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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Second Sunday of Easter

Year A

12 April 2026

Readings

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am
Darfield: Sunday - 9.00 am
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday - 11.00am

Weekday Masses this week:
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: htts://doc.nz/.

Charitas* Lenten Appeal:** Lent has passed, but there are still some ***Caritas Giving Envelopes for donations to the *Caritas* Lenten Appeal in the porches of the churches - or just write your name/number on an envelope and place in the Collection Basket.
Money from the Lenten *Caritas Appeal* goes towards the Catholic Church's Relief and Development Programmes.

Darfield Driver for Thursday mass: a new resident at 'The Peaceful Pines Rest Home' would like a ride to the Thursday, 10.00an, mass. If able to assist - even on an irregular basis - please contact Fr Brian.

Women's Christian Convention: Biblical Theology Workshop, @ Lincoln Event Centre, Saturday 2 May, 9.00am- 4.15pm. Morning Tea & lunch provided. Facilitated by Nacey Gurthie. There is an Invitation to all Churches. Info & Registration: https://womensconvention.nz/share/
There are flyers @ the church entrance for programme & cost.

Men's Breakfast with Bishop Michael: next Saturday, 18 April, @ Catholic Cathedral College, 62 Ferry Road. There will be adoration in the college hall from 6.30am with breakfast at 7.30am.
Suggested koha of $5 to cover the cost of a cooked breakfast.
Come and be with other men of the diocese for food and encouragement.
Registration now by visiting www.cathmen.nz or contact Mike Stopforth ph 366-9869 or 027 5398 542.

The 'Sower' – **Newsletter** from the Pontifical Mission Society are available in the entrances to the churches.
It is also available online: https://missio.nz/newsletters

Leeston Co-Operating Parish: Invitation to the Opening of their new hall extension: at St David's Church, located at 75 High Street, Leeston.
The celebration will take place on Sunday, 26 April, beginning with a special service at 11.00 am, followed by morning tea.
RSVP by Monday, 20 April, to Rev Willem van der Walt; email: wavdwalt@gmail.com ;
Mobile: 027 316 9368.

Journey to Faith Programme

At the Easter Vigil, Rachel McGregor, Sarah Kippax, James McCaig were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

In addition: Ano Sujeevkanth, Suji Sujeevkanth, Sophia Verwoerd, Caroline Hay, Nicola Besnley, Sean Wansbrough, Tamsin Traylor, Hannah Robert, Nicola D'Arcy, and Madison Tourle were Baptised.

'Congratulation and Welcome' to our new Catholics.

This Sunday, at Darfield: Leon Vannoort, & Mariah Vannoort, will be Received into Full Union with the Catholic Church.

There will be Morning Tea after the mass.

New Catholics at the Easter Vigil

The end of March was the End of the Financial Year: Tax Receipts are available.

If new parishioners would like to have 'Giving Envelopes' or go on Automatic Banking - then please ring Chi or send her an email: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com; ph 325-2770.

The Selwyn Parish Bank Account is: 03-1592-0207180-020

We have also introduced a separate Bank Account for Fundraising: 03-1592-0207180-022

Parishioners who use envelopes or AP are entitled to a ⅓ rebate on their giving.

Would the following parishioners please contact the Parish Office:

Daniel Ulahannan, #1139; G L Regina, #1136; Theo Ni Bhroin, #1140.

RIP: Anniversary: Pat O'Connor 12/4.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday, 23 April @ 6.30pm, at St Patricks Church, Lincoln. There will also be 2 visiting priests.

Lincoln Sunday Cuppa's volunteers needed urgently to help serve tea and coffee after Mass. If you can help please put your name on the list on kitchen bench. Milk in the fridge, biscuits in the cupboard. Thanks

Darfield Combined Churches Women's Fellowship: meet @ Trinity Church, 2pm, Thursday, 16 April. This is an opportunity to hear Selwyn District Councillor John Verry. John will have submission forms available and will guide us simply through the process. He is keen to get submissions from the Malvern area. All ladies welcome to the meeting.

Margaret Rea will be presented with her **Papal *Benemerenti Medal*** for faithful and dedicated service - at the Lincoln 8.30am mass this Sunday12 April, the Second Sunday of Easter.
There will be Morning Tea afterwards, to join with Margaret and her family to celebrate the bestowing of the Papal Medal.

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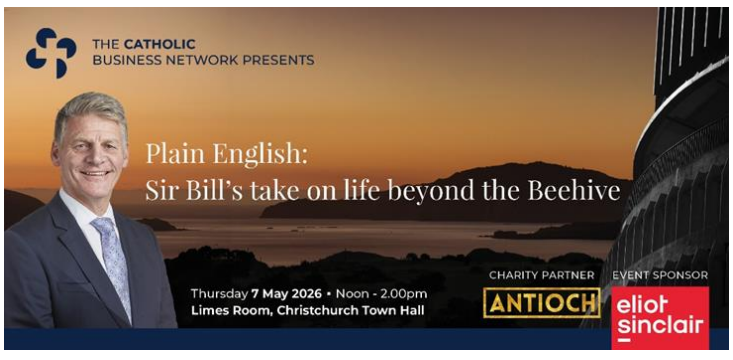
The **Little River Church of St John the Evangelist** has been closed since the Earthquakes.
Due to an Agreement with the Christchurch City Council, that was associated with the temporary strengthening of the church, the church was not able to be sold or demolished until August last year.
The Akaroa Parish has now received approval from Bishop Michael to sell the property.

There will be a Closing Service on Saturday 9 May, @ 11.00am, followed by a finger-food lunch at the Little River Tavern (drinks at peoples' cost).
Former parishioners and interested people are welcome to participate in the Closing Liturgy of the Church - prior to the property being placed on the market.
The Liturgy will be in a marquee adjacent to the church (please bring a fold-up chair). The church is not open for public use.
The church was built during 1925.

Mission Hub welcomes Bishop John Adams, from Palmerston North Diocese, as the guest speaker during April.
In this special session, Bishop John will reflect on: "The Holy Spirit at the Heart of Mission" - inviting us to rediscover how the Holy Spirit continues to guide, inspire, and empower the Church in her mission today.
Monday, 13 April, 7.00–8.30pm. Online.
Everyone is welcome and invited to register here: https://bit.ly/apr13zoom

Catholic Business Network: will feature guest speaker **Rt Hon Sir Bill English** on 'life beyond the Beehive'.
The event will bring together business leaders, professionals and executives from across the diocese for an afternoon of connection and faith-filled conversation.
Thursday 7 May, midday - 2.00pm @ Limes Room, Christchurch Town Hall. Register: https://www.cbn.nz/



Divine Mercy Sunday: @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, this Sunday, 12 April, 2.45pm, with confessions from 1.30pm.
Book sales & refreshments to follow. Note: no parking on pro-cathedral grounds until after 2pm.

Right to Life – AGM: Members and supporters are invited to attend the AGM of Right to Life New Zealand Inc, on Friday 17 April, 7.00pm, @ Assisi Lounge, St Marys Pro-Cathedral; Guest Speaker - Brian Whitaker.

The **Selwyn Parish Catholic Women's League** are visiting Cholmondeley Children's Centre, in Governor's Bay, this Monday, 13 April.
They are booked into the Otoromiro Governor's Bay Hotel for a meal at 11.30am and going to visit the Centre at 1.30pm.
There is car-pooling from the Lincoln Church carpark - meeting at 10.30am, or may wish to make your own way there p be at the hotel by 11.30am
RSVP - as they need to let the hotel know numbers
Also, the Centre loves to receive Children's Beanies - so if you have some please bring them along.
Also, any ladies from the Parish are more than welcome to join us.
Please just let us know: Margaret, 021731316 ; or Colleen, 0274424116.

Over the past 6 years - as we approach **Anzac Day** – I've written biographies of Selwyn parishioner soldiers who died during WWI & WWII.
There will be an Anzac Day Mass: Lincoln, 9.00am.

Names mentioned in previous years:
WWI
29653 Private James Edward McVeigh (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 (Rolleston/Lincon/Leeston)
6/3671 Private George Lawrence Crossen (Rolleston/ Lincon/Leeston)
44143 Private John O'Boyle (Doyleston/Leeston)
15557 Corporal William John Kelly (Leeston/Doyleston)
24232 Private William Smyth (Leeston)
24291 Captain Leslie George O'Callaghan (Lincoln)
44591 Private John Bernard McManus (Leeston)
37563 Sapper Daniel Flanagan (Doyleston)

WWII
413761 Flight Lieutenant Arthur Henry Lambie (Leeston)
82115 Private James Jeremiah Hogan (Leeston/Doyleston/Darfield)

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23436 Private James Riordan
He was born on 6 November 1888, fourth son of Patrick and Mary Riordan from Charing Cross.
Before the War he was a farmer at Charing Cross.
He enlisted on 12 February 1916.
He deployed with the 13th Reinforcements.
He was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 3rd NZ Rifle Bridge.
Died of Wounds on 11 October 1916, aged 29; buried in Etaples Military Cemetery, France. He had been wounded a couple of weeks earlier in left thigh.
His name is inscribed on the Darfield War Memorial.
His medals were sent to his brother, P Riordan, who lived in Springston.

He had an uncle, Fr John Riordan, who was parish priest of Ross when he died in 1925.

What does it mean to be human, to love, and to be loved?
Join the *John Paul II Centre for Life* for an introduction to St John Paul II's Theology of the Body: how God's design for humanity is revealed in each human person.
Adults of all ages and faith backgrounds are welcome.
Begins: Friday 17 April, 6.00pm; concludes: Saturday 18 April, 6pm
Early-bird price: $37 - includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and all course materials.
Visit: https://jp2.org.nz/theology-of-the-body/ to learn more and sign up.