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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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

2nd February 2025.

Readings

Malachi 3:1-4

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

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, 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/.

Weekday masses have re-commence in Leeston & Darfield:

- Leeston: Wednesdays, 5.30pm.
- Darfield: Thursdays, 10.00am.
- Akaroa: Wednesdays, 10.00am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament recommences this Friday, 7 February 9.30am-midday.

From Fr Brian:

From this **Wednesday, 5 February**, there will be a **Wednesday mass in Akaroa at 10.00am**. Fr Chris will visit Akaroa this Wednesday.
So, from Wednesday 5 February - there will be NO Wednesday morning mass in Lincoln.
All other Selwyn Parish weekday masses will remain the same.

The Akaroa parishioners will lead a Sunday *Liturgy of the Word with the Distribution of Communion* on most Sundays. Fr Dan Doyle has offered to celebrate a Sunday mass 'every now and again', at least during the summer months. Fr Dan will celebrate mass in Akaroa this Sunday, 9.30am.

RIP
Anniversary: Mons Jim Harrington

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. Giving Envelopes will be removed after this weekend.

Safeguarding

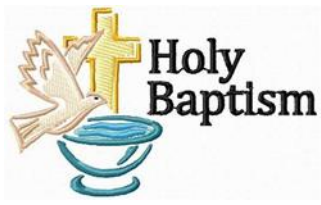
Sophia Tionko has taken over the role as the Selwyn Parish's Safeguarding Officer. She replaces Janet Cummings who has undertaken this role for the past 2 years. Janet's role as principal of a Catholic Primary School is now taking up more of her time. Jean Hindley was our first Safeguarding Officer who set-up the oversight of this important role within the Parish.
I once again thank Janet & Jean for their great contribution to the Parish.

What does the role involve?

The Parish Safeguarding Contact is much more than a name on a poster. It is quite an undertaking for the volunteer.
The role involves:

- setting up databases of volunteers across four mass centres,
- recording signed Codes of Conducts,
- recording signed Volunteer Agreements,
- booking Workshops and then getting volunteers to attend and recording attendance.
- ensuring, if required, volunteers are police vetted.
- meeting Safeguarding Review requirements for the whole Parish.

Safeguarding Workshop: 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.



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 an explanation of the baptismal programme in the Christmas Booklet.

Selwyn Parish Picnic: this Sunday, 2 February, at the home of Mike & Helena Hanning, 4/1608 West Coast Road, West Melton.

Their home is on the north side of the West Coast Road, west of West Melton. The property is up a long drive.

Mass will be at midday, with the picnic and events following mass. (Fr Chris will celebrate mass at the picnic). There is a shady area, under trees, for the mass and picnic.

Please bring a chair, hat & picnic basket & a bottle of wine.

If you have any queries related to the weather, please contact Margaret Rea 021 173 1316.

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

Darfield Gardening: Hi, its gardening time. For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 4th February 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

World Day of Prayer 7th March 2025 "I made you wonderfully" Service from the Cook Islands. St John the Evangelist, Leeston at 7pm. All Welcome.

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**.

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.

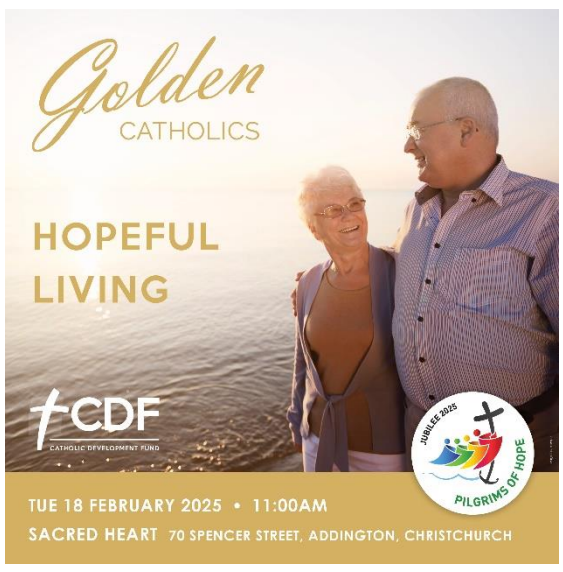
Lincoln Prayer Group The prayer group based at Lincoln meets weekly every Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections on church teachings. All age groups welcome. For more 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

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 **Tuesday 18 February,** at *Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish*, 70 Spencer Street.
Beginning 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.

Breakfast for Men with Bishop Michael: We have had two very successful men's breakfasts – the next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday 1st March, at St Bede's College.** There will be adoration in the school chapel 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.
Registrations open soon by visiting www.cathmen.nz or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocesan office, 027 5398 542

CATHOLICISM IN KAZAKSTAN: Take the opportunity to learn something about the universality of the Church through the lens of Fr. Leopold Kropfreiter, from Kazakhstan. Imagine being a Catholic, numbering less than 1% of a population of 19 million with the majority being Muslim. Imagine also being at Mass in winter when the temperature is minus 45C.
Date: Sunday 2March,
Time: 11.30 am (after 10.30am Parish Mass)
Venue: Our Lady Queen of Peace, Church Hall, Spencer Street, Addington.
A Koha on the day to support the Pontifical Mission would be appreciated.
For any queries, contact Fr Michael Pui, NZ National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, 021-1737 992 or michaelpui@missio.nz

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This material is free 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.

Akaroa Community - Sunday 26 January