

# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## **Fifth Sunday of Lent 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022.**

### Readings

**Isaiah 43:16-21  
Philippians 3:8-14  
John 8:1-11**



## **WEEKEND MASSES**

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

**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.

### **We are now allowed 200 people within an inside venue**

### **However, the use of 'Vaccine Passes' is still required this weekend.**

(I was incorrect last week when I said 'Vaccine Passes' were no longer required for Weekend Masses).

The Government will abandon the use of 'Vaccine Passes' this Monday, 4 April.

So next Sunday - Palm Sunday - parishioners will no longer require 'Vaccine Passes' to attend Weekend Masses.

**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** this weekend: so, we will revert to **9.00am Sunday Mass** this Sunday, 3 April. (Don't forget to turn back the clock 1-hour)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays after mass until midday.

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**Next Weekend will be the LAST newsletter for 3 weeks** : there will be **no Newsletter** for Easter Weekend or on Sunday 24 April.

**Lincoln Masses this week:** Tuesday – Friday , 9.00am.

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## Lenten Celebration of Reconciliation

- ❖ **Lincoln:** Lenten celebration of Reconciliation is this Thursday, 7.00pm. Fr Peter Head SM, from Addington, will be the visiting priest.
- ❖ **Leeston:** there will be an opportunity for Reconciliation after mass next Sunday, 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.*

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## 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.

The **Caritas Appeal** over the past 4 weeks has been: \$340; \$278; \$415.50; \$348.50.

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

### Lenten Reconciliation:

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

**Leeston:** Sunday, 10 April, 11.00am, after mass.

## Easter Timetable

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

We **require extra readers** over the Easter Triduum – please sign-up on the notice board in the Lincoln Narflex.

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday:** depending on the weather - we will bless the palms outside.

### 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

**Lincoln Ecumenical Good Friday Service:** this year will start at the Union Church, 10.00am, on James Street, and proceed to the Baptist Church. (Or just gather at the Baptist Church if you don't want to walk with the Cross).

The Baptist Church has been chosen as it has more space to allow for 'Social Distancing' for a larger group. Masks are required.

If the weather is wet - then just gather at the Baptist Church at 10.00am.

The Service will be focusing on the 'Last Words of Jesus from the Cross'.

This year – there will be NO Hot Cross Buns.

### 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 (17 April)

**Lincoln:** 8.30am; 11.00am;

**Darfield:** 9.00am;

**Leeston:** 10.00am

**Study of the Book of Genesis** – last session. We will look at the Jacob & Joseph sagas.

➤ **Darfield: Sunday:** 3 April, 7.00pm, in the Darfield Church Centre.

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## **RIP**

**Recently Deceased:** Jan McMurtie (Rolleston); Michael Moore (West Melton);

**Prayers for the sick:** Fr Benito Velasco

## **First Holy Communion Programme**

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

**4<sup>th</sup> Parents' Meeting:** next Sunday, 10 April, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre. The topic will be The Sacraments.

**FoodBank:** Non perishable Food Donations: a reminder to Selwyn Parishioners to please leave any non-perishable food items in the boxes provided in the 3 churches.

The need is great and will be accelerated with Easter and School holidays coming up.

**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.

**Safeguarding:** Selwyn Parish puts a high priority on maintaining the safety of both its volunteers and those who attend our churches. We greatly appreciate the volunteers who willingly give of their time to various ministries.

Selwyn Parish has a nominated Parish Safeguarding Contact who is:

Jean Hindley [jeanhindley221@gmail.com](mailto:jeanhindley221@gmail.com) 037412246

She supports the Parish Priest in overseeing all activities, concerns and procedures relating to safeguarding. Her name and details are also displayed on the posters on the various noticeboards.

## **Safeguarding Workshops**

For those volunteers who have yet to attend a Workshop, the next ones are as follows:

Venue: St Theresa's Riccarton—approximately 1 hour Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

Please register with Clodagh Ward, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer [cward@cdoc.nz](mailto:cward@cdoc.nz)

## **Parish Diary & Events.**

**Darfield:** Reminder to gardener's who are willing and able to meet this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 9 – 12 Midday to maintain our lovely gardens in Darfield.

**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**

### **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=TCgzJ7jRCKk>

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.

**650 East Maddison's Road in Rolleston:**

The Diocesan Office is advertising for tenants to rent the house at 650 East Maddison's Road in Rolleston. In addition, they are also look for some to lease the vacant paddocks for sheep/horses. Contact : Kay McDonald, Project Administrator; phone: 022 328 1854



Latest edition of **NZCatholic** us available on line:  
<https://indd.adobe.com/view/020aaf8c-8cb2-45cb-be32-6e89083cecec>

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The **Catholic Enquiry Centre** has created a new website - especially for non-Catholics seeking the peace and comfort that faith brings. The website – [www.catholicdiscovery.nz](http://www.catholicdiscovery.nz) – builds on the work the Catholic Enquiry Centre has traditionally done using booklets and postal correspondence to reach people interested in the Church.

Full details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/cathdiscovery-website/>



**Our Journey to Easter**

How's Lent going?

For many Christians in the past, Lent had been reduced to 'giving-up things', such as: alcohol, sugar in our tea, and lollies. But 'giving-up things' is not the primary purpose of the Season of Lent.

The primary purpose of Lent is about rekindling our relationship with Christ - both as individuals and as members of the Church.

In the Early Church, Lent had been the period of final preparation, for new converts to Christianity, as they journeyed towards Baptism into the Church.

In order to place Christ at the centre of our lives we must remove, or turn away from, anything that may hinder our relationship with Christ.

Hence, we have the development of the Lenten Practices of a renewed focus on prayer, dovetailing with undertaking some self-denial or penitential practices, to master our weaknesses, interwoven with an extra consciousness and outreach to the needy.

The 40 days of Lent are modelled on the biblical account of Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness that prepared him for his ministry and journey to Jerusalem and the cross. Jesus' solitude in the wilderness was a time to clarify his priorities, deepen his experience of a God who disturbs our complacency and then sends us out in his name. During his ministry, Jesus preached about a God of love, forgiveness and justice. His preaching was sometimes regarded as a threat by 'the establishment', who endeavoured to get rid of him and eventually had him condemned to death.

Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, is a special Season to rekindle our faith and discipleship of Jesus. With the reception of the ashes, we affirm our willingness to: 'turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel'.

It is never too late to take up the baton and undertake some Lenten Practices – to be invigorated as Jesus' disciples, ambassadors, and witnesses.