

# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF SELWYN OF OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS



Incorporating the churches of: St Joseph's, Darfield: St John the Evangelist, Leeston:  
St Patrick's, Lincoln and including parishioners from the Rolleston area.

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## Third Sunday of Lent

**3 March 2024.**

### Readings

**Exodus 20:1-17**

**1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

**John 2:13-25**



## WEEKEND MASSES

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

**Darfield:** Sunday – 8.30am  
**Leeston:** Sunday - 10.00am  
**Rolleston:** Sunday 11.00am

### **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.

The Christchurch Diocesan Website:  
<https://cdoc.nz/>.

## FEEDBACK ON LOCATION OF CATHEDRAL

A reminder: Bishop Michael is still welcoming feedback on the proposals to build a new cathedral. See the online Survey Form available on the website. Feedback is open until the end of March 2024. To access the survey and information: <https://cdoc.nz/cathedral>

## Coming Events:

**Rolleston Mass:** continues to attract good numbers. The 5<sup>th</sup> Rolleston Mass will be this **Sunday, 3 March, commencing @ 11.00am, in the Rolleston School Hall, 11 Tennyson Street.** We will commission 4 new Ministers of the Eucharist who will assist at the Rolleston Masses.

The Parish hires the Rolleston School Hall for each Sunday Mass at \$150 +GST.

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## **The Selwyn Parish Picnic – this Sunday, Sunday 3 March.**

\* At Mike & Helena Hanning's Property - 4/1608 West Coast Road, West Melton (same site as the past 2 years). Mike will have a few Buick Cars on display.

\* There will be **mass, beginning at midday.**

\* **BYO food, drinks, hat & chair.**

\* There will be games for children.

There will be a \$2 raffle. If the weather is doubtful feel free to contact Jo Munro 027 3926497 or Lynn 027 6347311 to check.

**The First Communion Programme:** the candidates will receive their second Presentation this weekend - they will receive a copy of the 10 Commandments that reflects the Reading from the Book of Exodus. They will receive the next 3 lesson sheets.

The second **Parents' Meeting** is this Sunday 3 March, 7.00pm-8.15pm. The topic will be 'the reality of sin'. Cup of tea/coffee available prior to commencement.

There are **NO** further enrolments in the Programme.



The second **Baptismal Preparation Meeting** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Monday, 4 March, 7.00pm- 8.15pm** in the Lincoln Church Centre.

The Parish's **Journey to Faith Programme** has been in process since September. We meet each Tuesday evening; there are 18 candidates.

Next Saturday/Sunday 9/10 March, 7 candidates (Rachel Caldwell, Jennifer Upjohn, Nate Farrell, Jenna Greenwood, Sam Stocks, Tyler Aukusitino, McKenna Buller) will be admitted to the **Rite of the Catechumenate**.

On the following weekend, the 18 candidates will celebrate the Rite of Election.

Let's remember the Journey to Faith Candidates & Team in our prayers.

## Lenten Programme

### Anointing Masses:

**Leeston:** Wednesday 20 March, 2.00pm, (followed by a cuppa in a café).

**Darfield:** Thursday 22 March, 10.00am, (followed by a cuppa in a café).

**Lincoln:** Friday 22 March, 2.00pm (followed by afternoon tea).

### Reconciliation:

**Lincoln:** this coming Thursday, 7 March, 7.00pm; Fr Monty Bamford and Dan Doyle will be the visiting priests.

**Leeston:** Sunday 17 March, after mass.

**Darfield:** Sunday 24 March, 7.00pm.

### Stations of the Cross – during Lent:

**Lincoln:** Fridays, (except this Friday, 1 March), 7.00pm.

**Darfield:** Fridays, 5.00pm

**Leeston:** Sundays, 9.45am – prior to Sunday Mass.

There are single envelopes for the **Caritas Lenten Appeal** in the entrances to the Churches. This Appeal goes towards the Catholic Church's Relief & Development Work throughout the world.

**Chrism Mass:** Monday 25 March, 7.30pm, at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. At this Mass, Bishop Michael Blesses the Holy Oils that will be used throughout the Diocese during the coming year.

**Alpha Promotion Video.** Next weekend, after each mass in all the churches, there will be a short promotional video (10 mins) about Alpha- What it is, who it is for and how you can help. Do plan to stay back to watch it.

Next week, 10 – 15 March, Fr Brian, plus 6 pilgrims, will be in North Sydney on the **St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage**. There will be **NO Thursday mass in Lincoln** on 14 March.



**Filipino Mass** this Sunday, 3 March, 5.00pm, in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln. The Rex will be the celebrant.

**FORMED** is an online Catholic media platform filled with over 4,000 programmes about the bible, faith, and parenting; movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. It is an amazing resource to enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith.

**This material is free for all Selwyn parishioners.** The Parish has a subscription to this worthwhile website. You can gain access to all of FORMED's content by following these simple steps:

- Go to <https://signup.formed.org>
- Enter **Selwyn** – in the parish slot;
- Enter your name and your email address

You are then registered.

Along the top row of icons ...there are many good resources.

The 'program' icon will connect you to many study sites.



**Darfield Gardening:** Hi, its gardening time. For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

**International Women's Day** – All ladies of the Selwyn Parish are invited to breakfast at Robert Harris, Vernon Drive, Lincoln at 8am on **Friday 8 March**. Please register your name and number attending to Tricia Smith E: [tric1948@gmail.com](mailto:tric1948@gmail.com)

**St. Patrick's Day** 17th March this year is on a Sunday so the SAT team are doing the morning mass after 8.30 Mass. We will have Doug Corbett playing some lovely Irish tunes and we invite the parishioners to come and join us. Every one welcome

**Craft and Friendship:** Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Lincoln Church centre. Enquiries to Yvonne 0273341151 or 3669795 We are also looking for wool to make Prayer Blankets. Any Donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Prayer Blankets** are given to the sick and those who are going through a distressing period of their lives. They are Blessed at mass and from then on, the person is kept in our prayers. Contact Yvonne 366 9795 or 027 334 1151 if you would like one for someone or for yourself.

**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 027356 0916

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Friday after 9am mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for all of us to come and pray. 1 hour – ½ hour or 10 minutes. He is waiting anxiously for each and every one of us. Bring your love and concerns

**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. We continue the DVD series on the Holy Spirit at work in our lives which is followed by small group sharing. All age groups welcome. For more details contact Marge Newburry phone 338 6793, or leave a message for her at the parish office.

**YOUTH CAMP for Years 7-13 students:** Christchurch North is holding their annual Youth Camp on 15 – 17 March, at the Waipara Adventure Centre. This is open to any Year 7-13 students who may be interested. Located out in Waipara it is the perfect place for young people to experience prayer, and learn more about their faith through talks, & prayer. There will be some exciting activities lead by the Waipara instructors. Register: <https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/youth-camp>  
Contact: Hannah: [hannah@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:hannah@christchurchnorth.org.nz)

#### **Sign up for the Perpetual Adoration Chapel the Lent.**

There are flyers at the back of the churches.

For more information contact: Matt O'Connell, 027 536 9407; email: [chchadoration@gmail.com](mailto:chchadoration@gmail.com) or <https://perpetualadoration.chchcatholic.nz/>

**CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK:** the first lunch of 2024 will be held on **Tuesday 19 March**, at Te Pae Convention Centre.

Former local rugby player and coach - Mark Hammett - will talk about the connection between high-performance coaching and high-performance education, including in his current role at St Thomas of Canterbury College.

Individual and group tickets, as well as annual CBN memberships, can be purchased via: [www.cbn.nz](http://www.cbn.nz)

The **Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy:** a place for tertiary students to meet with fellow Catholic students, participate in small groups, join on-campus Masses, enjoy fellowship, and most importantly get a chance to explore and deepen your faith.

For more information: Facebook: [www.facebook.com/tchaplaincy](https://www.facebook.com/tchaplaincy) or email: [tertiary@cdoc.nz](mailto:tertiary@cdoc.nz)

**Greater Company of Mary Mass:** Saturday 9 March, 10.30am, at the Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street North. Morning tea will follow. For catering purposes, rsvp: by 4 March, ph. 372 9224.

**Request from the CDF:** Since 1968 the Catholic Development Fund has helped the Bishop of Christchurch provide for the educational and pastoral needs of our diocese. To help them make the fund's offering the best it can be in 2024, we invite you to take their anonymous five-minute online survey here.

Here's the link: <https://cdf.org.nz/tell-us-what-you-think-take-the-cdf-survey/>

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**BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD TRAINING SEMINAR:** Saturday & Sunday 27 & 28 April; **Venue:** Mary Potter Centre, 442 Durham Street North.

This Natural Fertility seminar will benefit Health Professionals and Natural Health practitioners interested in women's health and fertility, those wishing to become accredited Billings Teachers, and those using or considering using the Billings Method.

The seminar will also interest those involved in pre-marriage counselling and those wishing to promote the Method within their community.

The Billings Method teaches accurate, evidence-based, scientific self-knowledge about human fertility.

The "Billings Ovulation Method Natural Fertility Training Seminar" activity has been endorsed by the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and has been approved for up to 11.15 CME credits for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes. It is also supported by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference.

For further information / registration: <https://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar>

**Next Safeguarding Workshop:** Monday 4 March, 7pm-8.30pm at Our Lady of Victories, Sockburn. This workshop is specifically for staff, volunteers & parents who are involved in supporting activities that involve children.

Details of these workshops and future workshops are on the safeguarding website <https://www.cdocsafeguarding.nz/workshops>

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS** - Tuesday 19 March, 1.00pm – 2.30pm and 7.00pm – 8.30pm at St Mary's Pro Cathedral – Assisi Lounge.

Any volunteer and minister regardless of role is required to attend a Safeguarding Workshop every three years.

**Fr David Dowling, from the Wellington Archdiocese, has been appointed Rector of Holy Cross Seminary.**

Fr David is at present the Human Formator at Holy Cross. He will take over the role in April from the present Interim Rector, Bishop Emeritus Colin Campbell. He entered Holy Cross College in 2001 after a career as a Customs officer.

Further information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/rector>



**Craft.** We had a very busy afternoon at Craft and Friendship making Cuddle Hearts for the mums of new born babies that have to be left in the hospital. The mums slip the wee heart in to their bra so when they leave their babies, they can put it beside baby's head and they can be comforted by their mother's smell. Unfortunately, some of the team had to leave before the group photo was taken. We made 50. A great day.

