

# 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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## Fourth Sunday of OT

28<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### Readings

**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

**St Paul 7:32-35**

**Mark 1:21-28**



## 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.

The Christchurch Diocesan Website:  
<https://cdoc.nz/>.

**Brigid McIndoe** has commenced her role as the Pastoral Assistant within Selwyn Parish.



At the moment, she is employed for 10 hours a week.

Her main focus over the next few months will be to facilitate the First Communion Programme.

She will be in the Parish Office on a Tuesday morning after mass, from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Call into see her on a Tuesday morning.

## FEEDBACK ON LOCATION OF CATHEDRAL

Following on from Bishop Michael's Pastoral Letter - regarding our future Cathedral precinct - he asks for your continued prayers during this process.

Prior to Christmas, I informed parishioners of the Bishop's request for feedback on the proposal via an online survey form available on the website.

**Online feedback is encouraged**, but if you wish to submit a paper copy, please contact the Parish Office.

The feedback process concludes at the end of March 2024.

To access the survey and information on our website:

<https://cdoc.nz/cathedral>

If you haven't picked-up an information flyer ... then there are spare flyers at the church entrances. Please take one - it has a good analysis of the options for the location of the new cathedral.

## Shands Road Property

Bishop Michael has given approval for the Parish to enter into formal dialogue with Greg & Sue Tucker for the subdivision of a 4-hectare block at the corner of Shands Road and Boundary Road.

Therefore, the Parish and the Tuckers are now proceeding with further investigation.

As previously mentioned, the Selwyn Parish Finance Committee has been in dialogue with the neighbours to enter into a joint venture to sell a 4-hectare block.

The Parish would contribute ~40% and the Tuckers ~60%.

The proposed joint venture 4-hectare block has been valued at about \$800,000. The Parish, on a ~40% partnership would net about \$300,000.

If parishioners have any comments on the selling of this block of land, please contact Tim Hogan (Chair of the Finance Committee) or Fr Brian in the next week.



**Suggested Patronal Names:**

At the straw-poll vote at the 4 parish masses, that was taken prior to Christmas, for Patronal Names for the Selwyn Parish, the following were the 7 most popular names:

**Our Lady of the Plains**

- St Francis of Assisi** - associated with simplicity and evangelisation.
- St Joseph** - a worker; a wonderful example of husband and parenthood
- St Isidore** - a Spanish farmer & husband of the 11<sup>th</sup> century; patron of farmers; cared for animals.
- St Gabriel** - God’s messenger to Mary and Daniel – announces God’s Will.
- St Teresa of Calcutta** - a life of humility and service.
- St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)** - a mystic; he carried the stigmata.

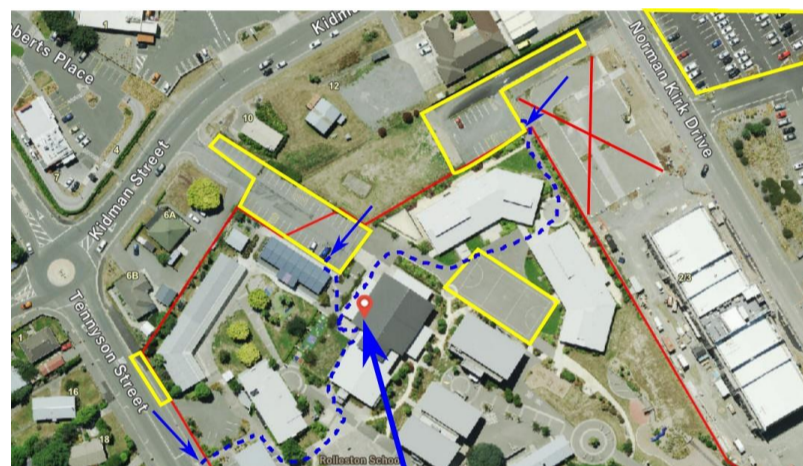
**Next weekend, we will have a second straw-vote and narrow the 7 suggested Patronal Names down to 3 names.**

**Coming Events:**

**Rolleston Mass:** we will commence a weekly Sunday mass, at 11.00am, in the **Rolleston School Hall, 11 Tennyson Street.** **The first mass will be next Sunday, 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.

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Key:  
 Entrance  
 Parking  
**Rolleston School Hall**

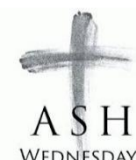
**The Selwyn Parish Picnic:** will be held on **Sunday 11 February**, beginning at midday with mass:

- \* At Mike & Helena Hanning’s Property - 4/1608 West Coast Road, West Melton (same site as the past 2 years). Mike will have a few Buick Cars on display.
- \* BYO food, drinks & chair.
- \* There will be games, Ice cream & lollies for the children. It is a beautiful sheltered garden so we are looking for a sunny day. All you need to bring is a seat, your sun hat, your picnic food and some money for a raffle. Come along and join us.



**The First Communion Programme for 2024** will commence in a couple of weeks. If you have a child in Year 5 (a 7–8-year-old) during 2024 ...then please inform the Parish Office (phone number and email are on the newsletter), Frs Brian/Chris or Brigid McIndoe. **The first Parents’ Meeting will be on Monday 12 February, 7.00pm-8.15pm in the Lincoln Church Centre.**

**Ash Wednesday** is 14 February. This year, St Patrick’s is the host for the joint Catholic-Anglican Ash Wednesday Service, at 7.00pm.



**Lincoln Church Working Bee**

Following on from our successful working bee last April another is planned for Saturday 17 February, beginning at 9.00am. There will be morning tea. Further details of specific tasks and contacts will be provided closer to the time.

Contact: Leon Verheyen or Tim Hogan

**Baptismal Preparation Meetings** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on: **Mondays 26 February & 4 March, 7.00pm- 8.15pm** in the Lincoln Church Centre.



**The Christmas Pageant at the Darfield Christmas Eve Mass** was an impressive pageant. About 15 kids from the area participated in the pageant. 'Thankyou' to all the mums and parishioners who assisted.



A very big thank you to the parishioners who came to our defibrillator training night on Monday, there were about 35 parishioners present and it was very interesting and we all had a go at doing CPR and Nikki our instructor was able to show us how the defibrillator works and what to do in an emergency. The defibrillator is installed in the foyer between the Church and the Church Centre. It was really pleasing to see so many people present. We finished the evening off with supper with lots of chatter. Thank you from the SAT team.

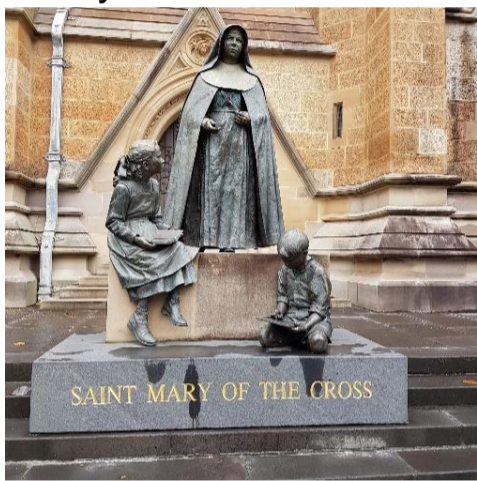


There are still about 4 Columban **Calendars** for 2024. Cost \$12. The calendars are a great witness to our Catholic Faith and the purchase of a calendar assists the missionary work of the Columban Priests.

### **St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Sydney**

The dates for the Pilgrimage are **Sunday 10 – Friday 15 March.**

If anyone else is interested in joining the group -then please speak to Fr Brian. There are 6 pilgrims accompanying Fr Brian to Sydney.



If you wish to remain in Australia, for an extended holiday, parishioners can make their own return flights - 4 are travelling on the previous Thursday.

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.

**FORMED** is an online Catholic media platform filled with over 4,000 programmes about the bible, faith, and parenting; movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. It is an amazing resource to enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith.

**This material is free for all Selwyn parishioners.** The Parish has a subscription to this worthwhile website. You can gain access to all of FORMED's content by following these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org>
- Enter Selwyn – in the parish slot;
- Enter your name and your email address

You are then registered.

Along the top row of icons ...there are many good resources.

The 'program' icon will connect you to many study sites.

**Health Care Mass:** Bishop Michael warmly welcomes all those who work in Health Care to a Mass for all Health Care Workers to be held on **Sunday, 11 February, 6.00pm, at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.**

This is an opportunity for all those involved in health care to celebrate this healing ministry and to acknowledge and pray for the challenges faced.

Please stay for refreshments and enjoy the company of others who work in this field.

For more information: contact: Paula Avery, email: [averypaula@gmail.com](mailto:averypaula@gmail.com) or Mike Stopforth, email: [mstopforth@cdoc.nz](mailto:mstopforth@cdoc.nz) ;

**Catholic Social Services** – Gifts at Christmas. A huge number of gifts were taken in December for distribution. They are always most appreciative and the need for donations gets greater. Many thanks to all who contributed. A reminder the donations of food placed in the Food Bin kept in the Narthex Is distributed to Selwyn St Vincent de Paul on the first weekend of the month and to Catholic Social Services on the other weekends.

**New Year's Day Monday 1 January – Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God** – a wonderful crowd came to Mass to celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. The Tea and Toast to follow was a great success. Thanks to all who came along to make it a special day to start the year.

## Clergy shifts in the Diocese

**Fr Benito Velasco** returned home to the Philippines a few days prior to Christmas.

A year ago, Fr Beito resigned from being the parish priest of the Christchurch East Parish due to sickness.

After surgery and treatment, and a year of remission, his cancer has returned. He decided to return home while he is still able to travel.

Fr Benito celebrated a Pilipino Mass in Lincoln each month and celebrated several baptisms and weddings.



**Fr Joaquin Camano**— who has been the Parish Priest in Hokitika for the past 4 years - is returning to the Philippines.

Fr Joaquin has served in the Diocese for 9 years: 4 of them in Timaru with me. Fr Joaquin will be greatly missed in the diocese as he has been a great servant in in the Lord's Vineyard.

**Fr Huynh Tran**, previously in Ashburton, will be become the Parish Priest of Hokitika.

**Fr Peter Costello** is moving to Ashburton - to be a priest in residence.

**Friendship Group** – will commence for 2024 on **Friday 2 February** following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome.

**New Oven** – Our Lincoln Church Kitchen is in need of a new oven. This has become evident this year with a couple of large funerals and our Alpha Dinners. We have a couple of quotes and are favouring a F&P 90cm oven with Induction cooktop. This would also require new pots. If there are any parishioners who would be able to contribute to the purchase of this new oven or pots, we would be truly grateful. Please contact Tricia Smith Email: [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com) if you can assist. Thank you.

**The Selwyn Parish Leadership Team** is asking for nominations for two more parishioners to join the team – one from Lincoln and one from Darfield. Please give this your prayerful consideration and send the name of a suitable person to Tricia Smith Email: [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

**Lincoln Prayer Group** The prayer group based at Lincoln meets weekly every Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections on church teachings. We continue the DVD series on the Holy Spirit at work in our lives which is followed by small group sharing. All age groups welcome. For more details contact Marge Newburry phone 338 6793, or leave a message for her at the parish office.

**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.

**Bishop Michael** is in Rome this week with the Anglican Bishop of Auckland, Bishop Ross Bay, representing NZ, at the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission.

More than 50 bishops, representing 27 regions of the world, are taking part in the first such event since 2016. The Conference aims to foster closer co-operation between the Anglican and Catholic traditions and to put into practice progress made in theological conversations.



The first **Filipino Mass** for 2024 will be held in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln, next Sunday, 4 February, 3.00pm. Fr Rex Ramos, from Amberley, will be the celebrant.