

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/>

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

5th November 2023.

Readings

Malachi 1:14 – 2:2,8-10

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Matthew 23:1-12



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

Darfield: Sunday – 8.30am
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:

So far, I have not received any suggested **patronal names for the Selwyn Parish.**

Bishop Michael has requested the 5 City Parishes and Selwyn to survey parishioners for a **Patronal Name for the Parish.**

Three years ago, as we were preparing for the formation of the Selwyn Parish, I placed in the newsletter (during Covid-Times) a request for suggested names for the Selwyn Parish. Several names were suggested; but then Bishop Paul didn't pursue the task.

Bishop Michael has asked that we suggest to him 3 names (in case other parishes suggest the same names) so that we can discern a Patronal Name for the Selwyn Parish.

It would be good if we could collate suggested names and then consult the Parish on the various names by Christmas.

The patronal names of the churches will remain the same.

Please send your suggestions, by email or letter, to either Fr Chris or myself, the Parish Office or a member of the Parish Leadership Team.

Please offer a reason, or the significance, for the name.

Last weekend we read a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Michael.

To summarise:

** the whole diocese needs to reflect on how we ensure the Gospel continues to be heard and proclaimed as Jesus commissioned us.

** the recourse to Rome only concerns the South Parish – i.e., Beckenham, Addington, Hoon Hay, and Halswell.

** Bishop Michael will endeavour to make an announcement about the cathedral project by the end of December.

** And most important for us – each individual parish is now able to consult about their future decisions.

I will attend the episcopal ordination of **Fr Richard Laurenson**, as the new **Bishop of Hamilton**, on 7 - 9 December.

Fr Richard is in the centre.



Confirmation

Members of the Diocesan Youth Team facilitated last Sunday's Confirmation Session. I'm appreciative for the contribution of the 5 young Catholics who facilitated the last 2 sessions. They gave a great witness to their Faith.

The next sessions for the candidates are on **Sundays 12 & 26 November, 6.00pm – 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church Centre.**

The session on 26 November will include Reconciliation and a rehearsal.

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.



The next **Baptism Preparation Meeting** for parents wishing to have a child baptised begins this **Monday 6 & 13 November, 7.00pm – 8.15pm**, in St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln.

This will be the last Programme this year.

Parents can attend the 2 Meetings before the baby is born.

Contact the Parish Office or Frs Brian/Chris to register.

After attendance at the Sessions, a date for the baptism is made.

RIP

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

Anniversary: Joan Roach 25/10; Gerard McMahon 25/10. Holy Souls in Purgatory

Last week, Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa, the Apostolic Nuncio, had a severe stroke. He is in a serious condition at Wellington Hospital.

The **Bible Society** has made a **booklet on the Christmas Story** available to the Parish.

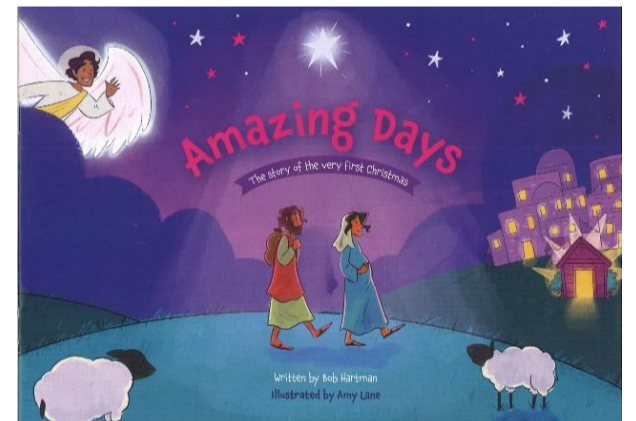
Last year – a similar booklet was available.

The booklet is entitled: 'Amazing Days'.

Parents with young children are welcome to take a copy in preparation for Christmas.

Grandparents may also like to take a copy and put in their grandchildren's stockings.

Please take a copy.



Due to Show weekend there will be no Newsletter on the weekend of 17th – 19th November



Filipino Mass – this Sunday, 5 November, 3.00pm, at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.

Fr Benito will be the celebrant.

Former 'OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION' Parishioners, Hoon Hay: on Saturday, 25 November, a 'Rite of Thanksgiving' will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

The present church was opened on 25 November 1956 and closed on Sunday, 18 June 2023.

Practical details will be given in the newsletter next weekend.

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

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

Darfield Gardening: Hi, its gardening time. For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 7th November 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

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

The Selwyn Parish Pot Luck Christmas Dinner is to held in the Lincoln Event Centre on Saturday 18th November after 5.30 Mass. Last year we had a good crowd and we would love to see you again this year.



If you have anything that needs heating, please, if possible, drop it off before Mass and we will be there to receive the food.

There will be a raffle on the night \$5 per ticket

There is no alcohol but there will be juice and water on the tables and tea and coffee.

We look forward to seeing you there

Organists: Are there any organists in the parish who are willing to play at Lincoln Masses on a roster basis. Please contact Rana McGurk or Philippa Erickson.

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.

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, 2.00 pm, next Sunday, 12 November. Leader and soloist Henry Nicholson leads the orchestra, and musical director is Don Whelan. Programme admission: \$25 and \$20.

UKRAINIAN CHURCH IN NZ - the Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Zealand has launched a new website, which Bishop Mykola Bychok, Eparch of Melbourne, invites everyone to visit and enjoy: <https://catholicukes.au/> (The Ukrainian Catholic Church is an Eastern Church in communion with Rome). Ukrainians immigrated to New Zealand after the Second World War, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, and of course now. A Ukrainian parish was established in Auckland in 2015 which caters for the whole of New Zealand. It is on the new website here: <https://catholicukes.au/parishes/nz/>

CARITAS FOR GAZA: a humanitarian crisis is looming.

A Gaza Health Ministry spokesperson says that 7,000 patients and wounded in Gaza hospitals are at risk of death as fuel supplies, providing electricity, for kidney dialysis, intensive care support, and oxygen supply begin to run out.

Caritas NZ has called for a ceasefire and for sufficient humanitarian supplies to be allowed into Gaza to help people caught up in the conflict.

Caritas is also receiving donations through its website: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>

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.

This **Wednesday, 8 November, 9am - 5pm;** at 'Lamb of God Centre', 21 Thames Street, St Albans.

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

Registration is required – The cost is \$69 per person and includes a light lunch.

Please contact Mike Stopforth, 0275 398 542; email: mstopforth@cdoc.nz

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/Registration: Megan Emery, ph. 383-0706 or Email: benedictus@windowslive.com

The **NZ Catholic Medical Association** is a group that aims to support all those working in the health field and who are Catholic, drawing on the treasures of our faith.

We invite all those working in health care across the board, doctors, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, physiotherapists, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, dentists, health administrators, navigators, speech language therapists, occupation therapists, allied health and students to join others in the Church living their vocation in health care.

As an organisation we look to provide a community that gives support and chaplaincy.

There are monthly zoom meetings with our national chaplain Fr Chris Denham.

For more information on the national organization: <https://newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz>

Email: [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com/](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com) to become a member and get invites to monthly zoom and other information.

There will be a group starting in Christchurch - our first meeting will be a 'meet & greet' - Friday 10 November, 6pm, at Sprig and Fern, 7 Saint Albans Street, Merivale.

Please RSVP to Debra and Katie by 7 November, email christchurchcma@gmail.com

Next **SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS:** Wednesday 8 December, beginning at 1pm and 7pm – 1.5-hour duration – via ZOOM Online.

To register - email Clodagh Ward on cward@cdoc.nz

An invite to the Zoom workshop will be emailed to you the day before the workshop.

Who is required to attend: Volunteers who have not yet attended a Safeguard Workshop and existing Volunteers who have not attended a workshop in the last three years.

These safeguarding workshops are a requirement of volunteering/ministering in every parish and Catholic entity in the Diocese.