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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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30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

'MISSION SUNDAY'

19 October 2025

Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17;

2 Timothy 23:14 - 4:2;

Luke 18:1-8

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am
Darfield: Sunday – 8.30 am (Summer)
9.00 am (Winter)
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday 11.00am

Weekday Masses:
Lincoln: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm
Darfield: Thursday 10.00am
Akaroa: Wednesday 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/.

RIP: Recently Deceased: Nick Sibley (Akaroa); Ira Hayes (Darfield); Shona Nee (ex-Leeston).

Could William Floyd get back to the parish office in reference to payment.

From Fr Brian:
Rolleston – East Maddison Road Site Update:
The Selwyn Parish Finance Committee has developed a Master Plan for the Church Site. The Diocesan Office is also developing a Master Plan for the proposed School Site.
There will be further information on these 2 Master Plans, prior to a Parish Meeting, in the near future. This is a 'Work in Progress'.

- Fr Chris is going to the Chatham Islands on Tuesday 28 October and then going on holiday. There will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses** on: 30 October; 6, 13, 20, 27 November, 4 December.
- **NO Darfield Thursday Mass** on 6 November, as I will be in Akaroa for a funeral.
- **NO Akaroa Mass:** on Wednesday 12 November.
- We will both attending the **Priests' Retreat** for the week: 17- 21 November - **NO Parish Masses that week.**

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Annual Parish Bereavement Mass will be **on Friday 7 November**, 7.00pm, at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.

The **Selwyn Parish Craft Group** will be having a **sale of handmade goods** on **Sunday 9th November**, after the Rolleston, 11.00am mass. All proceeds will go to the Rolleston Church Building Fund. Come and get some early Christmas gifts. Cash only.

2026 Columban Calendars are now on sale at church entrances: cost $13. They are good value and a way to support the St Columban's Mission Society.

Feast of the Rosary: recitation of the rosary after Tuesday mass, in St Patrick's Church, during October.

Invitation to the Parish Annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner: Saturday 8 November, after 5.30pm mass, at the Lincoln Event Centre. More details will follow.

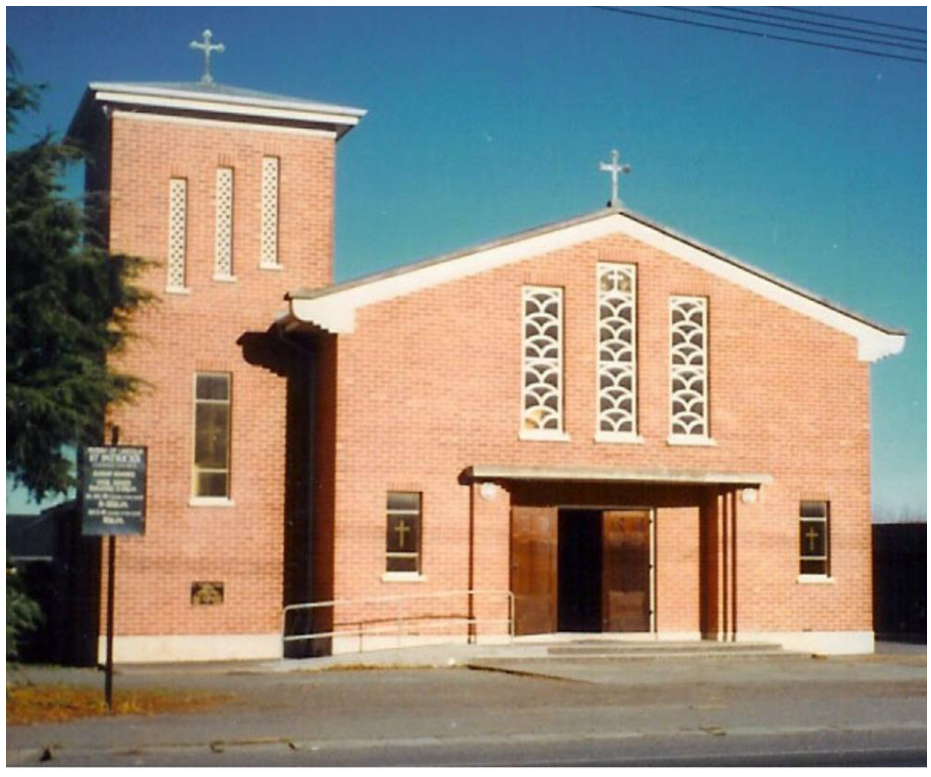
Next Baptism Preparation Session, for parents requesting to have a child baptised, will be on Sundays 26 October & 2 November in the Lincoln Church Centre, 7.00pm – 8.15pm. This will be the last Programme for 2025. The next sessions will be in early 2026. Contact the parish office: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com to enrol.

Mission Sunday, 19 October, Missionaries of Hope among all Peoples - is observed throughout the Catholic World. It is a Day when the 'Catholic World' prays and supports the work of Evangelisation. It supports over 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, growing and often facing challenges.
It is a special opportunity to unite in prayer and generosity for the global mission of the Church.
Over the years, many New Zealanders have served the Church in foreign lands.
The mission of Proclaiming the Gospel is still the mission of the Church.
There are Giving Envelopes in the entrances to the churches. Donations assist the support of missionaries in foreign lands.
Or make a donation to the **Pontifical Mission Aid Societies Account: 02-0506-0022477-065**

SEASONS FOR GROWTH is a small group education programme learning skills to adapt positively to a significant change, loss or grief in your life.
Please consider the programme if you are struggling with a significant change - eg bereavement, divorce, separation, retirement, moving countries, towns or cities, illness.
The Course will run from 9.15am - 11.45am on the **Saturdays of: 1, 8, 15, 22 of November at the Carmelite Monastery** with Sr Lauren as your SFG Companion. It was well received within the Selwyn Parish a couple of years ago.
Numbers limited. If you have questions or register by emailing laurenbutler76@gmail.com

St Vincent de Paul Parish Food Bank: would like to thank all our generous parishioners for the donations of food, which is appreciated.
With an influx of food requests lately, our store of non-perishable and tinned food has greatly diminished. We would be appreciative of any donations of tinned food such as spaghetti, baked beans, vegetables, fruit and fish.
In addition, any pasta, pasta sauce, breakfast cereals, rolled oats, tomato sauce, salad dressings, tea, instant coffee, toilet rolls, toothpaste, toilet soap, potatoes and pumpkin.
Thank you for all that you do in support of SVdP. May God bless you abundantly.

St Vincent de Paul are selling Christmas Cards: $5/pack of 5. Cash/ or payment to our Westpac Bank Account, 030767 0082945 00. Please put your name in the reference field. Pre-orders with payment welcome.
Email details: info@svdpselwyn.org.nz

The **Catholic Outdoor Club** has a Holiday House available in Arthur's Pass, on Sunshine Tce (behind the Police Station). The house has 3 bunk rooms to accommodate 18 people. It has a good lounge and kitchen. Ideal for an economical family holiday in the mountains. Cost from $90 a night.
Bookings may be made on the website: https://www.holidayhouses.co.nz/listing/55811

The refurbished **Lincoln Bellfry:** the two crosses on top of the former Lincoln Church of St Patrick's are now on the front & back of the refurbished belfry. A 'piece of history'.