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 Ordinary time.

9th February 2025.

Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

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/.

Selwyn Parish Picnic: about 50 parishioners attended the mass and another 20 arrived after the mass; so, there were about 70 parishioners at the picnic. It was an overcast day, but it was a pleasant temperature. A good day enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mike & Helena Hanning for the use of their lawn and facilities.

Thank you very much to the parishioners who came to the picnic last Sunday. Even though the sun didn't join us the day wasn't cold and I am sure those who attended enjoyed themselves, the children certainly enjoyed their games and lollies and ice blocks afterwards, it was a great day. A special thanks to Mike and Helena Hanning who let us used their beautiful garden
Thanks, from the SAT team

This Sunday we observe our first anniversary since we commenced **Rolleston Sunday Masses** @ the Rolleston Primary School. Over the year the average Sunday attendance has been about 220 parishioners. The Rolleston School Hall has a welcoming atmosphere; we appreciate the opportunity of using the Hall. The school is reimbursed by $120 each week for the hire of the facility, that is $60/hour.
There is Morning Tea after mass each Sunday – to encourage parishioners to stay and meet.

RIP
Recently Deceased: Margaret Irvine (Darfield), Sr Mary Hanrahan

St Vincent de Paul from Sunday 16 February there will be a basket at the Rolleston mass each week for food donations to St Vincent de Paul. Part of the St Vincent de Paul mission is to assist those in the community who are struggling to meet every day needs. Your donations help us to assist them. If you are interested in learning more about St Vincent de Paul, you can call Bill Manning on 02102793763, or email billmanning22@gmail.con

Pastoral Care Team - Our team of five have met monthly since September. We have contacted a number of our senior parishioners and visited seven homes to date. If you would like a visit or know someone who would like a visit, please contact Tricia Smith: tric1948@gmail.com. We visit in twos and phone to make a time to visit.

Projector Operators - are still urgently needed for Vigil Mass. Please contact Fr Brian if you are interested in this Ministry. Training will be given.

Children's Liturgy Rolleston: We need parents & teachers to assist with the Sunday morning children's liturgy so it is able to be run on a weekly basis. If you can help, please contact Brigid on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com or 02108176358.

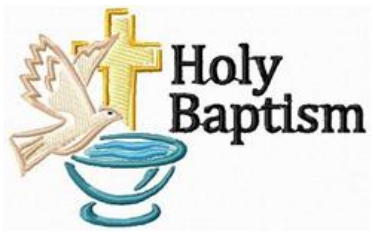
Darfield Morning Tea. After mass this Sunday. All welcome.

Safeguarding Workshop: this 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.

Alpha- Alpha Rolleston Commences this Thursday 13th February 6.30pm**.** Rolleston Rugby Football Club, Dynes Rd, Registration Required prior to the day alphaselwynparish@gmail.com Please keep the Alpha team & participants in your prayer. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help.

The first Parents' Meeting for the First Communion Programme is on Sunday16 February, 7.00pm - 8.15pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.

Leeston Catholic Ladies: Let's start our new year with a pot luck dinner at Jackie Cochranes Feb17th, 6pm. Any inquiries Kathleen 02102436762.



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.

World Day of Prayer 7th March 2025 Theme "I made you wonderfully" prepared by the Cook Islands.
Leeston: St John the Evangelist, Leeston at 7pm. All Welcome.
Lincoln: St Stephen's Anglican Church 7.30pm. Supper to follow.

International Women's Day - Saturday 8 March. All ladies of the Parish are invited to Breakfast at Robert Harris, Lincoln at 8am. If you are able attend, please write your name and contact on list on table in Narthex or email me on: tric1948@gmail.com

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.

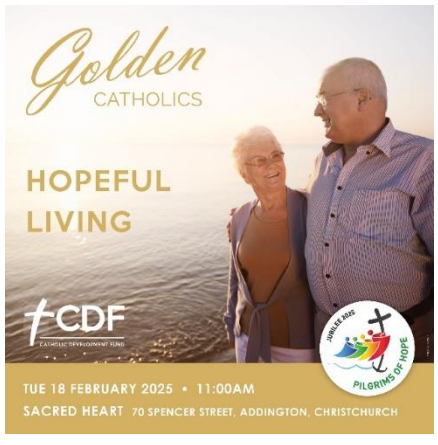
Lincoln Prayer Group The prayer group based at Lincoln meets weekly every Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections on church teachings. All age groups welcome. For more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

Rolleston Mothers' Prayer Group: Mondays 10am. An opportunity to meet with other Mothers, discuss some scripture or share a reflection, prayer or song & finish with a coffee. Babies/preschoolers welcome. Contact Brigid on 02108176358.

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 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 2 March, 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

Lent Women's Programme: ***Fiat 40*** invites women who are seeking to grow closer to Christ by embracing the virtues of Mary - faith, humility and devotion. Inspired by Mary's fiat - her whole hearted "YES" to God, this programme combines daily prayer and intentional lifestyle sacrifices to create space for God's grace and deeper spiritual growth. With the support of a small group, women are invited to simplify their lives, strengthen their faith, and model Mary's trust and obedience in their walk with Christ.
Like the Men's Exodus programme there are three core elements; a routine of prayer, disciplines such as no meat on Wednesday and Friday and support with others taking part in the programme.
For more information: visit the diocesan website; or contact Jacinta Nicholls, jacinta@sjr.nz ;
phone 022 677 4249.

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.

Diocesan Women's Retreat Day: on 5 April at Marian College, beginning at 9.30am for mass with Bishop Michael. All women are invited to join us.

An Online Programme for Lent: Strength to Strength – the practical benefits of daily prayer. A six-session series designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. Inspired by the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Presented by various speakers in an engaging and humorous way. Starting: Tuesday 4 March, 7.30pm.
More information and registration: www.fdm.org.nz/strength

Picnic

Gum boot throwing.