

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/>

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

22nd October 2023.

Readings

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21



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: No Mass

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.

❖ No Lincoln Thursday masses until November.

❖ No Mass in Darfield Thursday the 26th October as Fr Chris & Fr Brian are at a study day.

Confirmation

The Confirmation Programme commenced last Sunday. There are about 16 candidates. The Programme is facilitated by 5 members of the Diocesan Youth Team. Potential candidates are still able to attend the second session – next Sunday 29 October, beginning at 10.00am in the Lincoln Church Centre and concluding at 3.00pm with mass.

Parishioners are invited to the Confirmation Mass on Saturday 2 December, 7.00pm, in St Patrick's Church. There will be supper after the mass.



RIP

Recently deceased: Howard Dodunski (Darfield), Quinn Miller (Lincoln)

Wednesday 1st November is **All Saints' Day**

Masses:

Lincoln: 9.00am

Leeston: 5.30pm

Thursday 2nd November is **All Souls' Day**.

It is customary to place names of the deceased in the 'Holy Souls Box'. The box will be placed beside the altar and the names remembered at masses during the month of November.

Masses:

Lincoln: 9.00am

Darfield: 10.00am

Annual **Bereavement Mass**: **Thursday 2 November, 7.00pm, at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.**

At this mass, parishioners who have died over the past 12 months are remembered.

There will be supper in the Lincoln Church Centre after the mass.

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

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

Transport: We have a parishioner who needs a ride from Rolleston to 8.30am mass at Lincoln.
Ph Nel 027 304 822

Healing services: The Jesus Youth of Wellington has sponsored Johnson Sequeira to NZ for healing services on the following dates:

Saturday 21/10/23- 6:30pm to 8:30pm St Patrick's Church Lincoln Address: 31 Gerald Street, Lincoln 7608

Sunday 22/10/23- 10:30- 3pm St Patrick's Church Lincoln Address: 31 Gerald Street, Lincoln 7608

Sunday 22/10/23- 6pm to 8pm Address: 38 Sudbury Way, Rolleston.

Darfield Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meets this Thursday, 26th October at 12.30pm 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.

Lincoln Anglican Plant sale on Saturday the 28th Oct at 9am. If anyone has plants to donate, please could they be dropped off on the Friday.

The Catholic Women's League is taking a bus trip to Akaroa on Monday 13th November leaving the Event Centre car park at 9am morning tea stop at Little River and arriving at Akaroa around 11am. We will be leaving Akaroa at 3pm and returning to the Event Centre by 4.30pm. There is no charge for the bus, you only need to buy your lunch or take a picnic lunch with you. We still have seats available and we would love a full bus, please contact Margaret on 021 2731316 or email mbmerea@gmail.com

An advance notice to parishioners: The Selwyn annual pot luck dinner is on again on Saturday 18th November at the Lincoln Event Centre. Put this date into your diary and we will have more information later. SAT team



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE: These will be for sale from St Vincent de Paul after Sunday Mass for the next few weeks.

Cost is \$5.00 for a pack of 5 cards. You could also contact SVDP on 0210 855 1988

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday after 9am mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for all of us to come and pray. 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.

SESSION ON JOHN'S GOSPEL with Sr Kathleen Rushton - Tuesday 31 October, 7.30pm.

This will focus on our call to participate with Jesus in 'finishing the works of God' by hearing both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor (Laudato Si' 49) in God's evolving, unfinished universe.

At McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College, Peer Street.

Email: roho@xtra.co.nz or ph. 379-1298

SPRING MAGNIFICAT - CBS ORCHESTRA: a seasonal celebration including Vivaldi's Spring and his marvelous Magnificat will be presented by the CBS Orchestra and Chorale in St Mary's Pro-cathedral, 2 pm, Sunday, 12 November.

Leader and soloist Henry Nicholson leads the orchestra, and musical director is Don Whelan.

Programme admission: \$25 and \$20.

VINNIES ARE RECRUITING: an opportunity has arisen at St Vincent de Paul Christchurch for a "Vinnies Youth & Young Adult Development Officer".

The successful candidate will effectively work with our primary and high schools and university students within Christchurch. This is a Permanent full-time position with possibilities for flexi working and job sharing.

For a role description - email Robyn Casey; robyn@svdpchch.co.nz

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: Gather with a group of Catholic leaders for a one-day seminar.

This is a series of videos with world class speakers and inspirational stories that will inspire and encourage you in your leadership.

Information: <https://cdoc.nz/newsevents/event-leadership-summit>

VOCATION RETREAT FOR MEN: A retreat is being held from 3rd-5th November at Sister Eveleen House, Sumner, for men who are open to the possibility of a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life.

It begins at 7pm, on Friday and concludes on Sunday after lunch.

Contact the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell, ph. 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz for more details/register.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING - Fr John Rea SM: two healing meetings being hosted by the 'Lamb of God Community' at the 'Lamb of God Centre', 21 Thames Street.

Saturday 4 November, 7.30-9.30pm & Sunday 5 November, 2-4pm.

All are welcome. Information: <https://www.sm.org.nz/about/missionary-parishes/john-rea/>

Enquiries: John Murray, lambogodchristchurch@gmail.com or 021 280 4516.

CARMELITE SILENT RETREAT: 'Advent with Carmel' 24-26 November.

Father Michael-Therese, CSJ, will be leading the upcoming Retreat at Rochester Hall, Ilam.

Cost: Live-in \$240; day only \$120.

Contact: Megan Emery - ph. 383-0706 or benedictus@windowslive.com

'THROUGH THE EYES OF BISHOP GRIMES': for the first time in over 100 years, you will be able to view a selection of Bishop Grimes' glass lantern slides as they were originally intended - on a magic lantern slide projector.

Bishop Grimes used New Zealand slides to promote his Cathedral fundraising efforts abroad, and then host evenings illustrating the European cities he visited.

On Wednesday 25 October, 2pm, at the Assisi Lounge, St Mary's Pro-cathedral.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL- due to ongoing increasing welfare demands, we are urgently needing the following items: Bedding/Linen/Whiteware/Furniture. Donations can be dropped to the Vinnies Shop, Hornby; or to the Blue Bin at beside St Patrick's Church.

Furniture pick-up is free - ph. 389-7484 or email robyn@svdpchch.co.nz



John Paul II Centre Race Night – 1 September

The winning horse - 'Walkin on Sunshine' - of the Selwyn Parish Sponsored Race with several parishioners looking on.

A great night enjoyed by many parishioners.

A special 'thanks' to parishioners who sponsored the race on behalf of the Selwyn Parish

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday

On Mission Sunday, we focus on evangelisation and the work of missionaries. All countries have received the Christian Faith through missionary effort. Even in the Acts of the Apostles we read of St Paul touring around the Mediterranean proclaiming the Gospel. Europe, America, Asia, and Oceania all received the Christian Faith from missionaries.

In the past 150 years colonialism brought the Christian Faith to many countries. And hand-in-glove, the Christian Churches, also brought new insights and development to many countries. However, nationalism and personal prejudice sometimes diluted the Gospel message. At times, colonialism did a disservice to the Gospel by mixing the Gospel message with colonial policies. Here in New Zealand, the Land Wars, during the 1860s, is one example that weakened the mission of preaching the Christian Gospel to the Māori.

Jesus realised the danger of political and personal prejudice dominating religious practice – hence we witness his frequent attacks on the Pharisees.

The need to proclaim the Gospel is ever present. Now, in the 2nd millennium, the world is still in need of the message of the Gospel.

The Gospel message of Jesus Christ has yet to penetrate the lives of many people - and these people are not always in foreign lands.

New Zealand now has a significant proportion of its population that has little knowledge of the Gospel.

Mission Sunday is observed to help us appreciate that the Gospel needs to be preached to all nations.

Mission Sunday also reminds us that each culture makes a contribution towards drawing out the richness of the Gospel.

Envelopes for donations are at the rear of each of our Mass centres.