



# SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH

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[www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

## Sixth Sunday of Lent.

### Palm Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.

### Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

**Darfield:** Sunday – 9.00am  
**Leeston:** Sunday - 10.00am

### Weekday Masses:

**Lincoln:** 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 this weekend.

\* **NB: Darfield Sunday Mass will be at 9.00am from this Sunday 2 April.**



**2. Bishop Michael** will visit part of the Selwyn Parish on the weekend of 15/16 April (the weekend after Easter). He will celebrate the Saturday Vigil Mass. There will be a cuppa in St Patrick's Centre after mass.

On Sunday he will celebrate the Lincoln 8.30am mass, he will not join the morning tea.

He will then celebrate the Leeston Mass; there will be morning tea under a marquee on the north side of the church.

**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.

**4. Fr Chris** leaves on Tuesday for the Chatham Islands – he will be there for a week. Fr Dan Doyle will be helping out in the Selwyn Parish over the Easter Triduum.

**5.** There will be **NO Newsletter next Weekend** – Easter.

### 6. Masses after Easter:

**No Lincoln Mass** on Easter Tuesday, 11 April.

**Easter Wednesday Masses:** Lincoln 9.00am; Leeston 5.30pm.

**No Lincoln Mass** on Easter Thursday

**Darfield Mass** on Easter Thursday at 10.00am

**Lincoln Mass on Easter Friday**, 9.00am followed by Adoration.

Copies of **Inform** are in the porch - please take a copy.

**RIP**

**Recently deceased:** May Savin (Lincoln).

**Anniversary:** Vera Brosnahan 2/4.

**Mass for:** Holy Souls.

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## **SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday** - 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.

**Tuesday:** Lincoln - 9.00am (Communion Service.)

**Wednesday:** Lincoln - 9.00am; Leeston - 5.30pm.

**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

**Good Friday** – 7 April

**Commemoration of the Lord's Passion** (there is a Retiring 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](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

## **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.

The **First Communion Candidates** will receive a copy of the Lord's Prayer at Mass this Sunday.



**First Reconciliation** will be celebrated on Wednesday 26 April, 6.00pm.

**First Communion Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday 11 June (Feast of the Body & Blood of Jesus) at 2.30pm.

There will be afternoon tea in the Lincoln Events Centre after the mass. This will be set-up by the parents. Please 'bring a plate'.



**Our Selwyn SVDP** conference is meeting this Sunday after Mass at Darfield. Anyone who is interested in possibly joining us, or is simply interested in seeing what we do, is most welcome to join us in the parish community centre immediately after Mass.

At our last meeting we had a presentation from the prison chaplain. Prison visiting is something that our parish might wish to be involved in, and St Vincent de Paul will be following this up in the near future. Our refugee sponsorship is progressing and I hope it will be fulfilled this year. There will be more on this as things unfold.

We are expanding our mission to help the lonely in our community. If you know of anyone who would welcome and benefit from a visit from a Vincentian as a friendly presence or someone to talk to over a cuppa, as well as anyone else who may need practical material help from us, please let me know. As usual, the contact details are at the end. Thank you to all those who continue to support us, both materially and through their prayers. Please pray for the success of our mission and for those we help.

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Website: [www.svdpselwyn.org.nz](http://www.svdpselwyn.org.nz)

Give a Little website: <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/st-vincent-de-paul-selwyn-conference>

God Bless. Ian Tennant

**Darfield:** Morning tea will follow mass on Sunday.

**St Joseph's Darfield: Flowers for Easter:** If you have flowers you would like to supply for Easter, please leave in the flower room by 10am 8<sup>th</sup> April Sat morning or call Helen 033181780 or Margaret 0272795520. Thank you

**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](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com) Tricia

**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

**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 meet 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.

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](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

**Message from Bishop Michael:** together we have raised nearly \$35,000 for the Cyclone Gabrielle Relief Appeal. Bishop Michael extends his thanks to everyone and gratefully acknowledges the generosity of our Diocese. The donation will be split equally between the two dioceses and those funds will immediately go to help those most effected by the devastating effects of Cyclone Gabrielle.

**Breakfast with Bishop Michael:** a Special Event for Men of the Christchurch Diocese - for a men's breakfast that he is hosting on **Saturday 13 May, 7.30am**, at Sacred Heart, Addington (70 Spencer Street).

Join him for a time of faith, feasting and a special announcement about a brand new spiritual initiative for the men of our diocese. Breakfast provided. Gold coin donation on the day. Registration information to follow.

**'Divine Mercy Sunday' Celebration** at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Sunday 16 April. Mass at 4.30pm celebrated by Bishop Michael Gielen, preceded by confessions at 2.30pm and Chaplet of Mercy at 3pm.

**Applications for Hoatu Fund are now open:** the Fund provides funding to assist vulnerable women, children and families with material and spiritual needs.

Parishes, Schools and Organizations are invited to apply. The allocation process is also used to distribute the funds the Bishop receives annually from The Tindall Foundation. Details at: <https://chchcatholic.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Hoatu-Fund-Guidelines-Updated-2023.pdf>

Applications close on 5 May – contact: Matt, ph 366-9869 or [hoatu@cdoc.nz](mailto:hoatu@cdoc.nz)

**The Billings Ovulation Method** can help to optimise chances of conceiving naturally. Fertility Educators will teach to recognise the body's natural signs of fertility and pinpoint the most fertile day in your cycle. For a free information leaflet, contact Billings LIFE NZ:

0800 693 378, email [info@billingslife.org.nz](mailto:info@billingslife.org.nz) or visit [www.billingslife.org.nz](http://www.billingslife.org.nz)

The **Catholic Enquiry Centre** has a new website. Visit it to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make a donation: <https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/>

