

# 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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## Second Sunday of Advent Year B

**10th December 2023.**

### Readings

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

**2 Peter 3:8-14**

**Mark 1:1-8**



## 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 2.00pm

**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:

### Attention/ Beware

I haven't heard of any further reports on scam emails claiming to be from me. If you receive an unexpected email - check the authenticity of the email address and the message. The **scammer** is using 2 email addresses: [frpastor339@gmail.com](mailto:frpastor339@gmail.com) and [deanpriest@gmail.com](mailto:deanpriest@gmail.com)

**This is not me. Do not open. Do not reply.**

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'Thank you' to the parishioners who have offered suggested Patronal Names for the Selwyn Parish.

A Patronal Name allows us to identify with a saint who is our patron. ...it allows us to reflect on the outstanding life of a Catholic from previous years. Their lives can be an inspiration for us.

The patronal names of the 3 churches will remain the same.

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

### Patronal Names received so far are:

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| St Elizabeth Ann Seton     | - had a great witness to the Eucharist.                                      |
| Our Lady of the Plains x4  | - associated with the Canterbury Plains.                                     |
| St Stephen                 | - the name of the first church at Shands Road; and first Christian martyr.   |
| St Gabriel                 | - God's messenger to Mary and Daniel - announces God's Will.                 |
| Santa Maria                | - a Marian name  |
| St Isidore x3              | - a farmer; patron of farmers.   |
| St Christopher             | - patron of all travelers  |
| St Paul                    | - the great evangelist and apostle.  |
| St Thomas of Canterbury    | - bishop & martyr and associated with the name 'Canterbury'.                 |
| St Timothy                 | - recipient of Letter from St Paul; Bishop of Ephesus.                       |
| St Teresa of Calcutta      | - a life of humility and service.  |
| St Chad                    | - from Lichfield; with a NZ ecumenical name - associated with Bishop Selwyn. |
| St Benedict                | - associated with the monastery & prayer; promoted the dignity of work.      |
| St Francis of Assisi       | - associated with simplicity and evangelisation.                             |
| St Pio                     | - he is patron of civil defence; he carried the stigmata.                    |
| Mary, Mother of God        |  |
| Mary, Mother of the Church |  |
| Immaculate Heart of Mary   |  |
| St Joseph                  | - a worker; a wonderful example of husband and parenthood.                   |
| Adrian of Canterbury       | - an English saint involved with education and monastic life.                |

Next week we will have a vote on the names.

**Rolleston Mass:** in the New Year, we intend to commence a weekly Sunday mass, at 11.00am, in the Rolleston School Hall, 11 Tennyson Road. **The first mass will be on Sunday 4 February, 11.00am.** We hope this mass will assist in creating a nucleus for the Rolleston Community prior to building a church on East Maddison Road.

## Shands Road Property

As mentioned last week, the Parish owns a block of land on **Shands Road**. The land was the site of the first Lincoln church, plus the presbytery and a school.

The site has been vacant since 1956.

As it is rural land it is difficult to sell – as a block of land in the SDC must be 4 hectares to subdivide and build a house.

The land is landlocked, and the only potential buyer would be the neighbour. The land would be worth about \$80,000.

Over the past 6 months, the Selwyn Parish Finance Committee has been in dialogue with Greg & Sue Tucker to enter into a joint venture to sell a 4-hectare block. The Parish would contribute ~40% and the Tuckers ~60%.

This arrangement would be worth about \$800,000. The Parish, on a ~40% partnership would net about \$300,000.

This seems to be a good deal. I'm sure parishioners will agree and support the proposal.

Protection of the Memorial Rock will be part of the survey and agreement.

If parishioners have any comments on the selling of this block of land, please contact Tim Hogan or Fr Brian.



- the Leeston Mass on Wednesday is the Anointing Mass at 2.00pm (not at 5.30pm).
- Advent Reconciliation at Lincoln – this Wednesday, 7.00pm. There will be 2 visiting priests, plus Frs Brian & Chris.

**The First Communion Programme for 2024** will commence in February - a couple of weeks after School starts.

If you will have a child in Year 5 (an 8-year-old) during 2024 ...then please inform the Parish Office (phone number and email are on the newsletter) or Frs Brian/Chris.



**Bishop's Appeal for Seminarians:** there has been a change to the annual Advent Appeal. This year Bishop Michael would like to focus on supporting our seminarians who are preparing to serve the Diocese as priests. When you donate to the Bishop's Appeal, you will be supporting these young men in their faith journey.

Linh is a fourth-year seminarian; he comes from Vietnam.

To support the Bishop's Advent Appeal, visit: <https://cdoc.nz/support/donate/ba>

**Please take an envelope** at the church entrance.

The **last Newsletter** for 2023 will be next weekend, 16/17 December.

## Confirmation

**Bishop Michael celebrated the Confirmation Mass last Saturday.** There were 15 young candidates confirmed: Bella Avhad, Caileigh Bonghanoy, Cameron Byrne, Charlotte Byrne, Elaijah Kei Cabanday, Eurie Caditan, Bella Chapman, Arianne Espozo, Edward Garbutt, Luke Gumley, Phoebe Ira, Nathalie Nabo, Hayley O'Connor, Daniel Reid, Helena Stack.

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

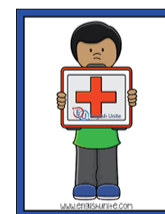
Madeleine Ward will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Vigil mass next Saturday, 16 December.



## RIP

**Recently deceased:** Alison Robertson (Rolleston); Una O'Neill (ex-Leeston.) Patrick Williams

Parishioners who possess a current **First Aid Certificate** are urged to inform the Parish Office/Frs Brian /Chris so that your name may be placed in a Register in the unlikely event of a Medical Event. This is a good H&S procedure.



## St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Sydney

The **dates for the Pilgrimage will be 10-15 March.**

If anyone else is interested in joining the small group - then please speak to Fr Brian.

If you 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 (includes a continental 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.

Contact Fr Brian **this week** - if you are interested.

**Day of Reflection: this 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 Reflection Day on **Saturday 9 December**, at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln, **beginning at 10.00am**.

**BYO own lunch.**

His book, on a selection of reflections from his Food for Faith website, is on sell at the Catholic Shop at St Mary's.



### **Planning ahead:**

**2024 - Selwyn Parish Picnic:** will be held on Sunday 11 February, beginning at midday with mass:

- at Mike & Helena Hanning's Property - 4/1608 West Coast Road, West Melton.
- BYO food, drinks & chair.
- There will be games for children.

More details to follow in the New Year.

We will have a **Christmas Pageant at the Darfield Christmas Eve Mass**, 8.00pm for 8.30pm.

There will be a **rehearsal** at St Joseph's Church on Friday 22 December at 10.00am.

We need about 15 young people to participate in the pageant. There is only one spoken part.

We need the support of families to make this pageant a possibility. It was a great success last year.

### **Advent Programme**

#### **Anointing Masses – this coming week:**

**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: this Sunday, 10 December, 7.00pm.** (Frs Brian & Chris will be in Darfield)

**Lincoln: this Wednesday 13 December, 7.00pm.** (Frs Vincent, from the pro-cathedral, and Peter Costello will be assisting).

**Leeston:** Sunday 17 December, after mass.

#### **Inter-Church Carols**

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

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses:** will be celebrated at the Vigil mass on Saturday 23 December and the Sunday morning masses on 24 December.

#### **Christmas Masses:**

##### **Christmas Eve (Sunday 24 December)**

**Lincoln:** 5.30pm carols for 6.00pm mass.

8.00pm carols for 8.30pm mass.

Parishioners are invited to the presbytery for some 'Christmas Cheer' after the 8.30pm mass.

**Leeston:** 5.30pm carols for 6.00pm mass.

**Darfield:** 8.00pm carols for 8.30pm mass.

#### **Christmas Day**

**Lincoln:** 9.00am

No weekday masses in the Parish: 26-28 December.

Lincoln Mass on Friday 29 December, 9.00am.

#### **Mass on New Year's Day**

**Lincoln:** 9.00am.

\* No weekday masses in the Parish: 2-4 January.

\* Lincoln Mass on Friday 5 January, 9.00am.

\* Thereafter Lincoln will have the normal weekly mass times.

\* **No weekday masses** in Leeston or Darfield until the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

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 Famers' 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 sheets .....which will give people a 'takeaway' with the words of the Christmas narrative on it.

**Christmas Ministry Lists** for Lincoln are now on the noticeboard for names to be added for your various Ministries.

**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](mailto:aimee.stewart2424@gmail.com)

**The SAT team** would like to thank the very generous parishioners of St. Patrick's Lincoln who helped us raise enough money to buy a defibrillator machine for the church. It has been ordered and should be delivered next week. After Christmas we will be having a couple of instruction sessions taken by a St John's paramedic so we will be familiar with its workings.

We will let interested parishioners know when this will be happening

We have enough money left in the account for the maintenance of it for about four or five years. We are very grateful to the generous parishioners as we feel it could save a life one day.

**Mass of Anointing** – Friday 15 December 2pm. Following the Mass afternoon tea will be served in the church centre. If you are able, please bring a plate of afternoon tea to share. All parishioners are invited.

**Darfield:** Morning Tea after mass this Sunday



**Darfield:** All women are invited to the Combined Women's Fellowship Christmas Communion service at Trinity church at 10am this Tuesday 12th December. This is an interdenominational service to celebrate "Jesus, the reason for the season". Service will be followed by morning tea together. Please bring a cash offering or an unwrapped gift (toiletries etc) for Walsh House - a women's refuge in Christchurch

**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.

**Book Sale.** "Call me Brother" The story of a New Zealand doctor in Bangladesh. A further supply of books available. A wonderful gift for Christmas- also giving a needed donation to the clinic he established in Bangladesh. When: After Mass Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December or contact Jeanette 021 1020294 or 03 3257066.

**New Year's Day Monday 1 January – Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** – Lincoln Mass at 9am followed by "Tea and Toast" in the Church Centre. All welcome.

**Lincoln Prayer Group** has now finished for the year as we will not meet next Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December while the parish is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to all those who supported us and participated in the prayer group over 2023. Everyone of any age group is welcome to join us when we will meet again on the last Wednesday of January, and every Wednesday after that from 7pm – 8.30pm in the Lincoln Parish Centre. Have a very blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

**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 027356 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.

