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 OT

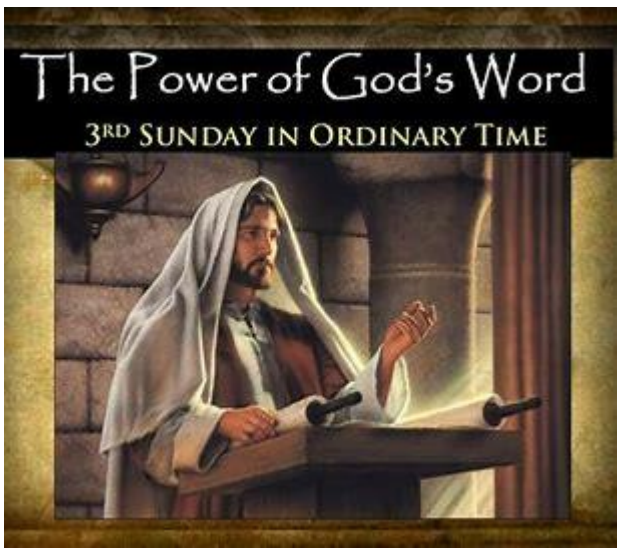
26th January 2025.

Readings

Nehemiah 8:2-20

1 Corinthians 12:12-17

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am

Darfield: Sunday – 8.30am
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday 11.00am

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

Weekday masses re-commence in Leeston & Darfield this week:

- Leeston: Wednesday, 5.30pm.
- Darfield: Thursday 10.00am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament recommences Friday, 7 February.

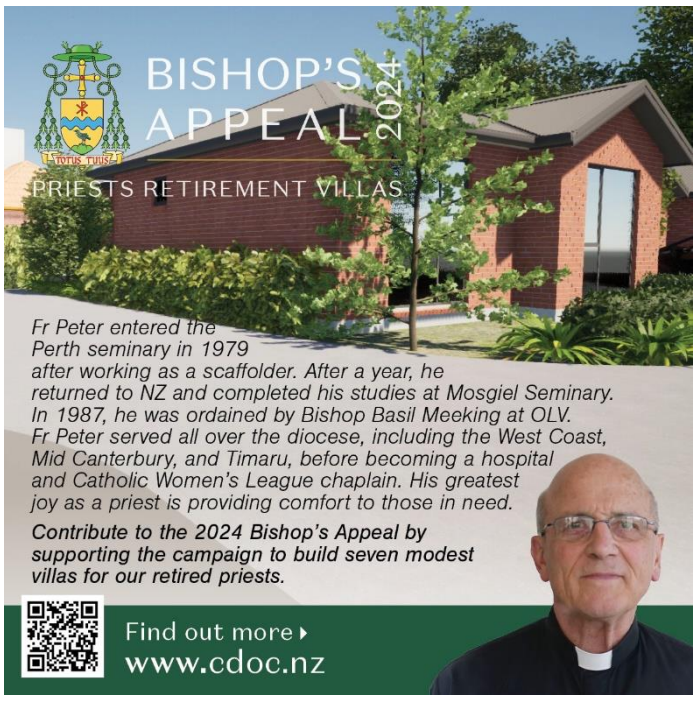
From Fr Brian:
I will be going to Akaroa this Sunday to celebrate the final scheduled Sunday Mass.
From next Sunday, the Akaroa parishioners will lead a Sunday *Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Communion*. However, Fr Dan Doyle has offered to celebrate a Sunday mass 'every now and again', at least during the summer months.
This Sunday, Fr Ben Asare, who resides at the Cathedral Presbytery, will be the celebrant in Lincoln & Leeston. Fr Ben is from Ghana; he is in NZ to do his PhD in moral philosophy at Canterbury University.

As mentioned, a consequence of Fr Geoff's death - the Selwyn Parish will take over the Pastoral Care of the Akaroa Parish from the beginning of February; I will be Parish Priest and Fr Chris the Assistant Priest. Akaroa will retain its identity as an autonomous Parish.

I met with the Akaroa folks last Monday and we agreed that Fr Chris & myself will offer a weekday mass on Wednesday at 10.00am. This Wednesday - will be the last Wednesday mass in Lincoln.

So, from Wednesday 5 February - there will be **NO WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS in Lincoln.**
All other Selwyn Parish weekday masses will remain the same.

PPRE (Parish Primary Religious Education) 2025 In our parish we are blessed to have the opportunity for our children in Yrs 6-8 at a State Primary School to learn more about our Catholic Faith and to grow in their relationship with Jesus, through attending PPRE. This takes place each Friday 4:30 – 5;30 pm during the School term. If you wish to register your child to attend PPRE in 2025, please make contact with Fr Chris.



Priests' Retirement Villas Campaign

Bishop Michael thanks parishioners who have contributed towards the Priests' Retirement Villas. Seven villas will be built behind St John Fisher House, adjacent to Nazareth House.

There are still flyers and Giving Envelopes - that contains further information.
Prior to the Bishop's Appeal, about 25% of the $3.5m fundraising target had already been raised, including contributions from the priests of the diocese.

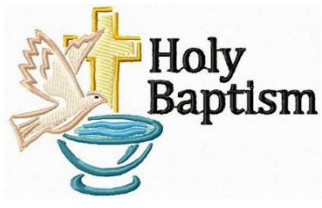
There are **Appeal Envelopes** in the entrances to the churches. Please take one.

Selwyn Parish Picnic: next Sunday, 2 February, at the home of Mike & Helena Hanning, 4/1608 West Coast Road, West Melton.
Commencing with mass at 12 noon.
Their home is on the north side of the West Coast Road, west of West Melton. The property is up a long drive.
Followed by picnic lunch, and games for all ages plus a lolly scramble and ice blocks for the children. (The priest from Leeston will celebrate the picnic-mass). There is a shady area, under trees, for the mass and picnic. Please bring a chair, Sun screen, hat & picnic basket & a bottle of wine (Optional).

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP –Mondays 9.30am -Rolleston. Connect with other Mothers in the Parish /Community Start the week by putting aside time to pray and be uplifted in a small group environment
We meet in private homes, discuss a scripture reading or share a reflection. Pray together and finish with a cuppa. Bring along any preschoolers. Starts Monday 3rd February for details Contact Brigid on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com or 02108176358

ALPHA- Spreading the word of God thru invitation, hospitality and love. There is still time to invite a friend or family member to join you on our next Parish Alpha. Starting Thursday 13th February Venue Rolleston Rugby Football Club, Foster Park, Dynes Rd. 6.30pm every Thursday x 9 weeks
Join us for a meal, watch a video and engage in relaxed small group discussions on life & faith.
New to the parish this is a great way to get to know your community. To register email alphaselwynparish@gmail.com Or if you would like to know more call Brigid on 02108176358

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION –Our 2025 Programme begins Sunday 16th February 7pm with our 1st Parent Evening. If your child is aged between 8 & 12 and has a catholic baptism certificate. You can register thru the link on the Parish Website https://selwyncatholic.nz/communion/ Children will need to attend either the Sunday morning mass in Lincoln or Darfield for the 12 weeks of the programme. Registrations close 31 January.



The next **Baptismal Preparation Session** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Sundays 23 February & 2 March, 7.00pm – 8.15pm** in the Lincoln Church Centre. Please contact the parish office to register for the programme: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com
There is a wee explanation of the baptismal programme in the Christmas Booklet.

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.

Safeguarding Workshops, Tuesday 11 February – Online at 1pm & 7pm.Register: Clodagh Ward on cward@cdoc.nz. A link to the workshop will be sent to all who register on 10 February.
All volunteers/staff in Catholic entities are required to attend a Safeguarding Workshop every three years.

Lincoln Prayer Group The prayer group based at Lincoln meets weekly every Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections on church teachings. All age groups welcome. For more details contact Marge Newburry phone 338 6793, or leave a message for her at the parish office.

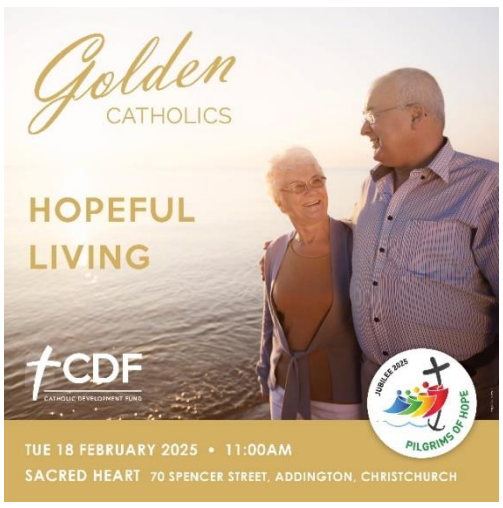
Craft and Friendship: Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Lincoln Church centre. Enquiries to Yvonne 0273341151 or 3669795

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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Pope Francis has announced that 2025 is a Jubilee Year. A Jubilee Year encourages renewal, spiritual growth, mercy, and forgiveness.
The theme for the Jubilee year is **Pilgrims of Hope**. Bishop Michael will open the Jubilee Year this Sunday 26 January, at the 4.00pm Mass, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.
More information about the Jubilee can be found at https://cdoc.nz/jubilee
or contact Mike Stopforth: mstopforth@cdoc.nz
There is a Jubilee Hymn that will be introduced to the Parish.

VACANCY - CLERGY HEALTH COORDINATOR
The Clergy Trust Fund seeks to employ a Health Coordinator to assist with the medical welfare and general well-being of priests. A vacancy exists for this part-time position with the ability to be flexible with his / her time to be able to provide an adequate service.
The Coordinator will have the ability to relate to the priests in their overall health needs. The Clergy Health Coordinator will visit and meet with clergy to make assessments and to provide the necessary support, advice and guidance.
A position description can be viewed on our diocesan website or available from Mike Stopforth: ph. 027 5398 542; email mstopforth@cdoc.nz Applications close Friday 7 February 5.00pm.

The Gifts of Healing: *Christ the Redeemer Parish* is offering a Training Day on "The Gifts of Healing", Saturday 15 February, 9.30am - 4pm at the 'Lamb of God Centre', Thames Street. Morning tea and a light lunch provided. Suggested Koha of $30.
Presenters will include: Fr John Rea SM, Michael Powell (Wellington) and Brendan and Judith Woodnutt. To register: complete form on www.christchurchnorth.org.nz ;
or email Judith, pastoral@christchurchnorth.org.nz



The next **Golden Catholics Event** will be hosted by Fr Pat Breeze and Fr John O'Connor, on 18 February, at *Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish*, 70 Spencer Street.
Begin with mass at 11am, followed by lunch and a presentation by Fr John on 'Hopeful Living', in keeping with this year's Jubilee theme. RSVP by 13 February, including any dietary requirements, to cdf@cdoc.nz or phone 366-9869.
A donation towards lunch on the day would be appreciated.

Formed is an online media platform filled with over 4,000 programmes about the bible, faith, parenting, religious movies, audio drama, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for children. It is an amazing website to enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith.
This material <u>is free</u> for all Selwyn parishioners (The Selwyn Parish has a subscription to this worthwhile website).
You can gain access to all FORMEDs content by following these simple steps:
* Go to: **https://signup.formed.org**
* Enter **Selwyn** – in the parish slot;
* Enter your **name and your email address**.
You are then registered.
Along the top row of icons – there are many good resources. The 'program' icon will connect you to many study sites.

A picnic group after mass in 2023