

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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Fifth Sunday of Lent

17 March 2024.

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33



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-Wednesday 9.00am
Friday 2.00pm

Leeston: Wednesday 2.00pm

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/>.

Fr Chris will be in the Chatham Islands for a week over Easter; he leaves on Tuesday 26 March. Fr Dan Doyle will be helping in Selwyn Parish over the Easter Weekend.

Weekday masses this week - 19-22 March:

Tuesday: Lincoln, 9.00am

Wednesday: Lincoln, 9.00am

Wednesday: Leeston, **2.00pm** (Anointing Mass)

Thursday: Lincoln, **NO MASS**

Thursday: Darfield, 10.00am (Anointing Mass)

Friday: Lincoln, **2.00pm** (Anointing Mass)

There will be NO Newsletter for Easter Weekend 30/31 March.

Daylight Saving ends on Sunday 7 April.

Darfield Sunday mass will revert to 9.00am for NZ Standard Time - beginning on Sunday 7 April.

FEEDBACK ON LOCATION OF CATHEDRAL

More than 1,000 people have responded to Bishop Michael's invitation to share their thoughts on the site of the new cathedral. 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.

To access the survey and information: <https://cdoc.nz/cathedral>



First Communion Programme: the candidates will receive their fourth Presentation this weekend - they will receive a copy of the Prayer of Sorrow - in preparation for their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, 10 April, 6.30pm.

Photo of Candidates receiving their copy of the Creed last week.

The Financial Year concludes at the end of March.

Parish receipts will be available shortly after the end of the Financial Year. As we come to the end of the Financial Year, parishioners may like to review their Giving to the Parish. If you wish to use Giving Envelopes or go on Automatic Payment please contact Mary, the Parish Secretary, on selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com or ring the Parish Office on Wednesday or Friday mornings on 325-2770. Parishioners who give via envelopes or automatic payment are entitled to 1/3 IRD Tax Rebate on their giving. Later in the year, the Selwyn Parish will commence a Fundraising Programme for the 3 major projects: a Church in Rolleston – there is land on East Maddison Road; a new Church in Leeston; strengthen the Darfield Church.

St Patrick's Day Picnic, after mass, at Rolleston:

This Sunday, 17 March, after Mass in Rolleston, we will be having a picnic on the grounds outside the school hall.

Bring your own food and drink, although coffee and tea will be provided inside the hall.

If you choose, wear something green. If the weather is poor, we will use the Rolleston School Hall.

Please note that **NO alcohol** is to be consumed on the school grounds.

Sound Technicians/Technical setup:

We are on the lookout for people to help and volunteer with the Music Ministry at Rolleston Mass on Sundays in a technical way. There is a need for a Sound technician (or few) and people to help with the technical setup. Interested? Don't have experience? No need to worry! Full training will be given! Have experience? Then you can still put your hand up to help.

Rodney Keegan is your point of contact: 021-516-011; or email rodneyandemma.keegan@gmail.com

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:

Leeston: Sunday 17 March, after mass.

Darfield: Sunday 24 March, 7.00pm.

Stations of the Cross – during Lent:

Lincoln: Fridays, 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.

Darfield: Flowers are required for Easter Sunday arrangements in St Joseph's Church. If anyone is able to supply flowers - especially white or gold/yellow - it would be much appreciated. Please contact Moira: dmchowell@xtra.co.nz or 021 434 785.

Selwyn Parish volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults e.g. in Children's Liturgy, sacramental programmes, taking communion to the sick require a police vet. These need to be redone every 3 years as police vets expire after that time. If you are unsure if your police vet needs renewing, please ring Janet Cummings, our safeguarding officer on 022 621 8037. Please note that Janet will also be contacting those parish volunteers, that she is aware of, that need to have their police vet renewed.

Lincoln Ministry Sheets for Palm Sunday and Easter – are now on the noticeboard in the Narthex for you to put your names down for various Ministries. If you are rostered on and unable to take your turn, please cross your name off, so we can get a replacement.

St. Patrick's Day 17th March this year is on a Sunday so the SAT team are doing the morning team 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.

Leeston Catholic Ladies Group. Meeting at the home of Helen Hinson.

All those interested in singing Hymns welcome. Meeting at 7.30 pm Tuesday 19th March. Men and all those interested are welcome. We are looking at learning some new hymns.

Liturgy of Word – a reminder the training session, facilitated by Fr Brian for all existing and new Readers from Selwyn Mass Centres will be held at 2.30pm on Sunday 24 March in the Lincoln Church Centre. If you are unable to attend, please let Pastoral Assistant know by email – pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast: Early notice from the SAT team about another event, put the date in your diary

Location: Joe's Garage Rolleston

Date: 25/5/2024 [Saturday]

Time: 8.15 am

The arrangements made with Joe's Garage are that the breakfast meal is from their menu and charges are as listed. Attendees can look up Joe's website for the menu and prices.

Names to be taken nearer the date.



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.



Kia ora, Introducing Nick Wilson of Palmerston North Diocese, the new chair of the bishops' Council for Young People. Nick is the Diocesan Young Catholics Team Leader for the Diocese of Palmerston North. He looks forward to implementing elements of *Christus Vivit – Christ is Alive* (Pope Francis' 2019 apostolic exhortation to young people); as well as updating *Hikoī Tahī* (the safeguarding and health and safety framework for young church ministry); and overseeing the coordination of the national pilgrimage to the 2027 World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea. Nick also has a strong interest in ngā rangatahi Māori Katorika.

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 or email: tertiary@cdoc.nz

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.

We ask you to pray for our **four seminarians**, as they continue their studies: Linh Cao, Tung Tran, Tuong Duong, Matthew Clark; plus, two students who are learning English: Pho Vo and Thang Pam.

Gospel of John Session: Tuesday 19 March, 7.30pm, @ Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College led by Sr Kathleen Rushton RSM with a focus on the death & resurrection of Jesus. Indication of attendance helpful to: roho@xtra.co.nz or 379-1298.

Catholic Outdoor Club Inc: is celebrating its 40th Anniversary on Sunday 7 April @ Arthur's Pass.

Mass will be celebrated @ 10.30am in the Chapel of the Snows.

Followed by Potluck Lunch @ 12.30pm – at the House @ 10 Sunshine Tce.

Former members and friends are welcome.

The Catholic Outdoor Club have a house at Arthur's Pass for hire - it has 3 bunkrooms of 6 bunks and good amenities; economical for families.

Email: catholicoutdoorclub@gmail.com

Check our Booking Calendar: <http://www.holidayhouses.co.nz/properties/55811.asp>

Marriage Unplugged is a workshop for all married couples of any age or stage. Led by Tim and Jenn Goulding; the workshop will help you reconnect with your spouse and grow deeper in your relationship together. Taking the time to strengthen and maintain a relationship can be difficult as the business of life creeps in, but it is at these points that it becomes most important to make the effort.

Marriage Unplugged: 23rd March, 9.00am - 4:30pm St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui; \$50 per couple (morning tea and lunch provided) Register: www.jp2.org.nz/marriage-enrichment/

Easter Programme: Holy Week commences next week (25-31 March)

Next Sunday (25 March) is **Palm Sunday**: masses will commence with the blessing of the palms depending on the weather; blessing of the palms will be outside.

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. There will be parishioners at the mass who will receive the Holy Oils for the Parish.

Tuesday: Lincoln Mass at 9.00am

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Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's supper (Thursday 28 March)

Lincoln: 7.00pm. (There will be an opportunity, after mass, for personal prayer at the Altar of Repose for half an hour).

Darfield: 7.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY Ecumenical Walk

Lincoln: beginning at 10.00am at St Patrick's Church and finishing at the Baptist Church.

GOOD FRIDAY: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.

* It is customary to have a Retiring Collection after the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion for the 'Holy Places' – the sites in the Holy Land that the Catholic Church has responsibility for their upkeep.

* Good Friday is traditionally a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Leeston: midday

Lincoln: 3.00pm

Darfield: 3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL: Saturday 30 March

Lincoln: 7.00pm (**NOTE: NO 5.30pm mass**)

Easter Sunday: Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

Lincoln: 8.30am

Darfield: 8.30am

Leeston: 10.00am

Rolleston: School Hall, 11.00am