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 Lent

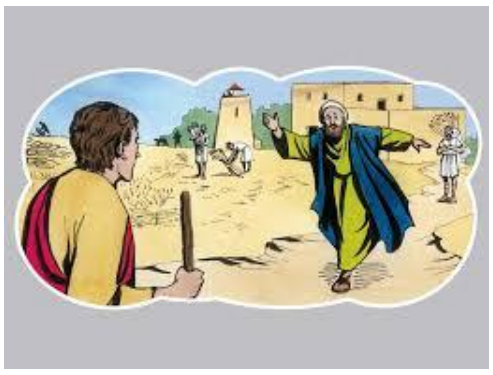
30th March 2025.

Readings

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-32



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

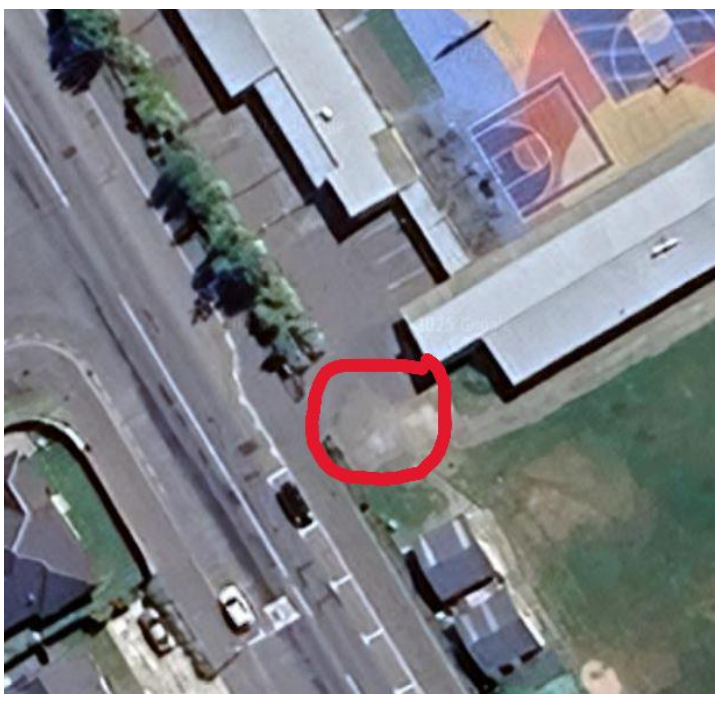
Weekday Masses:
Lincoln: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm
Darfield: Thursday 10.00am
Akaroa: No Mass this week

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/.



IMPORTANT

"Rolleston Mass Parking"

Access to the school field via Tennyson Street has been blocked off by parked cars on Sundays. Please **do not** park on the school grounds near the School Fields, refer to the circled area in the picture.

No Mass at Akaroa this Wednesday.

From Fr Brian:

As mentioned over past three two weeks - there are vacancies on the **Leadership Team of the Selwyn Parish of *Our Lady of the Plains*.**

I have had one nomination – so there must be others 'out there'.
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.
This is a valuable service to the Parish.

- At long last, the **Shands Road Property**, is on the market. We are waiting for the 'Out Come' of the advertisement.

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

- **RIP**
  Recently Deceased: Chris Gumley (Darfield). Maureen Nightingale (Akaroa)

- 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:

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.

Leeston: Wednesday 16 April, 2.00pm. **NB - change of date** - (there will be a cuppa in a local café).

Easter Triduum

Chrism Mass: St Mary's Pro-cathedral, Monday 14 April, 5.30pm **(NB - 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

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. There is more space in the Rolleston School Hall.

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

Good Friday Ecumenical Walks (18th April):

- **Darfield**: leaving **St Joseph's Church at 8:00am** … walking to the Baptist Church and then the Anglican Church.
- **Leeston:** starting at the Reserve adjacent to the War Memorial, 10.00am.
- **Lincoln:** still being planned

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.**

He will arrange a time for an **Anointing Mass** and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

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.

First Holy Communion candidates/parents Sunday 30th March. Lessons for the children as usual this Sunday Lincoln & Darfield. Hand in Lesson 7.
Parent Meetings-Darfield after mass this Sunday, Lincoln 7pm in the hall this Sunday .
Please let me know if you are not attending the meeting at the venue your child attends. Lessons so the paperwork is at the right venue for you to collect. Email Brigid on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

Darfield Gardening: our team of Gardeners will meet Tuesday 1st April 9am to 12 pm. Please come along to help keep our grounds looking cared for.

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.

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

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

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

Diocesan Women’s Retreat! Last chance to register for our. Step away from the busyness for a special day of faith, reflection, and renewal as we come together to celebrate this year of Hope.
Date: Saturday, 5 April 2025 Time: 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM Location: Marian College
For further information or to Register here https://cdoc.nz/news-events/wo...

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

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

SAFEGUARDING The Catholic Diocese of Christchurch has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is our highest priority. Next Safeguarding Workshop – Ministries with Children. Monday **April 7th – 7pm-8.30pm** – St Teresa’s School, Riccarton. Details link here: Safeguarding Workshop

Monday Prayer Group-Rolleston 10.00am-11.30am. An invitation to Mothers & preschoolers to come along to a home-based prayer group, discuss a scripture reading, share your thoughts, get to know other Mums in the parish. We operate a WhatsApp group to communicate so if you would like to join, please text Brigid on 02108176358

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

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

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.