

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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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

12th November 2023.

Readings

Wisdom 6:13-17

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13



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.

Lincoln Mass on Wednesday will be a Funeral Mass at 10.00am (NO 9.00am Mass)

There will be **NO NEWSLETTER** next weekend - as it's Show Weekend

From Fr Brian:

'Thank you' to the parishioners who have offered suggested Patronal Names for the Selwyn Parish. A Patronal Name is a Saint's Name for the Parish; the geographical name remains the same: Selwyn Catholic Parish.

A Patronal Name allows us to identify with a saint who is our patron. Devotion to the Saints is a good Christian tradition – they allow us to reflect on the outstanding life of a Catholic from previous years. There is such a variety of men/women; young/old; married/single; missionaries/martyrs; lay/religious and people who lived in various time periods who were great witnesses of the Gospel. Their lives can be an inspiration for us.

The patronal names of the 3 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.

Please keep them coming - I will publish the list of suggested names in the next newsletter.

A person committed some **willful damaged** to the west facing stained-glass window of **St Joseph's Church in Darfield**, last Saturday evening. The person was not a child - as some strength would have been required for the brick to reach the window and end-up beside the organ.

The diocesan insurance and the police have been notified.

As the window is a lead- light stained-glass window – it will require some professional work to restore the damage.

After the church is strengthen, we will attach some protective glass over the windows.



Fr Chris will be on the Chatham's: 21 - 28 November

Fr Brian will be on the Clergy Retreat: 20 - 24 November (NO Masses in the Selwyn Parish during this week; however, there will be a Communion Service on the Friday in Lincoln). No Adoration on Friday 24 November.



Confirmation

The next 2 sessions for the candidates are **this Sunday, 12 & Sunday, 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. Parents a plate Please.

St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Sydney

St Mary MacKillop made 4 visits to NZ; 3 of them to Temuka.

Over the past 13 years I've take 5 pilgrimages to Sydney and 1 to Adelaide & Penola.

I realise that this is not a Mary Mackillop Area, but there may be parishioners who would like to go on a Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage towards the end of March next year.

Dates: either 10 -15 March or 17 - 22 March.

If they wish to remain in Australia, for an extended holiday, parishioners can make their own return flights.

We would travel with Emirates (direct flights) and stay at Anderledy Lodge.

Cost: total cost for flights & accommodation would be ~\$1,300+.

Itinerary: mass each day at the Mary MacKillop chapel and shrine, visit the Mary MacKillop Museum; visit site of her first grave at Gore Hill Cemetery; walk around the Rocks looking at sites where she worked; visit St Mary's Cathedral. Thursday is a R&R Day with a ferry trip to Parramatta.

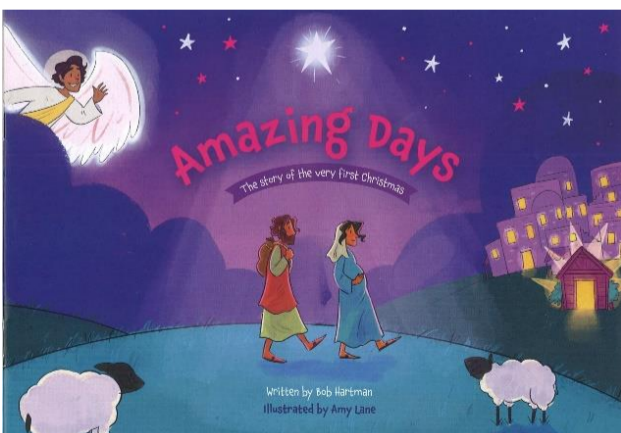
Expression of Interest Evening: Monday 27 November, 7.00pm in the Lincoln Presbytery.



Mission Sunday Collection: \$553 has been banked from the *Mission Sunday Collection* – the money goes towards the Church's support of missionary work in foreign countries.

RIP

Anniversary: John O'Donoghue 11/11.



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.

Rolleston Mass Update

We have a Rolleston Mass Planning group who are currently working through the requirements of Sunday Mass at Rolleston School. We will be meeting this Sunday in St Patricks Hall following Mass at 10am, if you have an interest in Rolleston, you are welcome to join us. Also, in preparation for celebrating Mass there will be a short survey coming out soon in order to create rosters.

Advent Programme

Advent commences on Sunday 3 December.

Anointing Mass

Leeston: Wednesday 13 December, 2.00pm; followed by a cuppa in a café.

Darfield: Thursday 14 December, 10.00am; followed by a cuppa in a café.

Lincoln: Friday 15 December, 2.00pm; followed by a cuppa in the St Patrick's Centre.

Reconciliation:

Lincoln: Wednesday 3 December, 7.00pm.

Darfield: Sunday 10 December, 7.00pm.

Leeston: Sunday 17 December, after mass.

Inter-Church Carols

Darfield: Sunday 17 December, 7.00pm, in Trinity Church.

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

St Vincent de Paul, Selwyn. are selling tickets for their firewood raffle, at all masses this weekend.

2 cubic metres very dry wood mostly gum. Tickets are \$3-00. To be Drawn on Sunday 12th Nov. Payment by cash or direct credit to our bank account 030767-0082945-00
Thanks for your Support.



Gifts for Christmas – Catholic Social Services. Our annual appeal for gifts is now upon us. Please wrap the gifts and label Family, Man, Lady, boy and age, girl and age. Please place gifts in the bin in the Narthex before Monday 11 December when the gifts will be taken to town for distribution. Many thanks.

Morning Tea: Darfield after Mass this Sunday.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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@windowlive.com

PARISH-TO-PARISH BED AND BREAKFAST: this is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics, the cost per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, this includes continental breakfast.

To purchase a book with details of hosts in New Zealand and Australia, contact, Marie Anderson 03.3595541 or emailmarie.ian@xtra.co.nz

The cost for a book is \$15 (includes postage).

