

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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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

10 September 2023.

Readings

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



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:

❖ Now that Fr Chris is back into the routine – it's time for Fr Brian to disappear for a month. I leave on 18 September for London and Germany. There won't be any weekly reports ... as I won't have access to a laptop. While in Germany I'm going on a Battlefield Tour – something different to visiting churches. I'm going to the Mohne & Eder Dams, of the Dambuster fame; Colditz; Dresden; Stalag Luft III, of the Great Escape fame; Berlin and Hanover. Plus sharing in a few German dark beers and a few English bitters. I'm going with 'Leger Tours' – my 4th Battlefield Tour with them. They provide excellent guides, lectures and good buses.

In my absence, Fr Julian Wagg, a retired priest from the Wellington Archdiocese, will be helping out in the Selwyn Parish. Some parishioners will remember him from his Burnham days.

❖ The re-introduction of **Communion under both kinds** seems to be well received. I appreciate that not everyone will return to the practice of receiving Communion from the chalice. This is a decision for the parishioner.

❖ Bishop Michael Gielen will confer the **Sacrament of Confirmation** on **Saturday 2 December, at an extra mass, 7.00pm**, in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.

There will be supper after the mass.

Candidates in Years 7, 8 & 9, 10 and above are invited to register. (Some families have already registered in the Programme).

We have 4 **adults** who have request to be confirmed. We encourage Adults, if you have not been confirmed, to enrol in the Programme. We will have a couple of separate meetings with adults.

Please let Fr Chris or the Parish Office know if you'd like to register your child for the Programme.

The Programme will begin on **Sunday 15 October from 10.00am – 4.00pm**, in the St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln; the first 2 sessions will be facilitated by the *Catholic Youth Team*.

There will also be a **Parents' Meeting** on Saturday 7 October, after the Vigil Mass in Lincoln and after the morning mass in Darfield on Sunday 8 October.

❖ Morning Tea this Sunday in Darfield.

❖ **Daylight Saving** will commence on the **weekend of 23-24 September**. Darfield Sunday mass will be at **8.30am** from **Sunday 24 September**.



Catholic Parish of Selwyn – Pastoral Assistant

A vacancy exists in our Parish Team with a key focus of facilitating the Sacramental Programmes and establishing Teams of volunteers in the ministries within our Parish.

This role requires a special combination of experience, skill, and personal qualities.

Applicants will demonstrate a personal faith commitment, relevant pastoral experience, and a desire to be on mission.

More information including the position description and Application Form can be requested from either Fr Chris, or the Parish Office.

Applications close Monday 16 October 2023

Journey to Catholic Faith Programme

the '**Journey to Catholic Faith**' Programme commenced last Tuesday. There was a good atmosphere at our first gathering.

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

RIP

Recently deceased: Lex Cockburn (Rolleston); Ngaire Sullivan (Hoon Hay); Pat Devlin (Lincoln); Rosemarie O'Carroll (ex-West Melton).

Mass: Francisca Jung

'**Light Party**' – as an alternative to Halloween – is being planned by the various Churches of Lincoln. The Baptist Church are happy to lead the venture. **Is there a parishioner** who would like to attend a planning meeting for this Event? If so, please contact Fr Brian.

Outing for parishioners to Loretta Sloan's home in Leeston. On Thursday the 12th of October. Loretta is a textile artist she works with felt along with other medium. and has been an entrant in the Wearable arts Competition WOW on several occasions.

WE will carpool from St Patricks Lincolns carpark at 9.30. Arriving at her home at 2 Showground's Place Leeston. She will give us Morning tea and she will show us her past entries in to the Wearable Arts Competition (WOW) held annually in September. She will teach a workshop, and we can make a whimsical felt flower. You don't need to be artistic just come and have fun.

Then we are going to her friend Deborah Gill-Smith's Home. It was built in 1882. It is fully restored retaining all original features. Deborah and her family are the 5th generation living in this elegant home. Lunch will be provided here. Please let me know if there are any special dietary requirements. Deborah has a very creative and artistic flair which you will see when you enter this home. She also has a beautiful range of vintage clothing.

WE will leave her home at 2.30 The cost is \$60.

This is an open invitation please invite anyone who you think may be interested in joining us. If it is easier to go directly to Loretta's please do. But let me know.

We need numbers by the 5th of October. Please phone or text me on 0273341151. Regards Yvonne Morgan

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday after 9am mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for all of us to come and pray God for a visit. 1 hour – ½ hour or 10 minutes. He is waiting anxiously for each and everyone of us. Bring your love and concerns or just sit quietly so he can talk to you in your heart. Don't we all love a visitor when alone.

Lincoln Catholic Women's League meeting is on Monday 11th September at [1pm. in](#) the Parish Centre. At 2pm Father Chris is coming to tell us about his motor bike trip from Broome to Darwin down to Adelaide. We would like to invite any parishioners who would like to hear about Father Chris's travels. Please come and you will be made very welcome



The Selwyn Parish Annual Quiz Night. A reminder about the quiz night next Friday 15th September at 7pm in the Parish Centre. BYO and we will supply nibbles, juice and supper.

We only have two spots left so be quick and register a team

Those of you who have already registered your team, it would be helpful if you could supply the name of your team

to mbmerea@gmail.com as it would make it easier on the night when you arrive.

Race Night at Addington – what a great time 29 of us had last Friday night. We thank Anne- Marie Best and Stephen Challies for their contribution towards the sponsorship of Race 4 named 'DD Nyhan of Selwyn Catholic Parish Memorial Trot'. The article about Denis Nyhan, a former parishioner that was printed in the race book, is on the noticeboard in the foyer for you to see. Fr Brian was pipped at the post for winning the Priests Award.

Father's Day Raffle results 1st prize Jeanette O Donnell, 2nd prize Rodney Keegan.

The Lincoln Catholic Women's League members would like to thank the parishioners for the support given to raise funds so we can continue our support to our Mission Station in Honiara in the Solomon Islands.

'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.

Sponsorship: will support young people who struggle financially to attend Antioch and allow them to encounter Christ. Thank you for being part of a young person's faith journey. God Bless.

Donations can be made to: Catholic Diocese of Christchurch: 03-0802-0948733-00

Particulars: Donations; Reference: Antioch23

We currently have 3 attending from the Selwyn Parish.

"JAM'23 - Jesus and Me," is an event by *Jesus Youth Christchurch* which aims to foster a stronger spiritual connection among children aged 5 to 10. It is happening on 30 September, at the Halswell Centre, Hao Hall; 9:30am - 3:30pm.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS SHARING EVENING: the pilgrims that attended *World Youth Day* from our Diocese are keen to share their experience. They are hosting an evening on Tuesday 12 September, 7.30pm, at the St Teresa's Church Hall, Riccarton. This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to hear about the pilgrimage and the impact it has had. After the presentation, you are welcome to stay for a light supper and cup of tea. For more information, please contact Grace at gchallies@cdoc.nz or Stephani at youngadults@christchurchwest.org.nz.

CHAMPAGNAT MARIST FAMILY: will be celebrating 'The Holy Name of Mary' Mass on Sunday 17 September, 2.00pm, at the Xavier Hall, 122 Barbadoes Street. Drinks and nibbles to follow.

The Champagnat Marist Family are looking to set up a Marist Family Network. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Brs Alan or Osmund on 358-5351; or Dan Dungey 021 285 5400 ; partnership@fmstpacific.com

Celebration Sunday for **Venerable Suzanne Aubert:** 1 October. It is a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. While we wait and pray for Suzanne Aubert to be beatified, we continue to unite to promote her message of compassion and love throughout New Zealand and the world.

www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday

Prayer for the Beatification of Suzanne Aubert



Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you.

Hear our prayers that Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who loved the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, may soon be recognised as a saint.

Amen.