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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Sixth Sunday of Easter

25th May 2025.

Readings

Acts 15:1-29

Revelation 21:10-23

John 14:23-29

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am
Darfield: Sunday – 8.30 am (Summer)
9.00 am (Winter)
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday 11.00am

Weekday Masses:
Lincoln: Tuesday, 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/.

From Fr Brian:

Fr Alister Castillo will celebrate masses at Lincoln & Leeston this Sunday.

Fr John O'Connor will celebrate masses in Darfield & Rolleston this Sunday - as Fr Brian will be in Akaroa.

There will be **mass in Akaroa**, at 9.30am this Sunday; Fr Brian will be the celebrant.

NO Lincoln Thursday Masses until the second Thursday of July: Fr Chris is in the Chatham's (he returns on 4 June) and then Fr Brian will be leaving for his annual holiday on 9 June.

There will be **NO Wednesday Leeston Masses** from 11 June until beginning of August.

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.

There are a couple of children who wish to be immortalised. They have scratched their name on the renovated Lincoln Church pews. Parents need to remind children that this is **wilful damage**.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Gordon Moore (Rolleston)

Anniversary: Anthony Kinney 25/5

Fr Rex Ramos will celebrate a **Mass for the Filipino Community** on Sunday 1 June (King's Birthday Weekend) at 5.00pm in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.

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First Communion Masses in the Selwyn Parish:

- **Leeston:** Sunday 8 June, **10.00am;** followed by morning tea.
- **Lincoln:** Sunday 8 June, **2.30pm;** followed by afternoon tea in the Events Centre.
- **Darfield:** 15 June, **9.00am;** followed by morning tea.

Names of the First Communion Candidates:

Lincoln: Sam Alinabon, Amiah Aquino, Juan Arteza, Jonah Bancolita, Harry Blackman, Archie Brake, Amelia Hall, Maxwell Hall, Simon Jolly, Helena Juwandi, Kaia Kibblewhite, Ella-May Kibblewhite, Beckett Leonard, Kobe Lucero, Gabriela Maronska, Jane Mejorada, Maddie Morris, Charlie O'Gorman, Brice Padang, Jara Padang, Georgina Pullar, Marey Punsalan, Gabriella Redman, Ciarán Ryan, Macklin Sams, Emily Sullivan, Emily Taylor, Max Taylor, Liam Valdez, Ella Versfeld, Anita Wade, Gerard Ward, Louis Ward

Darfield: Connor Hayward, Sophia Stack, Mason Fox, Miles Fox, Isaac McInerney, Harry Hardy.

Leeston: Jordan Borisi.

Final **Parents' First Communion Meeting:** this Sunday, 25 May, 7.00pm in the Lincoln Church Centre.

Lincoln Prayer Group: teaching series 'The Wild Goose'
The prayer group based at Lincoln is facilitating a DVD series called 'The Wild Goose' each Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre, followed by small group discussion based on the reflection sheet provided. Join us as we view the second talk titled: 'The Breath of God'. 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.

Lincoln: Saturday May 31st at St Patrick's, Lincoln 10:30 to 1:00 a gardening working bee is being held. Bring your hedge clippers and rake and join us and meet some new friends.

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

Lincoln; VIGIL MASS - URGENT - Projector operators urgently required for Vigil Mass. If you can help, please contact Tricia Smith E: tric1948@gmail.com. Also needed are Sacristans - if you are a couple or an individual and feel you could help with this Ministry, please also contact Tricia Smith. Training will be given.

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.

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

St Joseph's Parish Hawera: 150th Jubilee, Labour Weekend, 24-26 October. Past parishioners are invited. Info: stjosephshawerajubilee@gmail.com

St Teresa's School, Bluff: 125th Jubilee, Labour Weekend, 25-26 October; enquiries: Sonz125@hotmail.com

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

Revolution Camp: is back for 2025. An inspiring speaker, an incredible house band and all the usual Camp favourites will be on the menu for Year 7-9 students from 27-29 June @ Woodend Christian Camp.
Early bird pricing available. All the details/link to register are at www.cyt.org.nz/revolution
Sponsorship is available and donations to support these are welcomed.
Enquiries to mcurrie@cdoc.nz

Diocesan Eucharistic Procession & Holy Hour: As part of the Jubilee Year as pilgrims of hope, Bishop Michael invites all to a Diocesan Eucharistic Procession and Holy Hour on the **Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday, 22 June** @t St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.
Beginning at 1.30pm, the celebration will include: adoration, procession around the streets, prayers, & songs.
As the Pro-Cathedral is a Jubilee Sacred Site, you will also be able to gain the Jubilee Indulgence by fulfilling the necessary conditions.
Information: Matt at the Diocesan Office, ph. 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

Pentecost Mission at St Mary's: International speaker, author, and founder of the Order 'Missionaries of God's Love', Fr Ken Barker, will lead Cathedral Parish in a Pentecost Mission ¨ Wednesday 4 June, 1pm - 2:30pm. Fr Ken will speak on "Growing as Missionary Disciples of Jesus". information: office@cathedralparish.nz

Safeguarding Workshop: Tuesday 10 June - **online** @ 1pm & 7pm – 1 hour duration. Register with Clodagh Ward on cward@cdoc.nz A link to the workshop will be sent on Monday 13 June.

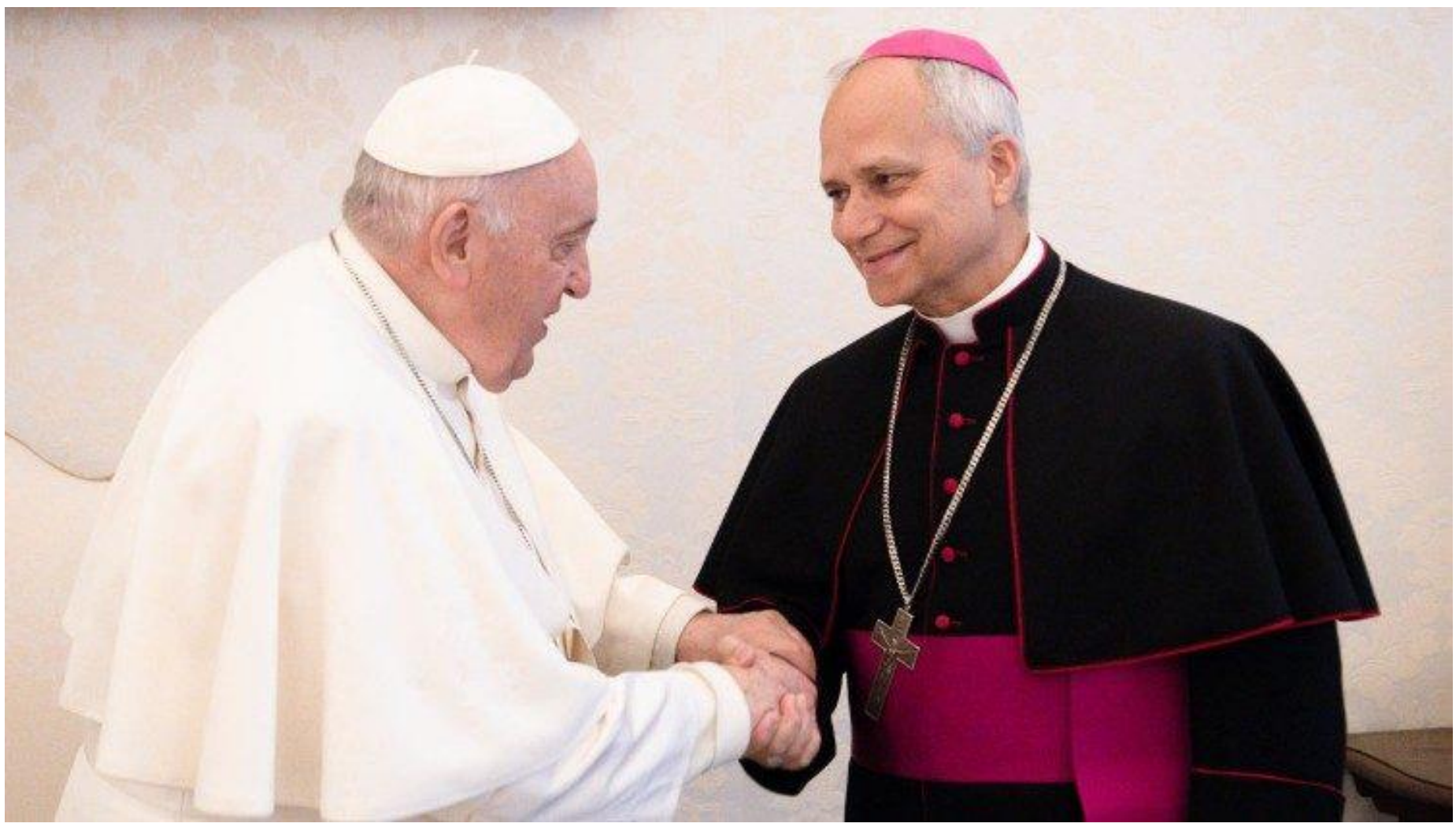
Fr Chris Alar visit to NZ: at St Bede's College Chapel, 27 May 27, 7.30-9.30pm.
He will also launch and sign his new book of the Sacraments. Donation entry only. Supper to follow. Contact: Pat, 359 2087.

Prayer Blankets are given to the sick and those who are going through a distressing period of their lives. They are Blessed at mass and from then on, the person is kept in our prayers. Contact Yvonne 366 9795 or 027 334 1151 if you would like one for someone or for yourself.

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

Lincoln Prayer Group The prayer group based at Lincoln meets weekly every Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Lincoln Church 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

Monday Prayer Group-Rolleston 10.00am-11.30am. An invitation to Mothers & preschoolers to come along to a home-based prayer group, discuss a scripture reading, share your thoughts, get to know other Mums in the parish. We operate a WhatsApp group to communicate so if you would like to join, please text Brigid on 02108176358

Pope Francis with the then Archbishop Robert Prevost - now Pope Leo XIV