

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/>

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

24th September 2023.

Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Matthew 20:1-16



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

Darfield: Sunday - 8.30am
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.

- ❖ We welcome Fr Julian Wagg to the parish. He will be replacing Brian while he is away.
- ❖ 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 this Sunday 24 September**.

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



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

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

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



SVDP Report: Thank you all so much for your support of the Parish Quiz last week. Our Vinnies conference are the recipients of your generosity, and you have provided us with funds that can now be spent where the need is urgent or cannot be met through other channels. Thank you again.

We are planning to trial having an open-door time in the parish centre, where clients can come and meet someone and get assistance they need. There will be more details next week, but we would be grateful that, if there is someone you know who is lonely, struggling financially, or in need of other help, please let them know we are here to help, or get in contact with us and we shall follow it up.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Please continue to pray for the success of our mission.

God bless. Ian

Quiz Night: Thank you to all the parishioners who came to the Selwyn Parish quiz night making it a success. It was a good night and the winners on the night were the Prendergast family.

The SAT team were very grateful to those who attended and the \$600 raised was donated to St Vincent de Paul in the Selwyn parish.



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

Darfield Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meets this **Thursday, 28th September at 12 noon at Trinity Church.** We are making this meeting a shared finger food lunch to welcome the new Anglican vicar, Rev Alexa Evenden. After lunch Alexa will share her story. All ladies welcome

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 every one 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.

Message of his holiness Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and refugees 2023 (24 September 2023)

Prayer

God, Father Almighty,
grant us the grace to work tirelessly
for justice, solidarity and peace,
so that all your children may enjoy
the freedom to choose whether to migrate or to stay.

Grant us the courage to denounce
all the horrors of our world,
and to combat every injustice
that mars the beauty of your children
and the harmony of our common home.

Sustain us by the power of your Spirit,
so that we can reflect your tender love
3 to every migrant whom you place in our path,
and to spread in hearts and in every situation
the culture of encounter and of care.

Vacancy: Christchurch Diocese - Administration role This role is a combination of Debt Collection working with the parishes on Attendance Dues Debt, and general accounts work. Hours are 30 hours per week. Applications close midnight 1st October. Inquiries and/or applications to jrennell@cdoc.nz

Vacancy: Catholic parish of Christchurch South - coordinator of sacramental ministries a vacancy exists on our parish staff with a key focus of coordinating teams of volunteers to assist in the Sacramental 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 downloaded on the diocesan website <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/news-categories/vacancies> Applications close Friday, 13th October 2023

The Crafty Crew. The Christchurch West Parish hosts these monthly meetings from 1:30-4:00pm in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. This month the meeting is on Saturday 30th September. Come meet crafters from other Christchurch parishes. Bring your handcraft project and a gold coin donation, as well as some cash for raffles. It's a friendly social gathering with good conversation. Contact Jude Lathey 021 217-2052

Father Chris Skinner in concert St Bede's College Chapel Sunday, 1st October from 1:00pm. For tickets contact Anne-Marie 027 227 2471; Cathie 021 125 8077; Ursula 027 260 0706. Or by email to: JosdeLeijer@gmail.com Payments to Account number below. Faith and Light Southern Cross Province A/c: 03-0866-0442491-00 Door sales on the day.

St Thérèse rose petal evening "An evening of prayer with St Thérèse of Lisieux" Saturday 7th October, from 5:30pm please join the Community of the Beatitudes for a very special evening of prayer and reflection. The evening of prayer includes St Thérèse's own words put to music and an opportunity to write this saint a 'letter' followed by a potluck dinner. All welcome! 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield, North Canterbury. For more information contact Thomas at thomas@beatitudes.nz or 022 506 2538.

Jam 23 - Jesus and me "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. 30th September, 9.30am - 3.30pm at the Te Hapua: Halswell Centre, Hao Hall.

Invest in Christmas joy A Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account allows you to enjoy the peace and joy that the birth of Jesus brings 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 86 www.cdf.org.nz

Diocesan Vocations Coordinator 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.

Free Barber: Free Haircuts & Beard Trims: A Catholic Social Services initiative delivered free to the community. Catholic Social Services 336 Cashel Street, Central City Every Second Monday | noon - 4pm

Hospital Chaplaincy contacts: Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital, please advise the chaplain or let the nurses know that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain/ Priest on call

Christchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick – 021 702 378

Burwood Hospital: Jane Dick - 021 572 480

Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough - 021 501 683

Nurse Maude Hospice: Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438

St George's Hospital: Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438

Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish - 379 1068