OUR LADY OF THE PLAIN'S PARISH

Incorporating the churches of: St Joseph's, Darfield: St John the Evangelist, Leeston: St Patrick's, Lincoln and including parishioners from the Rolleston area.

5th Sunday of Easter **Sunday 18th May 2025**

Readings: Acts 14:20-26, Revelation 21:1-5, John 13:31`-35

Day of Solemnity for St Patrick's Church, Lincoln: Monday, 19 May, is the sixth anniversary of the Church being dedicated b t Bishop Paul Martin.

We give thanks to all who have served and continue to serve at St Patrick's.

NO Lincoln Thursday masses until the second Thursday of July: Fr Chris will be going to the Chatham's and then Fr Brian will be going on holiday.

There are still some **Tax Receipt** in the Lincoln Church Narthex and at Rolleston. Parishioner are reminded that if they use envelopes or bank online – then they are entitled to ⅓ rebate on their giving.

First Communion Masses in the Selwyn Parish:

- Leeston: Sunday 8 June, 10.00am;
- Lincoln Sunday 8 June, 2.00pm;
- Darfield: 15 June, 9.00am.

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RIP Recently Deceased: Gordon Moore (Rolleston), Carol George (previously Lincoln); Bishop Owen Dolan; Purita (Philippines).

Anniversary: Gerald McDrury 5/5. Pat Healy 13/5

Darfield Gardening: our team of Gardeners will meet Tuesday 20th May, 9am to 12 pm. Please come along to help keep our grounds looking good.

Year of Jubilee: the Christchurch Diocese is offering a 6-day pilgrimage, 26 - 31 October, to the sacred places of the foundation of the Catholic Faith in NZ. Beginning in Auckland and will explore the sites of the first missionaries that brought the faith to NZ.

Matt O'Connell is leading the tour and there will be a priest chaplain. Bishop Michael will also join the pilgrimage for two days. Information/itinerary: contact Matt O'Connell, ph. 366-9869; moconnell@cdoc.nz

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Weekend Masses
Lincoln Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
Sunday:8.30am
Darfield Sunday: 8.30am (Summer)
9.00 am (Winter)
Leeston Sunday: 10.00am
Rolleston Sunday: 11am

Weekday Masses:
Lincoln: Tuesday, Friday 9.00am
Leeston: Wednesday 5.30pm
Darfield: Thursday 10.00am
Akaroa: Wednesday 10.00am
Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00 am at
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass until midday.
A Funeral mass will replace the advertised

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank the parishioners for supporting the Mother's Day raffle. We are now able to donated all the takings to KidsCan which is a very worthy organisation.
The raffle winners are 1st prize Luzmary Dunick, 2nd prize Annette O' Donoghue,3rd prize Mary Ann Burns, and 4th prize Alec O'Donnell. Thank you all very much for your support.

Rolleston - Children's Liturgy. Due to two of our volunteers moving out of Selwyn we need some more parents to assist in order to be able to offer a weekly children's liturgy. Training will be given and assistance with forms required for safeguarding provided. The lesson plan & materials for each week will be provided. Contact Brigid on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com or 02108176358

Craft Group: You are invited to visit The **Gerbera cut flower Nursery** on Days Road with the Craft and Friendship group on Tuesday the 3rd of June. We will Carpool from the Parish Centre at 1.30.pm. We do need names could you please ring Yvonne on (03) 3669795 by Thursday the 31st of May.

Mothers Prayer Group: Mondays 10.30am -11.45am -Rolleston. Drop the kids to school then join us for a coffee and prayer session. Small group gathering of Mother and pre-schoolers meeting to grow in our faith thru prayer, scripture study and being able to discuss our faith. For details of where to meet text Brigid on 021108176358

Lincoln Prayer Group: a new teaching series. The prayer group based at Lincoln is facilitating a DVD series called 'The Wild Goose' beginning next Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre, followed by group discussion. If you have signed up to 'Formed', the digital platform that is available through our parish resources, you'll be familiar with the teachings of Fr Dave Pivonka who presents this series. Each week he takes us through another aspect of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our church, e.g. the Holy Spirit and Our Lady; the Holy Spirit in the Eucharist, and more. Each talk will be advertised in this bulletin so you can come to one, or come to more. The first talk is titled: 'God's Love Poured Out'. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections like this 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.

Abbeyfield Ellesmere would like to welcome you to their OPEN HOME to enjoy a relaxed tour, meet some of our wonderful residents and enjoy tea, coffee and light refreshments with them. Whether you are considering future living options or simply curious, please join us on Sunday 18th May 11am – 1pm @ 33 Flannery St, Leeston.

Thinking about a Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life?
Are you being called to Shepherd others as a Priest or Religious? Pope Francis wrote: "Hearing that divine call is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness".
Contact the Vocations Director: Fr Tien Cao. petercaochitien@yahoo.com;
or the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell, moconnell@cdoc.nz .

Understanding & Practising Synodality: Saturday, 7 June, 1–4pm, at Rosary House, for a session on how we can be Pilgrims of Hope in today's world, facilitated by Kevin Gallagher. All welcome RSVP via text 027 227 2471 or email rogerandannemarie@hotmail.com

Pilgrims of Hope Retreat: Saturday 24 May at 10am - 4pm. Facilitated by Kevin Gallagher at Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College.
This reflective day, will explore our Universe Story in the light of ***Laudato Si***; and as pilgrims of hope will include the prayerful 'Cosmic Walk' developed by Miriam McGillis OP.
Bring own lunch. Tea, coffee provided.
Donation according to means. Registration: Rosary House roho@xtra.co.nz ; ph. 379 1298.