



# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent.

**19 March 2023.**

### Readings

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

**John 9:1-41**



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

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

### Weekday Masses:

**Lincoln:** Tuesday to Wednesday,  
Friday 9.00am

**Leeston:** Wednesday 5.30 pm

**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 Brian:

### 1. Daylight Saving Time & Darfield Sunday Mass

\* Daylight Saving Time ends on the night of Saturday/Sunday 1/2 April.

\* **NB. Darfield Sunday Mass will be at 9.00am from Sunday 2 April - Palm Sunday.**

**2. Bishop Michael** is going to visit part of the Selwyn Parish on the weekend of 15/16 April (the weekend after Easter).

**3. There will be NO Thursday mass in Lincoln** this Thursday, 23 March.

**4. Darfield Cemetery:** after 3 years of inaction - I met with a handful of Darfield parishioners, and we have decided to construct a double berm, in the grass area beside the cemetery, **for Ashes**. The berm will have spaces for 13 plots on either side. We are recommending that headstones follow a template - so there is uniformity.

Previously, the recommendation had been to construct a Columbarium, but our final decision is to utilise plots. Dimension of the plots will be given when we have marked-out the area.

We are also going to remove the stones off the recent graves and bring in some topsoil for re-grassing.

Over the past 4 years, ~\$30,000 has been spent on upgrading and extending the Darfield Cemetery.

To assist with the proposed work, I'm opening a 'Cemetery Appeal' to assist with the ongoing costs.

Families may wish to donate to the upgrading and extension of the Cemetery.

The Bank account: **03-1592-0207180-020** - please add your 'name' and 'cemetery' in the appropriate spaces; or alternatively place a donation in an envelope with your 'name' and 'giving number' if you require an IRD Tax Receipt.

We have a small group of dedicated volunteer lawn mowers who mow the lawns around the church and cemetery. Any further volunteers are welcome.



## RIP

**Recently deceased:** May Savin. David Penrose (X Leeston)

**Anniversary :** Gerald Johnson 16/3.

## Lenten Programme

### Anointing Masses

**Leeston:** Wednesday 29 March, 2.00pm, followed by Afternoon Tea at a café.

**Darfield:** Thursday 30 March, 10.00am, followed by Afternoon Tea at a café.

**Lincoln:** Friday 31 March, 2.00pm, followed by Afternoon Tea in the Church Centre.

### Reconciliation

**Lincoln:** Wednesday 29 March, 7.00pm. (Frs Geoff Gray & Simon Eccleton will assist)

**Leeston:** Sunday 26 March, after mass.

**Darfield:** Tuesday 28 March, 7.00pm.

**Caritas Lenten Envelopes** are available at the entrances to the 3 churches. This Appeal assists the Church's Relief and Development work in various countries.

### Stations of the Cross (during Lent):

**Lincoln:** Fridays, 7.00pm

**Leeston:** Sundays, 9.35am (before mass)

**Darfield:** Fridays, 5.00pm

**Palm Sunday** - also known as Passion Sunday - is on weekend 1/2 April.

If the weather is fine - we will bless the palms outside the churches.

**Chrism Mass:** at St Mary's Pro Cathedral on Monday 3 April, 7.30pm.

This is the mass where the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils that will be used in the celebration of the Sacraments throughour the Diocese.

**End of Financial Year.** We are now in the month of March and the Selwyn Parish is preparing for the End of Year balance.

It is a time when we ask you to consider if you wish to review your donations to the Parish. This is the Parish's main source of income and is important to us in continuing parish life and the upkeep of our buildings and facilities.

If you are donating via Parish Envelopes the current pack finishes on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023.

You may like to consider changing to Automatic Payments.

We will be ordering new sets next month and if you wish to change, please contact the office for bank account details and a new Planned Giving number.

We will be issuing receipts for this Financial Year's donations in April.

Parishioners who use Envelopes or Automatic Payments are eligible for an IRD Tax rebate.

These will be available as soon as practical, but please remember Easter is the beginning of April and could affect this.

Please do not contact the office for your receipt as this will delay the process. If you do not require a receipt, we can stop the issuing of it.

**Society of Saint Vincent De Paul** The SVDP has started a national appeal to help the victims of the recent cyclones that have caused devastating loss in the largest and most widespread weather event ever to impact New Zealand. The Society, through its conferences in the affected areas, will provide financial help, and food, clothing, furniture and advocacy assistance to those affected for as long as the recovery takes. Donations will be accepted at church or you can make a donation online to our account number 03-0767-0082945-000. Please indicate it is for the Gabrielle appeal. Thank you for your help.



**Lincoln Holy Thursday and Good Friday** - sign-up sheets are on the noticeboard. Please enter your name where you can help – Greeters/Offertory, Altar Servers, MOW, EMOC, Projector, Wardens and Washing of Feet.

**Lincoln Church: Projector Operators** are urgently required for both our weekend Masses.

**Greeters/Offertory** for Vigil Mass volunteers urgently required. If you can help for either of the above Ministries, please contact Tricia Smith Email: [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com) Tricia



**St Patricks Feast Day:** Friday 17th March St. Patrick's Day. In addition to the 9.00am mass, there will be Mass at 7pm followed by some music and supper. A small plate please for supper. The SAT team will be serving the supper. Come and celebrate with us. BYO

**Leeston Catholic Ladies'**, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Jackie is organizing, Jeannette driving. Leave from RSA carpark at 9am. Will need numbers, please Phone 3242550 or 02102436762 by 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SELWYN MEN:** The SAT team are looking into organising a breakfast for the men in our parish of Selwyn. The date for the breakfast is Saturday morning 20th May around 8-8.30am We would like to gauge what support there would be with the male parishioners to holding this event. If you are interested, please contact Ray on 03 366 9795 to register your name and if no one answers the phone leave a message and Ray will get back to you.



**Lincoln Prayer Group** The prayer group meet on Wednesdays, 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Lincoln Centre. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections on church teachings. 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 Group;** On Tuesday's 1.30pm to 3.30pm in the Lincoln Church centre. For further details contact Yvonne 3669795 or 0273341151

Would you like a **Prayer Blanket** for the sick and those you know who are having a tough time. Phone Yvonne on 0273341151.

**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 027 356 0916

### **Conquering Everest**

Fr Michael Mahoney SM is the guest speaker at our first **Catholic Business Network luncheon** on 30 March. Fr Michael is one of only three Life Members of the Mountain Guides of New Zealand and was part of the first expedition to attempt to climb Mt Everest with no oxygen and no sherpas.

**DATE: Thursday 30 March**, midday - 2.00pm; at Rakaia Room, Te Pae Convention Centre. **Cost:** \$120. Visit [www.cbn.nz](http://www.cbn.nz) for tickets/information.



**Food for Faith:** during Lent for those seeking greater maturity of faith. Sign-up to receive daily emails at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz/sign-up](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz/sign-up)

**Vocations for the Priesthood:** Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. He is currently the parish priest of the Mackenzie Parish. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien at [vocations.chch@gmail.com](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com)

**NEW Safeguarding Website for the Diocese:** [www.cdocsafeguarding.nz](http://www.cdocsafeguarding.nz) has been launched. This website is part of strengthening and supporting the Diocese's safeguarding processes to provide a consistent vision to create and foster a secure physical, emotional, and spiritual culture in our faith communities. The link to the website can also be accessed through the diocesan website homepage.

**'Clothed in Power': Transforming Parishes Through the Holy Spirit** - the upcoming online event will take place on Wednesday 22 March, 9.00am. More information: [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

**'Mercy House' - Vacancy** We are looking for part-time (Saturday afternoon/evening) and casual staff to support our Sisters in their assisted living facility. Duties include preparation of a light meal and light housekeeping. Please contact us at [rsmhouse@outlook.co.nz](mailto:rsmhouse@outlook.co.nz) for more information.

**SVDP Christchurch – Job Vacancy** for a part time Administration Assistant located at Stanmore Road - for 20 hours/ week preferably over 4/5 days. The position involves assisting with the financial management processes of the Society as well as providing administrative support to the General Manager. If interested: a Job Description is available. Applications close on Monday 27 March. Details contact: Robin Casey, [robyn@svdpchch.co.nz](mailto:robyn@svdpchch.co.nz)

**'Golden Catholics':** Fr Michael Mahoney SM will be the Guest Speaker.

He will share tales of working as a priest and initiating projects to benefit the lives of the locals in Outback Brazil



Come for mass - before Fr Michael shares tales of working as a priest in the semi-desert outback of Brazil for many years. As well as working in far-flung parishes he initiated many projects to benefit the lives of the locals.

The presentation offers an insight into the life and faith of a unique and fascinating people and culture.

**When/where: Friday 31 March**, 11:00am Mass, St Bede's College Chapel.

Followed by a Light Lunch at 12.30pm.

For catering purposes, RSVP by 27 March to: ph. 366-9869 or [receptionists@cdoc.nz](mailto:receptionists@cdoc.nz)

Parking on school grounds - enter via the main gates at 210 Main North Road.

## **Easter Liturgies**

**Chrism Mass:** Monday 3 April at St Mary's Pro Cathedral , 7.30pm

**Holy Thursday** – 6 April

**Mass of the Lord's supper**

- **Lincoln:** St Patrick's, 7.00pm.

There will an opportunity for silent prayer at the Altar of Repose until 9.00pm.

- **Darfield:** St Joseph's, 7.00pm

There will be an opportunity at the Altar of Repose after mass.



**Good Friday** – 7 April

**Commemoration of the Lord's Supper**

- **Leeston:** St John the Evangelist, midday
- **Lincoln:** St Patrick's, 3.00pm
- **Darfield:** St Joseph's, 3.00pm

**Easter Vigil** – Saturday 8 April

**Lincoln:** St Patrick's, 7.00pm (**NO** 5.30pm vigil mass)

(Parishioners are invited to the presbytery for some 'Easter Cheer' after the Vigil Mass)

**Easter Sunday**

**Mass of the Lord's Resurrection**

- **Lincoln:** St Patrick's, 8.30am
- **Darfield:** St Joseph's, 9.00am
- **Leeston:** St John the Evangelist, 10.00am

**Easter Liturgy times throughout the Diocese** are on the Diocesan website: [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

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**Ecumenical Good Friday Walk**

**Lincoln:** begin at the Baptist Church at 10.00am; then walk to the Union Church & Anglican Church, and conclude at St Patrick's.

If it is too far to walk - then parishioners may drive from the Baptist Church (they have a good car park) or else join the Walk at either the Union or Anglican Churches.

Afterwards, there will be hot cross buns & a cuppa in the St Patrick's Centre.

(If wet, the whole Service will be at St Patrick's).

**Leeston:** commence 10.15am at Anderson Square, opposite the War Memorial. Conclude at St John Anglican Church followed by morning tea.

