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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Palm Sunday

13th April 2025.

Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22;14 – 23:56

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:
There will be **NO Newsletters** next weekend (Easter) or the following weekend (Anzac).

Mass on Anzac Day, Friday 25 April, will be the normal 9.00am Lincoln mass. Fr Chris will be the celebrant. I will be participating in the Dawn Service in the Square.

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

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

- **Easter Edition of *Inform*** is available at the entrances to the churches. Please take a copy.

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**

Reconciliation
Darfield: this Sunday, 13 April, 7.00pm

Sacrament of Anointing:
Leeston: this 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.
Good Friday is traditionally a day of **fasting and abstinence** from meat.
There is a **Collection,** on Good Friday, to support the 'Holy Places' – 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.

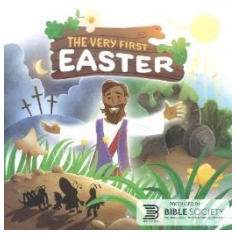
Akaroa Easter Services
Fr Michael Mahoney SM will be in residence in the Akaroa Presbytery for Easter.
He will celebrate masses on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
He will also preside at the **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7.00pm;**
and the **Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord's Passion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

First Holy Communion Programme We take a break over the holiday period and lessons will commence on Sunday the 4th May. Lesson 9 is to be completed over the holidays and handed in on the 4th. The **next Parents evening** will be held on the 4th May at 7pm in **Lincoln.**
Darfield -The parent session will be held after the 9am Mass on the 4th May There is no better time than Easter to experience the richness of our Catholic faith
and to teach the children the significance of the sacrifice Jesus made for us.
First Reconciliation will be celebrated in Lincoln on Tuesday 6 May, 6.30pm. Fr Dan Doyle will be assisting
I look forward to seeing those staying in Christchurch at our Easter services. Happy Holidays. Brigid McIndoe, Pastoral Assistant Selwyn

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



Divine Mercy Sunday Mass: celebrated 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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Darfield: Morning Tea this Sunday after Mass.

Catholic Women's league: A reminder about this month's Catholic Women's League meeting is being held on Monday 14th April commencing at 11am where we will be planting a tree to commemorate WUCWO for Hope. This will be followed by our meeting and lunch. Please bring a plate to share. Remember articles for Mother's Day raffle this month.

Darfield Gardening: our team of Gardeners will meet Tuesday 15th April, 9am to 12 pm. Please come along to help keep our grounds looking tidy.

Lincoln Prayer Group The prayer group based at Lincoln will not meet next Wednesday 16 April but will return from the following Wednesday each week, at 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Darfield; Combined Churches Women's Fellowship will meet this Thursday 24th April at 2pm at Trinity Church Darfield. Our speaker will be Noelene Diggs from Christchurch who will tell us about what the Gideon's are doing these days to spread Bibles around New Zealand. All ladies welcome to come and hear about this important work.

Alpha -Thank you to everyone who has kept Alpha in their prayers, to those who donated & prepared food, worked in the kitchen, to the participants and to the team for the huge contribution of their time, together everyone's contribution has made running Alpha possible and we continue in our mission to share the Good News. Brigid McIndoe. pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

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.

CDF EASTER OFFICE HOURS The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) extends warm Easter blessings to all our valued depositors. Please note that our offices will be closed over the Easter and ANZAC period from **3pm, Thursday 17 April**, and will reopen on **Monday 28 April**. Thank you for your continued support.
CDF Invest in Good www.cdf.org.nz

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

Marian College: Open Day, Tuesday 20 May, 2pm - 6.30pm.

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

St Joseph's Parish Hawera: 150th Jubilee, Labour Weekend, 24–26 October. Past parishioners are invited. Info: stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com

Next **Safeguarding Workshop:** Tuesday 15 April – Online at 1pm & 7pm. Register with Clodagh Ward on cward@cdoc.nz
A link to the workshop will be sent to those who register on 14 April

Bishop Michael has confirmed that the **Priests' Retirement Villas Campaign** has reached $2.1m in cash & pledges. The Bishop has written to express his gratitude for peoples' generous support of this campaign. The plans are progressing well to get the building underway later in the year. There are still envelopes in the porch.

Anzac Names from the Selwyn Parish
As we approach Anzac Day – I have listed, over the past 5 years, parishioners from the Selwyn Parish who served and died during War.

In the past, I have written brief military biographies of:
WWI
29653 Private James Edward McVeigh – Lincoln
24291 Captain Leslie George O'Callaghan - Lincoln
10783 Private Thomas James Clinton – Darfield
6/802 Private John Joseph Riordan/Reardon – Darfield
51812 Private Reginald John Youngman – Darfield
46559 Private Robert Joseph Crossen – Leeston
6/3671 Private George Lawrence Crossen – Leeston
44591 Private John Bernard McManus - Leeston
24232 Private William Smyth - Leeston
44143 Private John O'Boyle – Doyleston
15557 Corporal William John Kelly – Doyleston
37563 Saper Daniel Flanagan - Doyleston

WWII
413761 Flight Lieutenant Arthur Henry Lambie – Leeston
82115 Private James Jeremiah Hogan – Doyleston

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This year, I have space for:
37563 Sapper Daniel Flanagan from Doyleston
Third son of Daniel and Annie Flanagan of Doyleston; born on 19 October 1886.
In his youth he was a very successful bicycle rider at local sports meetings.
Prior to enlisting, he was working as a miner at Nukumaru, near Wanganui.
He was attested on 28 December 1916.
He joined the NZ Engineers, Tunnelling Company, on 3 January 1917.
He deployed overseas on the *Aparima HMNZT No 76* on 16 February 1917.

He died of broncho pneumonia on 8 May 1918, aged 30 years, result of being gassed.
He is buried at Etaples Military Cemetery, Pas-de-Calais, France.