Woodend Christian Camp over 22-24 September. There are flyers in the church porch. The Weekend is facilitated by the Catholic Youth Team.

**The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions Appeal:** invite you to share in their missionary outreach in Vietnam and Myanmar by donating to their Mission Appeal. Details are in the pamphlets that are available at the church entrance. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support. Sister Kathleen Prendergast .

**CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK:** hosts St Thomas of Canterbury College teacher and rugby legend, Mark Hammett, on Thursday 7 September at Te Pae Convention Centre beginning at midday. Hear insights into how Mark has combined the skills accumulated from his rugby career to create better outcomes in the field of education and sport and also enjoy a networking lunch at Christchurch's premier event space. Find out more at [www.cbn.nz](http://www.cbn.nz)

**'GOLDEN CATHOLICS' – welcome Home to our WORLD YOUTH DAY Pilgrims.**

Join us for Mass at 11.00am, Friday 8 September, at 'Christ the King', Burnside, before our travellers share their experiences of the pilgrimage. Bishop Michael will explain how valuable *World Youth Day* was in bringing young people of the Diocese together with the Pope to celebrate Mass and our Catholic Faith. There will also be an update on the Marian College Campaign. A light lunch will follow.

RSVP: 4 September. Ph: 366-9869 / email [receptionists@cdoc.nz](mailto:receptionists@cdoc.nz)

**RETREAT DAY – Catholic Women's Movement:** Annual Retreat Day; Saturday, 16 September. The Facilitator will be Joanne Hope; at 'The McFadden's Centre', 64 McFaddens Road, Papanui, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm.

A day of spiritual nourishment in a warm and supportive atmosphere. Delicious food provided.

To book for the retreat - make an electronic payment of \$55 to our bank account: 031707-0043199-000 ; include your name and ref RETREAT and email your contact details to Helen at [helenterry@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:helenterry@slingshot.co.nz) by 1 September. Information phone Helen: 0211335132.

**SYMPHONIC SPLENDOUR:** Joseph Haydn's, Te Deum, Symphony 95 Nelson Mass.

CBS Choir and Orchestra. St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 10 September, 2.00pm. Programme admission \$25 & \$2

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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL – 'VINNIES' - URGENTLY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.**

**Drivers & Assistant Drivers:** – can you spare a couple of days a week/month in the truck delivering and picking up goods?

**Logistic Support:** – supporting the General Manager in the logistics aspect of the Vinnies operation?

**Hornby Vinnies Store:** seeking volunteers who can give some time to the sorting clothes, working on the till and general retail tasks. Training included.

Contact: Robyn Casey for details on the roles: [robyn@svidpchs.co.nz](mailto:robyn@svidpchs.co.nz) or phone 027474004.



## THE THOMAS MORE SOCIETY FOR LIBERAL ARTS

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WHAT ARE THE LIBERAL ARTS?

Dr Paul Morrissey of Campion College, Australia, and

Ben & Eliza McCabe of the Augustine Academy presenting with a panel of local Educators.

A lecture, panel and Q&A session with drinks and nibbles.

at Our Lady of Victories, Sockburn, 7.00pm, Friday, 8 September.

Here is a link to the facebook event <https://fb.me/e/OceitPQt>

**'OPEN HOME FOUNDATION' - FOSTER PARENT:** We are reaching out to our Christian community in Christchurch to make a difference in the lives of children and young people in our city. If being a foster parent has been something that you keep thinking about perhaps now is the time for you to take this step. We have an urgent need for care for a 15-year-old boy who needs a family to care for him and support him to develop life skills and prepare him for adulthood. We provide training and 24/7 support for all our foster parents. If God has placed this on your heart, please contact us. Open Home Foundation Ph [366-5977](tel:366-5977); [bex.may@ohf.org.nz](mailto:bex.may@ohf.org.nz)

**St Dominic's College, Dunedin, Reunion:** Please register your interest in a proposed Reunion of those who attended St Dominic's College, Dunedin. Ph 03.454-3191; [stunpaul@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stunpaul@xtra.co.nz)

The next **Greater Company of Mary Mass** will be on Saturday 9 September, 10.30am, at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North.

All welcome. Morning tea will follow. For catering purposes, please rsvp by Monday 4 September, to the Little Company of Mary office, ph. 372-9224.

As we approach **Social Justice Week** from 3 - 9 September, let's explore how the Church's Social Teaching helps us to challenge the status quo in society both here and overseas. Join us for this free online event with speaker Lyn Smith, a lecturer with Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College: on Thursday, 31 August, 6:00pm - 7:30pm, via Zoom.

Details and register here: [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/challenging-the-status-quo](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/challenging-the-status-quo)

### **From the Diocesan Office**

**Diocese Communications:** email is the best way for the Diocese to communicate to parishioners. We encourage you to sign up for the Diocese mailing list on our website <https://cdoc.nz> . (The sign-up is available at the bottom of every page).

Email allows us to communicate with you quickly, and with much planned in the Diocese, we encourage you sign-up to be kept informed. There will not be unnecessary emails and you can unsubscribe at any time.



**The Selwyn Parish Annual Quiz Night** is to be held on Friday 15th September in the Parish Centre starting at 7pm, BYO; supper and nibbles provided.

Teams of four at \$5 per person there will be a raffle \$1 each or \$5 for three. We will be taking names in the next couple of weeks so get your team together and you can register your team on [mbmerea@gmail.com](mailto:mbmerea@gmail.com)