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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Third Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025.

Readings

Exodus 3:1-15

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

Darfield: Sunday – 8.30 am (Summer)
9.00 am (Winter)
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday 11.00am

Weekday Masses:
Lincoln: Tuesday, Friday 9.00am
Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm
Darfield: Thursday 10.00am
Akaroa: Wednesday 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/.

From Fr Brian:
I've had NO RESPONSE.
There are a couple of vacancies on ***Our Lady of the Plains Parish*** **Leadership Team -** to replaced retired members.
Would you - or can you nominate a parishioner to - serve on the Leadership Team.
Over the past few years, the Leadership Team has made great contribution to the formation of the Selwyn Parish.
There was a Report from the Leadership Team in the Christmas Booklet.
Appointments are normally for a 3-year term, but renewable.
Please contact Frs Brian or Chris with any nominations … please speak to them beforehand.
This is a good and practical way to serve the Parish.
The role of the Leadership Team is to give guidance and coordinate the Pastoral Life of the Selwyn Parish.
So far, no one has offered or been nominated for these positions.

- **Sunday, 23 March:** Fr John O'Connor is unable to supply in the Selwyn Parish - therefore there will be **NO Akaroa mass -** the normal 'Liturgy of the Word and the Distribution of Communion' will be observed.

- At long last, the **Shands Road Property**, is on the market. The process has been about 16 months. The property is a Deadline Sale - hopefully we will have a decision by the end of March.

- Daylight Saving finishes on the weekend of 5-6 April. Darfield Sunday mass will be at 9.00am from 6 April.

- **No Thursday mass in Lincoln this Thursday, 27 March.**

- The Diocese is running a **Fundraising Seminar** during the first week of April. Members of the Finance Committee and Leadership Team have been invited. If any other parishioner, who is interested in fundraising for the new church in Rolleston, rebuilding in Leeston and strengthening the Darfield Church, please contact either Frs Brian or Chris.

Lenten Programme

***Caritas* Lenten Appeal Envelopes** are available at the entrances to the churches. *Caritas* is the Catholic Church's Development and Aid Agency.
You may place the *Caritas Envelope* in the Collection Basket; or make a Bank Deposit to: **03 0518 0211216 03**

Stations of the Cross:
Lincoln: Fridays of Lent, 7.00pm.
Leeston: before Sunday mass – about 9.30am

Reconciliation
Lincoln: Tuesday 8 April, 7.00pm - Frs Monty and Dan will be assisting.
Darfield: Sunday 13 April, 7.00pm

Sacrament of Anointing:
Leeston: Wednesday 9 April, 2.00pm (there will be a cuppa in a local café).
Darfield: Thursday 10 April, 10.00am (there will be a cuppa in a local café).
Lincoln: Friday 11 April, 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea.
Easter Triduum

Chrism Mass: St Mary's Pro-cathedral, Monday 14 April, 5.30pm **(note** change of time). At this mass, the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils that will be used in Parishes during the coming year.

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Lincoln: 7.00pm – The Altar of Repose will be open for prayer for about 30 minutes after mass.
Darfield: 7.00pm

Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion.
There is a **Collection** for the 'Holy Places' on Good Friday – these are the Shrines, in the Holy Land, that the Catholic Church has responsibility to care for.
Leeston: Midday; **Darfield:** 3.00pm;
Rolleston: 3.00pm. (There will be **no Service in Lincoln** – it will be held in the Rolleston School Hall, Tennyson Street.

Easter Vigil (19 April)
Lincoln: 7.00pm (**no** 5.30pm mass). Parishioners are invited to the presbytery for some 'Easter Cheer' after the Vigil.

Easter Sunday
Lincoln: 8.30am; **Darfield:** 9.00am; **Leeston:** 10.00am; **Rolleston:** 11.00am

Akaroa Easter Services
Fr Michael Mahoney SM will be in residence in the Akaroa Presbytery from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.
He will celebrate masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
He will also preside at the **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7.00pm;**
and the **Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion @ 3.00pm.**

There will be **masses in Akaroa on Sundays**: 4 May, 25 May, 20 July.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON-DEMAND: journey through the' Stations of the Cros's at your own time and pace. Not everyone is able to attend in person - you can now experience the 'Stations of the Cross' 'On Demand' at https://www.fdm.org.nz/ Visit the website anytime to reflect and pray in a way that best fits your schedule.

Planned Giving. As we approach the month of March and the end of the financial year. We start to look at ordering the envelopes for the new year. If you want to avoid the hassle of finding cash each Sunday, you may like to consider changing to an automatic payment straight from your bank account. If you wish to do this, please contact the office. Receipts for the end of year will be available as soon as possible after the end of March. Please be aware there is a process to follow before they are available.

The First Communion Lesson as usual Lincoln & Darfield Sunday am mass. Hand in Lesson 6. If your child is unable to attend either venue. Please email Brigid on pastoralassistant@gmail.com

Darfield Gardening: The Darfield Gardening Group would like to thank all those who have kindly donated to their appeal to purchase a memorial plaque for Margaret Brenmuhl.
We have been overwhelmed with your generosity and delighted to have already reached our target.
The plaque has been ordered and will soon be in place next to Margaret's memorial rose.

Parish Men's Breakfast 29th March (Saturday) @ 8.00 am
Where, **"The PANTRY"**, (Rosemerryn Shopping Complex, opposite the former Lincoln HQ which is now called the Sparrow) See the Pantry website for menu and prices. Names will be taken nearer the date to confirm numbers for the Pantry Staff. OR, phone Ray on 366 9795 to leave your name. Leave your name on the answer phone if no one answers.

St Vincent de Paul – Selwyn Conference seeks "New Members" from Lincoln, Rolleston, Darfield, Leeston. Volunteering with St Vincent de Paul/ Vinnies is a rich and rewarding experience. By donating a bit of your time to help deliver our mission in a small way you can be sure you're making a difference in people's lives. Our volunteers help anyone in need in our locality, regardless of their background, culture, religion, or political opinion. We meet people where they are at. Our Vinnies team are now ready to expand and invite anyone who is curious about joining to come and see. Our next meeting is on Thursday April 3rd at 7pm at the Lincoln parish centre. If you would like an informal chat about this in the first instance contact Clodagh on: 021 1000974 / clodagh@svdpcanterbury.nz.

"**The Society of St Vincent de Paul** is hosting a free Immigration Seminar at the **Assisi Lounge on the 24th of March at 6:30pm**. A licensed and experienced Immigration Officer will be speaking with free information and advice in the latest NZ Immigration and Visas laws. Spaces are limited so please email **Cyrene: cyrene@svdpcanterbury.nz** to RSVP your place."

Liberate 2025: a one-day conference for young Catholic men, Saturday April 12
Fit for the Kingdom and the St Thomas More Trust are running an inspirational one-day conference for young men aged 15 to 26 with themes of Virtue, Friendship, and Brotherhood. Venue is the Sanctuary of Fourvière (Beatitudes Community), Leithfield. See our events page to find out more and to register: https://www.stmtrust.org.nz/liberate-2025

Centennial celebrations for St Paul's Church, Kokatahi, Hokitika Parish: 28 – 30 March.
Programme:
Friday 28 March, 6pm - Rosary
Saturday 29 March,10am: Valley History Tour; 3pm Centennial Mass with Bishop Michael Gielen.
6pm Centennial Dinner.
Sunday 30 March, 10.45am Mass followed by farewell cup of tea.

If you are intending to go, please email Fr Huynh at hokism@xtra.co.nz

Health Care Workers Mass: all those involved in health care - nurses, doctors, rest home staff, pharmacists; to celebrate this healing ministry and to acknowledge and pray for the challenges faced.
Bishop Michael welcomes you to Mass on **Sunday 6 April,** 6pm, @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, followed by hospitality in the Assisi Lounge afterwards.
information: Mike Stopforth, mstopforth@cdoc.nz , ph. 027 539 8542.

CATHOLIC BUSINESS NETWORK LUNCH: 'Building Character to Shape our Future'.
Peter de Keratry will be the Guest Speaker at the first Catholic Business Network lunch of 2025 on Thursday, 3 April @ Rydges Latimer.
Peter has led significant church projects in the US & Australia and will share his powerful story of leadership in church initiatives, offering insights into how personal growth can positively influence people and communities around them.
For more information or to register: cbn@cdoc.nz

Diocesan Women's Retreat Day: Marian College, 5 April, beginning at 9.30am for mass with Bishop Michael. All women are invited to join us.

INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP:
The *John Paul Centre* invites parishioners to a monthly Support Group if you are struggling with infertility. Join us to find encouragement, hope and a way forward through prayerful reflection, sharing and solidarity. contact us to register and to find out more: Ph 021 0814 8834; email info@jp2.org.nz

***LAUDATO SI* RETREAT** - 29 March, 10am - 4pm, at Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. Pray and reflect on Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*.
Register: roho@xtra.co.nz ; Ph 379-1298. Tea & Coffee provided. Bring own lunch,
Cost – Koha.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women: Dove is moving to small parish-based groups called Dovecotes, where women may experience the warmth of fellowship, the power of prayer and the joy of worship. If you feel a need for a Dovecote in your area, please contact Gloria: dovenational.leader@gmail.com or Ph 0272456742.
Or see our website: www.dove.org.nz

The Catholic Parish of the Good Shepherd, and the Philippine Chaplaincy is inviting you to join the **Visita Iglesia and Pilgrimage to Akaroa**. The Pilgrimage will be held on **Sunday March 30.** They will meet at 8:30am for Mass at the Church of the Holy Passion in Amberley. They will then visit 7 different churches to pray and reflect on Jesus' suffering and sacrifice.
For more information: contact Fr Rex, 0220775318, padrepio1428@gmail.com

FOOD FOR FAITH Fr John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for Lent. To receive daily emails: www.foodforfaith.org.nz

ROCHESTER LECTURE: FREE. All Welcome - 26 March, 7.30pm, Rochester Hall, 77 Ilam Road.
Maria Owen - CEO Impact Lab. Impact Lab connects decisionmakers in the social sector with data they can trust, use and learn from to do good, better for their communities. Maria has a BA in Politics, Psychology and Sociology from Cambridge University, an MBA from Stanford University and was New Zealand's Hi-Tech Young Achiever of the Year in 2021.

Alpha Retreat Day at Darfield - last Saturday