

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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<https://cdoc.nz/>

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

17th September 2023.

Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:33 - 28:9

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



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: 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:

❖ I leave on 18 September for London and Germany for a month's holiday. 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.

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

❖ No Lincoln Thursday masses until November.

❖ 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.

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.

❖ **Daylight Saving** will commence on the **weekend of 23-24 September**.

Darfield Sunday mass will be at **8.30am** from **next Sunday 24 September**.

Copies of **Inform** are available – please take a copy.



2024 **Columban Calendars** are available. Cost \$12 - same as last few years.

From Fr Brian

- ❖ Monday week ago, members of various Selwyn Parish Committees met with Simon Thompson , the Diocese's General Manager, to discuss the recent changes to the Diocese's policies about the capital works within the Diocese and within Parishes. It was a productive meeting.

After the earthquakes, a more centralised model was run for the various projects of parish amalgamations, plans for a new Cathedral and a host of projects around the Diocese. The 'Common Good' was to be mechanism for making it all work. However, Bishop Michael has written a Letter to Parishes highlighting the decision that the former Diocesan policy of the 'Common Good', for utilising finances, has been dispensed with. Parishes are to take ownership of decision-making.

Some of the main points from the Meeting with Simon Thompson are as follows:

1. The Selwyn Parish will decide it's future with regards to new capital projects. The Parish will lead and the Diocese will assist.
2. The Parish will need to work in consultation with the congregations from the three church communities and representatives from Rolleston, to decide on the order or projects that they wish to proceed. The parish needs to decide this and then work out how it will be funded.
3. Along with Parish Fundraising, the Selwyn Parish has assets which it can realise and use for their projects.

After 3 years of Parish projects being placed 'on hold', parishes can now proceed with planning and work-out priorities. We are now focussed on moving forward.

A question for us to discuss is: "How do you see the future of the Selwyn Parish ?"

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**' Programmme commemnced last Tuesday. There was a good atmsphere 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).

From the Office: Could Fiona Liley please contact Mary at the office. Thank You.

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.

"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.

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

Fr Chris Skinner in Concert: St Bede's College Chapel, Sunday, 1 October, 1.00pm.

Fr Chris's CDs & DVDs will be available for sale. Tickets: \$20.00 available from:

Anne-Marie 027 227 2471; or email: JosdeLeijer@gmail.com

Please leave name & contact number; Payments to 'Faith and Light Southern Cross Province': 03-0866-0442491-00; Door sales on the day.

Election 2023: does your local candidate support palliative care?

Family First organisation has produced a pamphlet that allows you to see how each current or past MP seeking re-election has voted on important social issues. <https://www.valueyourvote.org.nz>

Matt O'Connell is the **Diocesan Vocations Coordinator** working alongside the Vocations Director, Fr Tien Cao.

Matt will be helping with new initiatives and events to promote vocations. He can be contacted on vocations.chch@gmail.com or 027 536 9407.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE will accept enrolments on September 25 for the 2024 First Semester. CTC has a programme that will empower you to critically analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare you for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable. Register at www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply

Selwyn Parish Website & Facebook

Don't forget to check out the Selwyn Parish website <https://selwyncatholic.nz/> where you can find the latest updates, newsletters, event information and links to our parish Facebook page

[<https://www.facebook.com/selwyncatholicparish>].

Our online presence is a work in progress so if you have any ideas for content for the website or our Facebook page please get in touch

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