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 Ascension

1st June 2025.

Readings

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Luke 24:46-53

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 Ben Asare will celebrate masses at Lincoln & Leeston this Sunday.

NO Lincoln Thursday Masses until the second Thursday of July: Fr Chris is in the Chatham's (he returns on 5 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.

Fr Dan Doyle will celebrate mass in **Akaroa** next Sunday 8 June, 9.30aam, (not this Sunday).

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

RIP
Recently Deceased: Paula Morgan (Prebbleton); Gordon Moore (Rolleston)
Anniversary: Austin Winter 27/5; Fr Anton McLean 5/6.

Change of date: Fr Rex Ramos will now celebrate a **Mass for the Filipino Community** next Sunday, **8 June, @ 5.00pm** in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln. Date change is due to this Sunday being King's Birthday Weekend.

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.

Lincoln: Saturday May 31st at St Patrick's, Lincoln 10:00am to 12.30pm a gardening working bee is being held. Bring your hedge clippers and rake and join us and meet some new friends**. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME**

Darfield Gardening: For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 3rd June 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

Friendship Group - our next gathering is Friday 6 June in the Church Centre following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome.

Catholic Women's League: Next Catholic Women's League Meeting – Monday 9th June 2025, 1:00pm at the Lincoln Church Centre. Meeting at 1:00pm will be followed by Knit and Natter, and Afternoon Tea. All are welcome to join us. (Please note that this differs from the 2025 CWL Programme).

St Vincent de Paul Selwyn – "Thank You" and an Appeal for New Members

Over the next two weekends, members of SVdP Conference will be speaking at all Masses to thank you for your kindness and generosity in donating food, furniture, bedding, firewood, and financial donations over the years. Your support means that the parish SVdP Conference are able reach out to individuals and families who face adversity in many ways across Selwyn. St Vincent de Paul now need more members to support their good works. At Mass you will hear about how you could be involved by giving some time however small, so that our parish can continue to be able to serve those who have a variety of needs. After the talk, there will be members in the Church foyer to leave your contact details with as an expression of interest and in the following week, we will contact you to have a further chat about supporting St Vincent de Paul.

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 third talk titled: 'Baptism in the Spirit & Fire'. 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; 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 Saturday the 31st of May.

Lincoln Baptist Church Fundraiser: The Baptist church is running a fundraising Quiz night on Saturday 14th June for Tearfund. 7-9pm with teams of 4-8. See notice on Board for more details.

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

"How to Think Like a Westerner" - A Short Course on Western Thought and the Development of Culture
How can we learn from the past to help build a better culture for the future?
The St Thomas More Trust for Liberal Arts is running an eight-week lecture/discussion series on Wednesday evenings, starting 4 June, looking at the classical heritage of Western civilisation, with a special focus on the work and influence of Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas.
All welcome. See events page to find out more/register: https://www.stmtrust.org.nz/western-course

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

Youth Camps
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.**
Earlybird 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

JAM25 - Jesus and Me- is an event which aims to foster a stronger spiritual connection among **children aged 8 to 12yrs**. It is happening on Saturday 12 July, 9:30 am - 3:00pm at the Halswell Centre, Hao Hall. More info contact: christchurch@jesusyouth.org.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** @ 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

Upcoming Diocesan Men's Retreat: Friday 25 July, 6-9pm & Saturday 26 July, 8am-Midday. Venue: Marian College. More info soon.

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.

Formed is an online media platform filled with over 4,000 programmes about the bible, faith, parenting, religious movies, audio drama, talks, e-books, sacrametal programmes, and even cartoons for children. It is an amazaing websirew to enrisch, deepen, and inspire your Cathollic Faith.
This material **is free for all Selwyn parishioners** (The Selwyn Parish has a subscription to this worthwhile website. Akaroa parishioners can also join as 'Selwyn Parish').
You can gain access to all FORMED content by following these simple steps:
* Go to **https://signup.formed.org**
* Enter Sewlyn – 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.

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

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

About the Catholic Business Network: Established in 2017, CBN brings together Catholic business owners, professionals, and executives to promote Catholic values and ethics in the workplace, while also serving the broader community. CBN has quickly become one of the city's leading networking forums and is the first Catholic professional network of its kind in New Zealand. The programme aims to foster dialogue on contemporary issues and encourage collaboration among business and community leaders.

NEXT CBN EVENT 24 JUNE 2025

Guest Speaker: Simon Challies

Join us for an inspiring evening with Simon Challies former CEO of Ryman Healthcare and co-founder of BrainTree Wellness Centre, as he shares his remarkable journey of leadership, resilience, and faith.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's at just 41, Simon continued to lead New Zealand's largest retirement village operator through record growth, earning national recognition for his leadership and vision. In this candid and thought-provoking talk, Simon will reflect on his personal and professional challenges, the surprising lessons he's learned, and what he believes truly works in business—and in life.

A proud St Thomas's old boy, Simon will also share stories from his youth, and the enduring influence of his Catholic values and friendships, including his long-standing connection with fellow Catholic business leader Kevin Hickman—who once quipped that Simon's journey turned him "from an accountant into someone more human."

Whether you're in business, leadership, or simply seeking a deeper perspective on purpose and resilience, this is an evening not to be missed.

Drinks and canapés will be served. All are welcome, so please bring a colleague or friend.

Tuesday 24 June 2025 5.00 - 7.00pm Commodore Airport Hotel

449 Memorial Avenue, Christchurch.

For further details. https://www.cbn.nz/events