

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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Feast of Christ the King

26th November 2023.

Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-17

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46



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:

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

Please keep them coming.

Now is your chance to offer a name - only those names that have been suggested will be offered to parishioners to vote for the top three ... then the top 3 names will be sent to Bishop Michael for his decision.

Patronal Names received so far are:

St Elizabeth Ann Seton

St Gabriel

St Isidore x3

St Timothy

St Chad

St Francis of Assisi

Mary, Mother of God

St Joseph

Our Lady of the Plains x4

Santa Maria

St Thomas of Canterbury

St Teresa of Calcutta

St Benedict

St Pio

Mary, Mother of the Church

A person committed some **willful damaged** to the west facing stained-glass window of **St Joseph's Church in Darfield**. 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.

We have received a quote from Kemp's Glass for \$713 to repair the damage.

The parish will have to pay \$500 excess.

This work will commence over the next few weeks.



"Rolleston Mass update" Commencement of Rolleston's Mass will be early in the new year and in preparation for this, Selwyn Parish and the Rolleston Mass Planning Group are wanting to arrange rosters for ministries. If you are able and willing to assist with the Ministry at this new location, please use the following link online or request a paper version from the Parish Office <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7BZYDBT>

Ministers of the Word and Ministers so the Eucharist: there will be a need for additional ministers when the Rolleston Sunday Mass commences in the New Year.

This will be an opportunity for a formation session for new and existing ministers – dates to be advised in the New Year.

Confirmation

The final session for the candidates is **this Sunday, 26 November, 6.00pm – 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church.**

The session will include Reconciliation and a rehearsal.

Frs Anton McLean & Dan Doyle will be assisting with Reconciliation.



At the vigil and morning masses, this weekend, the candidates will come forward for the **Rite of Election** and receive a Blessing prior to their Confirmation.

The 16 young candidates are: Bella Avhad, Caileigh Bonghanoy, Cameron Byrne, Charlotte Byrne, Elaijah Kei Cabanday, Eurie Caditan, Bella Chapman, Arianne Espozo, Edward Garbutt, Luke Gumley, Phoebe Ira, Kaiya Lysaght, Nathalie Nabo, Hayley O'Connor, Daniel Reid, Helena Stack.

There are also 3 adult candidates: Emma Greenslade, Julianna Burt, Justin Duke-Norris.

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. **Please bring a plate or two.**

St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Sydney

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

She was the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph.

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 in North Sydney (including breakfast).



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: this Monday 27 November, 7.00pm in the Lincoln Presbytery. Please bring your Passport.

Day of Reflection: Saturday 9 December, 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Last year Fr John O'Connor offered an Advent Reflection Day - this year he is willing to offer another Refection Day on Saturday 9 December, at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.

Mark in your diary. BYO own lunch.



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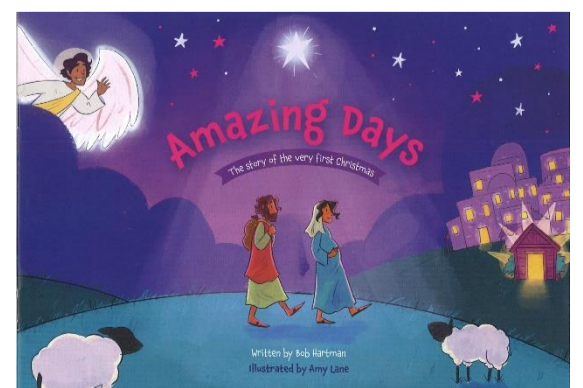
Recently deceased: Les Connolly, Fr Paul Shannahan SM (Christchurch)

Anniversary: John O'Donoghue 11/11; Fr Mark Mosebergen.

Mass for: Holy Souls

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

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.



A monthly Vocations Group is starting up for men open to discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Each meeting will involve some dinner, a talk, fraternity, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer. The first meeting is being held on Wednesday 6 December, 6.30pm, at the Diocesan Offices, 9 Washington Way. Contact the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell, for more information on moconnell@cdoc.nz or 027 536 9407.

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:

Darfield: Sunday 10 December, 7.00pm.

Lincoln: Wednesday 13 December, 7.00pm.

Leeston: Sunday 17 December, after mass.

Inter-Church Carols

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

The **Lincoln Christian Churches** are keen to have a Christmas Carol Service on Saturday 23 December, 11.45am – 12.15pm (assemble at 11.30am) at the Lincoln Farmers' Market.

They are looking for volunteers from the Lincoln Christian Churches to join the 'Singing Group'.

There is no power available so we will sing 'a cappella' with song sheetswhich will give people a 'takeaway' with the words of the Christmas narrative on it.

St John the Evangelist Leeston Church cleaning and gardening Bee will be held on Saturday 2nd November @ 9.00 am. Many hands make light work; please join us even if only for an hour. Morning tea provided.

Leeston Catholic Ladies Christmas get together Raspberry Cafe 9th December 11.30pm also bring a Xmas gift for Catholic Social Services stating Age group & Gender on gift. Thank you. Numbers by 5th December to Jeanette 0272040407 or Kathleen 02102436762

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.

Nativity play: There will be a nativity play at 5.30pm Lincoln Christmas Eve Mass again this year. We would love as many children as possible involved. Rehearsals will run for the first three Sundays in December during children's liturgy time at 8.30am Mass. Please send your child along to attend these rehearsals so they can join us for the play. Please email Aimee and Mike Stewart with any questions aimee.stewart2424@gmail.com

Friendship Group – our final gathering for 2023 is Friday 1 December following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of Morning Tea with a Christmas flavour to share. All welcome.

Advent Reflection Day – Fr John O'Connor is coming to facilitate this day on Saturday 9 December 10am to 3pm in St Patrick's Church. All Selwyn Parishioners are invited as well as parishioners from other parish's who may like to attend. BYO lunch – tea and coffee will be provided. Please let Tricia Smith know numbers attending. Email: tric1948@gmail.com

Projector operators – are urgently required for weekend Masses at St Patrick's. Training will be given. Please let Tricia Smith know if you can help. Email: tric1948@gmail.com

Mass for Peace in the World will take place on Friday 1 December, 5:30pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

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.

November Report from St Vincent de Paul

Our Selwyn conference of St Vincent de Paul has had an active month. Some help has been provided to several Lincoln University students and a several individuals and families in great need. We sold Christmas cards, had a successful stall at the Rolleston fireworks display and the firewood raffle, which was won by a local parishioner.

Our main focus this Christmas is to prepare for the arrival of the Afghani refugee family we are sponsoring to come to New Zealand. At present they are in Pakistan, and it is hoped they will arrive before Christmas.

We shall need to provide accommodation, as well as a full house load of beds and furniture, appliances, cutlery, pots and pans, crockery. This is a major undertaking for our conference and for the whole region. Please give some thought to how you could help with any aspect of this as we help these poor people settle into a new life here. Our resources are limited, so we are hopeful that this appeal to you all will mean we can meet our regulatory obligations and our fervent wishes to make their transition to New Zealand as smooth as possible.

Once again, thank you all for the support, both material and spiritual, that you provide. If anyone wishes to help or to join us in this journey, then the details are below. May God bless you all and bring you joy this Christmas season.

Contact details:

Secretary: secretary@svdpselwyn.org.nz Phone: 0210 855 1988 Website: www.svdpselwyn.org.nz

Give a Little website: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/st-vincent-de-paul-selwyn-conference>

God Bless. Ian Tennant



Former 'OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION' Parishioners, Hoon Hay: this Saturday, 25 November, 11.00am, a 'Rite of Thanksgiving' will be celebrated on Our Lady of the Assumption school grounds.

We invite those who would like to, to join us for a **BYO picnic** after the liturgy.

A cup of tea or coffee only will be provided (no food offered)

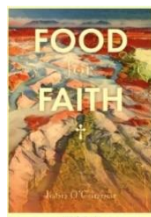
Caritas for Gaza: a humanitarian crisis is looming.

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>

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).



FOOD FOR FAITH: a selection of Fr John O'Connor's reflections from the www.foodforfaith.org.nz website is now available as a book. It is offered as an encouragement for people who are seeking greater maturity of faith. To get a copy ask at any good bookstore, or visit the website to order.

For more information, email john@fff.org.nz

Pot Luck Tea

'Thankyou' to all who assisted at the Pot Luck Tea (a good night for about 88 parishioners was enjoyed): especially the SAT; all who offered culinary goodies; music: Rana McGurk & Harriet and Doug Corbett; MC: Lyn Windle; Memory Game: Jo De Gouw & Lyn Windle.

Winners of the raffles were: Sharon Lemon, Tricia Smith, Andrea Kawengian, Mary Moore. Photos to come.