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 Pentecost

8th June 2025.

Readings

Acts 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

John 20:19-23

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: Restart August
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:

NO Lincoln Thursday Masses until the second Thursday of July as Fr Brian will be on holiday from 9 June; return on 5 July.

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

Fr Dan Doyle will celebrate mass in **Akaroa** this Sunday 8 June, 9.30am.

Journy to Catholic Faith: *Our Lady of the Plains Parish* will commence a new series of the ***Journey to Catholic Faith Programme*** – for adults who would like to investigate the journey to becoming Catholic, on **Tuesday 29 July, at 7.00pm – 8.30pm**. (Thereafter on Tuesday evenings except during the School Holidays).

At the moment, we have 19 adults interested in participating on this Journey.
For the success of the Programme, we need several parishioners who are willing to be part of the Team.
The Team is present during the Talks and are essential for Small Group Discussions /Sharing of Faith in response to the Input.
The Team also provides a welcoming environment for the candidates.
Please let Fr Chris know now if you'd like to join the Team.

Also, if you know of anyone who is thinking about discerning their journey to the Catholic Faith - then please inform them of the upcoming programme.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in the Selwyn Parish during the 4th Term. Bishop Michael is coming to Lincoln for the Confirmation Mass during November. Candidates from Years 7, 8, 9 and above are eligible to enrol. Also, adults who have not been Confirmed are encouraged to also join the Programme - they will meet separately.

Lost Envelopes. We have had a set of Envelopes for the next year go missing from the Lincoln church. If anyone has picked up a set of envelopes numbered 352, could you please return them to the Office.

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; Beryl Casey 3/6; Fr Anton McLean 5/6; Matthew Moynihan 23/5.

Fr Rex Ramos will celebrate a **Mass for the Filipino Community** this Sunday, **8 June, @ 5.00pm** in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln.

First Communion Masses in the Selwyn Parish:

- **Lincoln: this Sunday 8 June, 2.30pm;** followed by afternoon tea in the Events Centre.
- **Darfield: next Sunday 15 June, 9.00am;** followed by morning tea.
- **Leeston: next Sunday 15 June, 10.00am**; followed by morning tea. (Note change of date).

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.

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. 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 fourth talk titled: 'The Spirit & Our Lady'. 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 Rostered Ministers during weeks 21 June to 20 July - If you are rostered for Ministry during these dates, please make sure you mark your name off on the Ministry sheet on the noticeboard in the Narthex, so the Mass Co-Ordinator knows you have arrived or swapped. Vigil Mass - Mary-Ellen Kearney. Sunday Mass - Doreen Holt. Thank you.

Accommodation Required We are a family belonging to your parish and are looking for short term accommodation while we finish our house build in Lincoln. Four beds, or three plus office required from mid-June until approximately mid-October Contact louiseurban@gmail.com

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.

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.**
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

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

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, sacramental programmes, and even cartoons for children. It is an amazaing website to enrich, 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 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.

Catholic Business Network Event: Join us for an unforgettable evening with Simon Challies - former Ryman CEO and BrainTree cofounder - as he shares powerful insights on leadership, resilience, and faith. Hear his inspiring story, shaped by Parkinson's and purpose.
Tuesday, 24 June, 5 - 7pm @ Commodore Hotel.
Drinks and canapés provided.
All proceeds go directly to the Society of St Vincent de Paul.
Book tickets here: www.cbn.nz/events

Knowing God Even Better: *y*ou are invited to a series of zoom talks designed to help Catholics deepen their faith. The talks are given by David Payne. They are filmed with a live "CaFE-style" audience and are inspiring, practical, and enjoyable.
They include music, testimonies, icons and opportunities for prayerful reflection.
Five Sessions online on Zoom; commencing 17 June, 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm.
To register: graeme@fdm.org.nz

An Ecumenical Celebration of the Nicene Creed: An evening service is being held at the Transitional Anglican Cathedral on Sunday 15 June, 5.00pm.
This will commemorating the 1700 years since the Nicene Creed was first written and this ecumenical service will celebrate this uniting statement of our unique distinctiveness as followers of Jesus, where our great diversity finds a common unity.
More information contact: Mike Stopforth, mstopforth@cdoc.nz ; mobile: 0275398542

St Brigid's Church, Loburn - 150th Anniversary : Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass to mark this milestone @ 2.00pm on Sunday, 9 November @ St Brigid's Church, 232 Loburn White Rock Road.
Have you any historic photographs/written material which would assist in compiling a chapter on the history of the chruch - please contact Michael Brown, mandmbrown.nz@gmail.com

Music in the History fo the Church: explore how sacred music has developed through the centuries and how it continues to enrich the Church's prayer and liturgy today. This two-part series offers insights, inspiration, and the beauty of music rooted in our faith tradition. Robert Loretz combines a love for theology, & music,
Session 1: Wednesday 18 June, 7:00 – 8:30 pm @ St. Bernadette's Hall, 76 Hei Hei Road.
Session 2: Wednesday 25 June, 7:00 – 8:30 pm @ OLV Hall, Sockburn.
For more info, contact Em-em Talaboc at 348-6100.

Catholic News on line: get Catholic headlines via email & online each Tuesday & Friday: to register: https://cathnewsnz.com/

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