

OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS PARISH

SELWYN



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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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

21 April 2024.

Readings

Acts 4:8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

Darfield: Sunday – 9.00am
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday 11.00am

Weekday Masses:

Lincoln: Tuesday-Friday 9.00am
Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm
Darfield: No Mass

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/>.

At this Saturday Vigil Mass, I will Receive Jacob de Lange-Hope into the Church and Baptise Nathaniel Farrell. Jacob & Nathaniel are flat mates in Rolleston; they are both soldiers in the NZ Army. Jacob is off to the UK during May as part of the NZDF's Training Team for Ukrainian soldiers. This will be Jacob's second deployment to the UK to train Ukrainians.

Jacob & Nate will be Received/Baptised into the Church and also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and their Eucharist. A cuppa will be served after mass in Lincoln parish centre.

The other candidates and catechumens will be Received / Baptised at a later date.

We welcome Bishop Mykola Bychok to the Vigil Mass; he is the Bishop for the Ukrainian Rite in Australia and New Zealand.

He is on a visit to New Zealand. He's attending the Vigil Mass to support Nathaniel and Jacob and express his appreciation for Jacob's service to Ukrainian soldiers training in the United Kingdom.



This Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Easter, is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. It is also Vocation Sunday – a day we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

There is also a Collection to support the running of the Seminary in Auckland.

We have purchased a new oven for the Lincoln Church Centre kitchen. The cost was \$3,935.30; 'thankyou' to the parishioners who donated towards the new oven.

Warning: the oven is an **Induction Oven** – so you can only use the recommended saucepans/pots.

We may need to purchase some more suitable saucepans.

The Financial Year concluded at the end of March.

Parish receipts are available this week.

In the meantime, I urge parishioners to consider, or review, their donations to the Parish. As with all families, Parish day-to-day costs have also increased.

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.

Anzac Day Mass will be at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln, 9.00am. There will be **NO Thursday mass in Darfield on Anzac Day.**

Fr Brian will be involved with other Anzac Day commemorations.

Here are the names of Parishioners from the Selwyn Parish who were killed, or died of wounds, during the 2 World Wars.

If you know of any other soldiers, please contact Fr Brian.

WWI

Lincoln

29653 Private James Edward McVeigh
46559 Private Robert Joseph Crossen
6/3671 Private George Lawrence Crossen
24291 Captain Leslie George O'Callaghan.

Darfield

10783 Private Thomas James Clinton
6/802 Private John Joseph Riordan/Reardon
51812 Private Reginald John Youngman

Doyleston

44143 Private John O'Boyle
15557 Corporal William John Kelly
37563 Sapper Daniel Flanagan

Leeston

24232 Private William Smyth
37563 Sapper Daniel Flanagan from Doyleston – Leeston Parish
44591 Private John Bernard McManus

WWII

Leeston

413761 Flight Lieutenant Arthur Henry Lambie
82115 Private James Jeremiah Hogan



Mass at Rolleston:

1. Sound Technicians/Technical setup:

We are still on the lookout for people to help and volunteer with the Music Ministry at Rolleston Mass on Sundays and for people to help with the technical setup.

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

2. Mass at Rolleston attracts ~200 parishioners.

The Parish is in the process of purchasing some sound system equipment: e.g. mics, speakers, amplifier, and leads.

If any parishioner would like to subsidise the purchase of any part of the **sound system** (even leads) then please contact Rodney Keegan @: rodneyandemma.keegan@gmail.com ; or mobile 021516011.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Rolleston "Youth Mass"

We are looking at holding a youth Mass for the parish, Sunday 28th April, 11am in Rolleston. We need youth volunteers for readers, greeters, collection, offertory, ushers, prayers of the faithful, music etc.

If you can help, please phone or email Rodney: 021 516011 rodneyandemma.keegan@gmail.com"

Men's Breakfast: The SAT team of Our Lady of the Plains Parish have organised a Men's Breakfast to be held at Joes Garage Rolleston on Saturday 25th May at 8.15am

Names of men wishing to attend can register with either Richard on 3252 405 or Ray on 3669 795, leave your message on the answer phone with queries with your phone number.

Craft and Friendship: Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Lincoln Church centre. Enquiries to Yvonne 0273341151 or 3669795

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.

Calling all **Catholic Health Professionals** to come meet some of the Catholic hospital chaplains, come have a cuppa with the chaplains and other health professionals from around Christchurch. Bring along any questions you have for them and other health professionals that would like to meet other likeminded people working in the health industry. **Saturday 4 May** at the Papanui Pastoral Centre, Vagues Road, 2pm - 4pm.

To RSVP or for any questions email christchurchcma@gmail.com

Sacred Heart Church, Reefton: will celebrate its sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary) in May. For details, please email tonyfortune52@xtra.co.nz

St Thomas of Canterbury College: Open Morning on Tuesday 14 May: 9.00am - midday.

The **Diocesan Offices** are moving to new premises at 391 Moorhouse Ave (the old Xavier Site). The offices will be closed on Monday, 29 April, to complete the relocation process.

Anyone visiting the Diocesan Office after April 30 must report to Reception at the primary entry point at 391 Moorhouse Ave. Please call 366-9869 if you have any queries.

Infertility Prayer Support Group: We meet once a month on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm. Next meeting is Monday, 13 May. Join us in the meeting room beside St Teresa's Church Hall, Riccarton. (There will be a sign on the door before each meeting to help you find the entrance).

Catholic Theological College is offering a lecture series called *A Taste of Theology*. Topic 2 is entitled '*Celebrating Christian identity, life and mission rooted in the Word of God*', revisiting Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. Speaker is: Fr Kevin Waldie, sm. This is on Tuesday, 7 May, 5:30-6:30pm, on Zoom. For a fee of \$60 you get access to all 9 courses in this lecture series. To register, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/tasteoftheology

Maddie Ward is selling raffle tickets to raise funds for her 'Dance Trip' to New York and Orlando, in USA, next April. Tickets: \$5. Please assist her in her fundraising efforts. She was one of the Confirmation Candidates last year.





The NZ Bishops have created a special online page of resources for parishes and individuals to use as we walk together towards **Jubilee 2025–Pilgrims of Hope**. The page is here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/jubilee-year-2025/>

Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a year of Jubilee with the theme **Pilgrims of Hope**, giving voice to his desire for the year to foster a greater sense of global sisterhood and brotherhood, solidarity with the poor, and caring for the environment.

The page will be updated regularly. We invite everyone to explore the contents and become familiar with what is planned for the Jubilee.

During 2024, the focus for the People of God is on prayer and study. In 2025 the focus shifts to the People of God making a Pilgrimage of Hope.

“The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope.” – Pope Francis.

This notice and the link to the Jubilee 2025 webpage is also online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/jubilee/>

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS AND PRIESTS ON THURSDAY’S

In the past the diocesan family used to pray for priests and vocations on Thursdays. We will begin again this coming Thursday and every Thursday. You might like to come to Mass on Thursdays, if possible, but all are invited to pray for this intention using a prayer for vocations written by Pope Francis.

Prayer cards will be available at the back of the church, or online at the Diocesan website <https://cdoc.nz/>
For more information: contact the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O’Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

THINKING ABOUT A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD OR RELIGIOUS LIFE?

The ‘Good Shepherd’ knows his sheep and lays down his life for them.

On **Vocations Sunday** are you being called to Shepherd others as a Priest or Religious? Hearing that divine call, Pope Francis writes, is the *“surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness”*.

Contact the Vocations Director, Fr Tien Cao, (Parish Priest in the Mackenzie) on petercaochitien@yahoo.com or the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O’Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz if you want to talk more information or to talk about a possible vocation.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

by Pope Francis

Lord of the Harvest,
bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.
Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving
- for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

Instill those in religious life, parish ministries, and families,
with the confidence and grace to invite others
to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament,
so that we may cooperate with you in
building your reign of mercy and truth,
of justice and peace.

Amen.