

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter

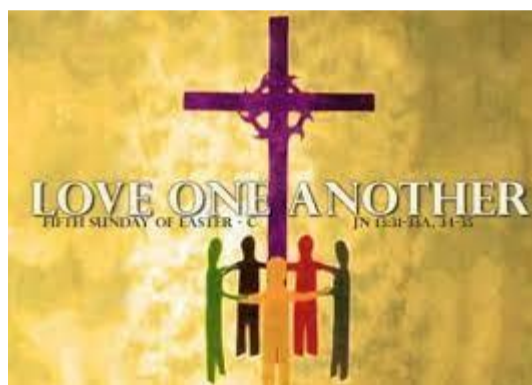
28 April 2024.

Readings

Acts 14:20-26

Revelation 21:1-5

John 13:31-35



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: 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/>.

Last Sunday, we read a **Pastoral Letter from Bishop Michael** about the site for the new cathedral. I'm sure many would have also seen it in Monday's 'Press'. There are flyers in the various churches explaining the Bishop's decision. Please take one.

We have purchased a **new oven** for the Lincoln Church Centre kitchen.

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 **former oven** – which is a 'Simpson Neptune' – is perfectly good. The oven was changed to facilitate better use of an oven for large crowds.

If anyone would like the oven – they are welcome to it. Otherwise, we will have to dispose of it.

The Financial Year concluded at the end of March.

Parish IRD Tax Receipts are available at the entrances to the churches.

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. Envelopes for the next year are ready for collection.

Mass at Rolleston – 'thankyou' to the parishioners who have made a donation towards the Sound Equipment for the Rolleston Mass.

PPRE - As our Friday class in Lincoln is full and there are a number of children on waiting list, it would be helpful if we could start another class on a different day. Are there any teachers who would be interested in helping with this Ministry. If so, please contact Fr Chris.

The Catholic Women's League is selling their Mother's Day raffle tickets at this weekend Masses at Lincoln and Rolleston and the following weekend at Lincoln only .

The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 all the money raised goes to Kids Can.

The tickets will be sold before and after each Mass and the raffle will be drawn on Mother's Day at Lincoln during morning tea. Winners will be notified

Thank you for your support.

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"

Friendship Group - Our next gathering is Friday 3rd May in the Church Centre following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome.

Darfield Gardening: Hi, its gardening time. For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 7th May 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

The Catholic Women's League is having their annual Mother's Day High Tea

On Monday 13th May in the parish Centre Lincoln at 2 pm and we invite the ladies of the parish to join us. We would love to see you there. RSVP Colleen phone 027 4424116

A **Safeguarding Workshop** has been booked in the Selwyn Parish for **Thursday 16 May, 7.00pm, at Lincoln Church Centre** (Note change of date).

This Workshop is for new ministers within the Parish, and Ministers who have not attended a Workshop in the past three years. Parishioners involved in Parish Ministry are urged to attend, especially if you haven't attended a previous Workshop. It is a requirement for all new volunteers to do a safeguarding workshop and that for current volunteers they have to do one every 3 years. If they are unsure if they need to complete a workshop, they can ring Janet on 022 621 8037. The Workshop is facilitated by Clodagh Ward. A link to this Safeguarding Workshop www.cdocsafeguarding.nz

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.

Healing Service with Fr John Rea SM: on Wednesday 15 May, 7pm at St Gregory's Church. All welcome. Information - contact Judith: 027-261-5655; email pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz

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.

Next 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.

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

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?

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.

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.



ANZAC DAY: over the past 4 years, I have listed Selwyn parishioners who died during the 2 World Wars. This year the focus is:

44591 Private John Bernard McManus of the 2nd Battalion, Canterbury Regiment.

Only son of William and Mary McManus, of High Street, Leeston. His parents had immigrated from Ireland in the mid-1860s. At time of his enlistment, his father had died.

Born: 17 September 1896 at Balcairn. He was baptised in Hawarden Parish, by Fr Patrick Treacy, on 8 October 1896.

The family moved to Leeston.

Before the War he was a Letter Carrier, employed by NZ P&T Dept in Leeston. He was an enthusiastic member of the Leeston Volunteer Fire Brigade.

He was attested on 23 November 1916; embarked Wellington with 24th Reinforcements. He was 5 feet, 3 inches tall.

Marched into Sling Camp, England, on 28 July 1917.

Left for France on 5 September 1917.

Joined the 2nd Battalion of the Canterbury Regiment, in the field, on 16 September 1917.

He died of wounds, received in the field, on 12 October 1917, aged 21 years.

This was the date of New Zealand's highest casualties during WWI at the Battle of Passchendaele - 843 soldiers were listed as being killed or died of wounds on 12 October; a further 107 died of wounds subsequent to the attack on 12 October. The New Zealanders failed to take the feature. It was up to the Canadians to take the village on 6 November 1917. By this time, the offensive had long since failed in its strategic purpose and the capture of Passchendaele no longer represented any significant gain.

He was initially buried in the field at Passchendaele by one of his unit, 45290 S.J. Weaver, although no explicit directions are given. However, he has no known grave; his name is on Panel 2 of the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, to the Missing, NZ Apse.

His name is on the Leeston Panel of the Ellesmere County War Memorial.



Alpha Group
...evening meal