



SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent.

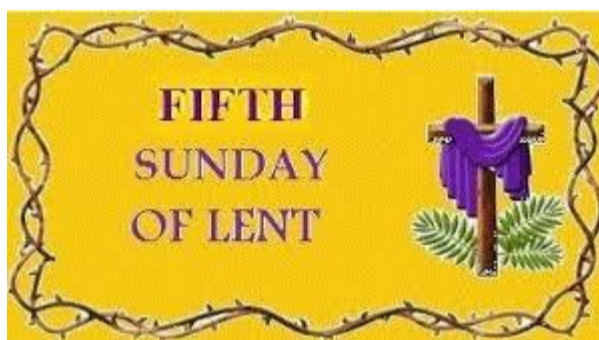
26 March 2023.

Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

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

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Tuesday to Thursday 9.00am
Friday 2.00pm

Leeston: Wednesday 2.00 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 next weekend - 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. Darfield Cemetery: a concrete berm is to be laid for the burial of Ashes.

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

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.

Weekday Masses this week:

- **Leeston Wednesday mass** will be at 2.00pm.
- **Lincoln Friday mass** will be at 2.00pm.
- There will still be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9.00am.



First Communion Programme: the 3rd Parents' Meeting will be this Sunday, 26 March, 7.00pm, in St Patrick's Church Centre. The topic will be 'The Church'.
First Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 11 June, 2.00pm.

Newsletter: The newsletter has been sent via a new trial system today. Couples with 2 email address's may only receive one copy. If this is a concern please let us know and we will add the extra email address.

Leeston: World Day of Prayer in Leeston at Leeston Life Church on Friday 31 March @ 7pm.

RIP Recently deceased: May Savin (Lincoln), Claire Gardener

Lenten Programme

Anointing Masses – this week. Note changes to masses times.

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

Leeston: this Sunday 26 March, after mass.

Darfield: this Tuesday 28 March, 7.00pm. (Frs Chris & Brian will be in Darfield)

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

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

EASTER LITURGIES

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

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

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

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

Holy Thursday – 6 April

Mass of the Lord's supper

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

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

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

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

Good Friday – 7 April

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (there is a Collection for the 'Holy Places' at the Good Friday Services. This Collection supports the shrines in the Holy Land that the Catholic Church has responsibility for).

- **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

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

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.

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

Leeston: Gardening time at St John the Evangelist Leeston. There is a form at the church door with what tasks needs be done, you may wish to join together during the week. Also, a Gardening gathering on Saturday 1st April @ 9.00 am.

Leeston: Grocery Items Needed Easter and school holidays are ever closer and this will put more pressure on families. Please bring non-perishable grocery items and some Easter treats for SVDP to distribute to families.

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 Tricia

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 based at Lincoln will not meet this Wednesday 29th March to allow participants to attend the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation. The prayer group will return on Wednesday 5th April (and every Wednesday following) from 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 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

New Safeguarding Website for the Diocese: 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

Greater Company of Mary Mass: Saturday 1 April, 10.30am, at Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North. Bishop Michael will be the celebrant. Morning Tea will follow. For catering purposes, rsvp to the LCM office by Monday 27 March, phone 372 9224.



Alpha: The inaugural Alpha Programme is well under way in Selwyn Parish. On behalf of the Alpha Team, a huge thank you to the parishioners who have ventured in to the unknown and registered to attend. With a full complement of 19 guests registered, each night is proving to be rich with discussions, questions and opinions. The Holy Spirit is definitely an active participant each week.



Many thanks also to the parishioners who have generously provided wonderful food for the meals each week. We are blessed to have

such a supportive parish community. If you are interested in attending a Selwyn Parish Alpha programme - details will be available later in the year.

St Patrick's Day at St Patrick's



A very green celebration of St Patricks Day in Leeston



Leeston Ladies Day out. Coffee in Darfield, on our way to Oxford.

