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 Lent

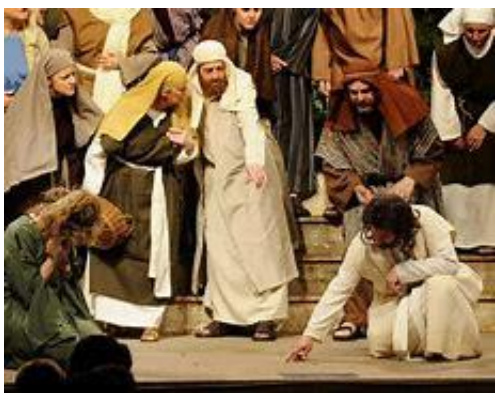
6th April 2025.

Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11



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: 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 have 4 nominations for the Selwyn Parish of ***Our Lady of the Plains'*** **Leadership Team;** they will join the current members of the Leadership Team. However, there is no one who resides in Lincoln.
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.

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This Tuesday, 8 April, 7.00pm, Frs Monty Bamford and Dan Doyle will join us for the celebration of our **Lenten Reconciliation Service.**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. If the weather is fine - we will commence the masses, outside, with the blessing of the palms

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

- Daylight Saving finishes this weekend. **NOTE: Darfield Sunday mass will be at 9.00am from 6 April.**

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

The next **Baptismal Preparation Programme** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Sundays 11 & 18 May**, 7.00pm - 8.15pm in the Lincoln Church Centre.
Contact the Parish Office to register.

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: this 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 (there will be a cuppa in a local café).

Easter Triduum

Chrism Mass: St Mary's Pro-cathedral, Monday 14 April, 5.30pm. 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, 11 Tennyson Street. There is more space in the Rolleston School Hall.

Easter Vigil (19 April)
Lincoln: 7.00pm (**NOTE: 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

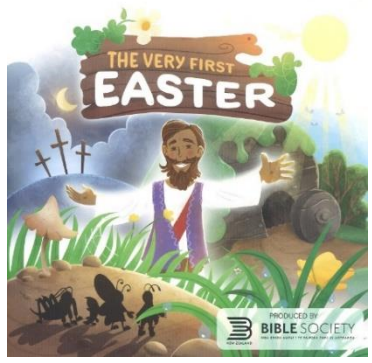
Good Friday Ecumenical Walks (18th April):

- **Darfield**: leaving **St Joseph's Church at 8:00am** … walking to the Baptist Church and then to the Anglican Church.
- **Leeston: 10.00am starting at Anderson Square** - the Reserve adjacent to the War Memorial - then to the local churches. Finishing at the Life Church for Hot Cross Buns.
- **Lincoln: 10.00am** - **start at St Patrick's Church,** then walk to St. Stephen's Anglican Church, the Union Church, and ending at the Lincoln Baptist Church.
  If you don't want to walk, then you can drive to the Baptist Church for the final Station and Hot Cross Buns.

Akaroa Easter Services
Fr Michael Mahoney SM will be in residence in the Akaroa Presbytery from next weekend until 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**.

Fr Dan Doyle will celebrate mass in Akaroa on Sunday 4 May.

The Bible Society has published a book for younger children on the **Easter Story**. Please take a copy. Free.



Easter Ministry sheets - for Lincoln for Greeters, Altar Servers. Ushers, EMOC, Readers, are now on the noticeboard in the Narthex for you to add your name. This includes Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Easter Saturday Vigil. Extra Readers are required for the Reading of the Passion. Thank you.

Cuppas after Sunday Mass - we are once again looking for volunteers to host the cuppas after the 8.30 Mass. You only need to bring the milk. No expectation to bake as there are always biscuits in the cupboard. If you can help. please add your name to the list on the kitchen bench.

First Holy Communion Programme Sunday 06th April -Lessons for candidates will be held as usual in Lincoln at 8.30am, Darfield at 9.00am. The children will be presented with a copy of the Our Father. We will not have any lessons during the holidays 12-27 April. Lessons will recommence on Sunday the 4th May Please email if your child is going to be absent on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

The Rosary Group will, from 10th April at 11am every Wednesday at 6 Weston Way Lincoln. If you'd like to join us for tea/coffee beforehand come at 10.45am. We follow the rosary with a reading from a message given to Father Gobbi for priests. We conclude our meeting by reading an act of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Next **Safeguarding Workshop** – Ministries with Children: Monday 7 April, 7pm-8.30pm @ St Teresa's School, Riccarton.

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 this **Sunday 6 April,** 6.00pm, @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, followed by hospitality in the Assisi Lounge.
information: Mike Stopforth, mstopforth@cdoc.nz; ph. 027 539 8542.

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

Right to Life invites members and supporters to attend our **AGM** on Friday 11 April, 7.30 pm, at Christ the King Church Centre, 90 Greers Rd.

Divine Mercy Sunday Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, 2.45pm, Sunday 27 April, with confessions from 1.30pm.
Mass will be followed by refreshments and a book sale.
Please note there will be no parking on pro-Cathedral grounds until after 2pm

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St Thomas of Canterbury College: Open Morning - Wednesday 14 May, 9 am - 12 pm.

Parish Men's Breakfast

The Activities Team would like to thank those Men of the Parish who attended the Breakfast at the Pantry last Saturday morning. It was pleasing to see. Many were relatively new parishioners, willing to mix and mingle and participate in the intelligent chatter. There were approximately 30 parishioners who shared in the Men's Breakfast last Saturday.

Thank you all once again from the SAT Team. Co-ordinators Richard R and Ray M.

In this **Year of Jubilee:** the Christchurch Diocese is offering a 6-day pilgrimage to the sacred places at the very foundation of the Catholic Faith in New Zealand. As 'Pilgrims of Hope', the pilgrimage will begin in Auckland and will explore the sites of the first missionaries that brought the faith to NZ.
The pilgrimage is being held 26 – 31 October. Places are limited.
Matt O'Connell is leading the tour and there will be a priest chaplain. Bishop Michael will also join the pilgrimage for two days.
For more information/itinerary: contact Matt at the Diocesan Office, ph. 366-9869;
moconnell@cdoc.nz

The new Cathedral

Last weekend, **Bishop Michael** wrote a letter to the Diocese to update us on the Cathedral project. He explained how, with the support of many people, a draft design brief has been prepared.
Architects will use that document to propose how they could approach the project and work with him, and his advisers, to finalise the design.
It will be several months before that work is completed, but we are invited to continue to pray for this sacred task of building our new cathedral.

The bishop mentioned that during the first half of last year, he invited us to offer our preference for the location of the cathedral and then its name.
Since then, significant effort has been put into working on the first stage of the design of the cathedral.

A diocesan delegation has visited cathedrals and churches in New Zealand and Australia that have been built or substantially renovated over the past two decades.

The design brief has recently been shared with several leading New Zealand architectural firms that have the experience and capacity to work with the Diocese in designing the new cathedral.

More information of the Cathedral project can be found at: **https://cdoc.nz/cathedral**