

SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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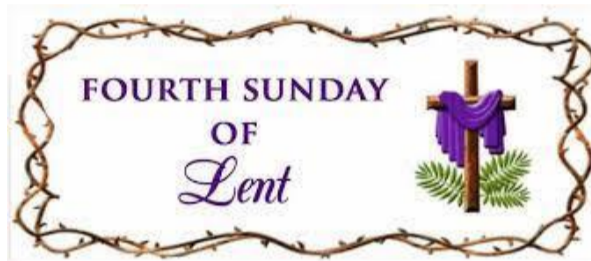
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Fourth Sunday of Lent 27th March 2022.

Readings

Joshua 5:5-12
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-32



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am & 11.00am

Darfield: Sunday – 8.30am
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Tuesday- Thursday 9.00am
Friday 2.00pm Anointing Mass

Leeston: Wednesday 2.00pm
Anointing Mass

Darfield: Thursday 10.00am Anointing Mass

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.

We are now allowed 200 people within an inside venue and the use of 'Vaccine Passes' is no longer necessary.

So, **All Sunday Masses**, within the Selwyn Parish, are opened to all parishioners regardless of possessing a 'Vaccine Pass' or not.
The **wearing of masks is still required.**

We will retain the 11.00am Lincoln Sunday Mass until Easter Sunday (inclusive). After Easter we will just have the 8.30am mass in Lincoln.

The Prime Minister has said the Government would announce any changes to the Traffic Light system on 4 April. (At present, the whole country is in Red).
Let's hope there are changes to the regulations for Easter

Darfield:

Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 3 April. So, we will revert to 9.00am Sunday Mass on 3 April.



Lincoln Masses this week: Tuesday - Thursday, 9.00am; Friday is at 2.00pm (Anointing Mass).

From Fr Brian:

As we come to the end of the Financial Year, I remind parishioners that if they possess Envelopes or have Automatic Payments then they are eligible for 1/3 IRD Rebate on their Donations.
If parishioners wish to change from envelopes to AP or request envelopes - then please contact Mary, the Parish Secretary.

Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation

❖ **Leeston** : there will be an opportunity for Reconciliation after mass this Sunday and again on 10 April.

Lent is always an opportune time to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance – it is a living-out of the mantra of Ash Wednesday: *Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel.*

Study of the Book of Genesis – bring a Bible.

- **Darfield: Sundays:** 27 March & 3 April, 7.00pm, in the Darfield Church Centre.
- **Lincoln:** final sessions this Monday: 28 March, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre; the topic will be the Jacob & Joseph Sagas.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Michael Moore (West Melton), Mary Kim and Verda Chun.

Anniversary: Gerald Johnson, 16/3.

Prayers for the sick: Fr Benito Velasco

First Holy Communion Programme

Leeston: Jaxson Borisi will celebrate his First Holy Communion next Sunday, 3 April.

We will reschedule the Leeston Lenten Reconciliation to Sundays 27 March & 10 April, after mass.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

Stations of the Cross:

Lincoln: on Fridays of Lent, 7.00pm, in the church.

Leeston: 9.30am, before mass on Sundays.

Darfield: on Fridays of Lent, 5.00pm, in the church.

Caritas Lenten Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Money from this annual Appeal goes towards the Catholic Church's relief and development work in foreign countries. Please take a pack of envelopes. They may be returned weekly or in one offering.

Alternatively – the envelopes also give *Caritas'* bank number.

Lenten Reflection Programme: on Wednesdays, 7.00pm. The programme involves reflection, sharing, & discussion based on the Lenten Sunday Gospels, Contact Fr Chris.

Lenten Anointing Masses: this week

Leeston: Wednesday 30 March, 2.00pm (followed by a cuppa at the local café).

Darfield: Thursday 31 March, 10.00am (followed by a cuppa at the local café).

Lincoln: Friday 1 April, 2.00pm (followed by afternoon tea in the Church Centre).

Lenten Reconciliation:

Leeston: Sundays, 27 March & 10 April, 11.00am, after mass. NOTE new dates.

Lincoln: Thursday 7 April, 7.00pm (Fr Peter Head SM, from Addington, will be the visiting priest).

Easter Timetable

Fr Chris will be going to the Chatham Islands for Easter; Fr Dan Doyle will be helping in the Selwyn Parish.

Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper (14 April)

Darfield: 7.00pm

Lincoln: 7.00pm

Good Friday – the Lord's Passion (15 April)

Leeston: Midday

Darfield : 3.00pm

Lincoln: 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – Mass of the Resurrection (16 April)

Lincoln 7.00pm (**NO 5.30pm Mass** on 16 April)

Parishioners are invited to the presbytery after the Vigil Mass for some Easter Cheer.

Easter Sunday

Lincoln: 8.30am; 11.00am

Darfield : 9.00am

Leeston 10.00am

“SYNOD – SYNOD – SYNOD - SYNOD – SYNOD – SYNOD ” – 2021/2023

All of us 'The People of God are invited by Pope Francis to engage in the Synod. In addition to last weeks' notice re: the Synod, Joe Hindley and Tricia Smith will facilitate an evening to encounter, listen and discern together including small group conversation as 'Selwyn Parish'.

When: Thursday 31 March

Time: 7pm

Where: Lincoln Church Centre

Please let Tricia tric1948@gmail.com know if you intend to come so we have an indication of numbers. All welcome.

Easter Liturgy Volunteers - The list for Easter for our various Ministries are now on the noticeboard for you to volunteer. These include – Offertory Procession, Extra Readers, Altar Servers and especially Washing of the Feet volunteers for Holy Thursday. Thank you.

Parish Diary & Events.

Anointing Mass - at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln will be held on **Friday 1 April at 2pm** with afternoon tea to follow. If you need healing of any kind please come along. Parishioners are encouraged to attend to give support to our sick and elderly. If you need transport please contact Tricia Smith.

Friendship Group - for April will combine with the Mass of Anointing next Friday. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share.

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. All welcome whether vaccinated or not as covid guidelines regarding social distancing and mask wearing are supported. For more details contact Marge Newburry phone 338 6793, or leave a message for her at the parish office.

Diocesan Items

There is NO masses at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral this weekend

- as all the the priests are in Isolation with Covid.

Online Mass

An online Mass is once again being offered.

This will be St Mary's Pro-Cathedral Sunday Mass at 9am.

The link for this is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TCqzJ7jRCKk>

or find the link on the diocesan website and Facebook page.

Or search for it on YouTube.

Shine TV : Sunday Mass, 2.00pm: free to air Chanel 25 and Sky Chanel 201.

Latest edition of **NZCatholic** us available on line:

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/020aaf8c-8cb2-45cb-be32-6e89083cecec>



Leeston Ladies outing to Hororata on Tuesday visiting Jean & Tony.



Pope Francis' Letter requesting Prayers for Ukraine



Nearly a month has passed since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine that is daily inflicting immense suffering upon its sorely tried people and threatening world peace. At this dark hour, the Church is urgently called to intercede before the Prince of Peace and to demonstrate her closeness to those directly affected by the conflict. I am grateful to the many people who have responded with great generosity to my appeals for prayer, fasting and charity.

Now, also in response to numerous requests by the People of God, I wish in a special way to entrust the nations at war to the Blessed Virgin Mary. As I announced yesterday at the conclusion of the Angelus prayer, on 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, I intend to carry out a solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, and Russia and Ukraine in particular, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since it is fitting that we should invoke peace with hearts renewed by God's forgiveness, the Act of Consecration will take place in the context of a Celebration of Penance to be held in Saint Peter's Basilica at 5:00 p.m., Rome time. The Act itself will take place about 6:30 p.m.

This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace. I ask you to join in this Act by inviting the priests, religious and faithful to assemble in their churches and places of prayer on 25 March, so that God's Holy People may raise a heartfelt and choral plea to Mary our Mother.

I thank you for the attention you will give to this request and for your ready cooperation. With great affection, I bless you and the faithful entrusted to your pastoral care. May Jesus protect you and the Holy Virgin watch over you. I ask you, please, also to pray for me.

Fraternally,
From Saint John Lateran, 21 March 2022