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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St Peter & St Paul

29th June 2025.

Readings

Acts 12:1-11

St Paul 4:6-8. 17-18

Matthew 16:13-19

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/.

Fr Michael Mahoney will celebrate masses this weekend.

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.

Peter Pence collection: The Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, June 29, is the day when the annual Peter's Pence collection is taken. The collection is to support the Holy Father in his ministry and his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace and spread Christian charity. You are encouraged to consider how you can contribute through your local community or online at ObolodiSanPietro.va **Envelopes are also available at each mass centre in our parish.**

Journey 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.

Lincoln Prayer Group: Teaching series week 7: The Spirit of Adoption
The prayer group based at Lincoln continues to facilitate the 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 7th talk titled: **'The Spirit of Adoption'**. If you missed last week's talk being advertised, it can be viewed online: 'The Spirit & the Eucharist'. 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.

Darfield Gardening: our team of Gardeners will meet Tuesday 1st July 9am to 12 pm. Please come along to help our team.

Lincoln Catholic Women's League are collecting the New World Promotional Stickers, to help buy the items for future use, such as in our raffles.
So, if you have been collecting them and you don't intend to redeem them, we would accept them with grateful thanks, you can either give them to Margaret Rea or Lyn Windle. Thank you

Friendship Group - our next gathering is Friday 4 July in the Church Centre following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome.

Parish Finger Food Pot Luck Luncheon: This year it will be held at Rolleston after 11am mass on Sunday 27th July. More details to follow.

JPII Race Night at Addington Raceway 2025 - The date has been confirmed for Friday 29 August. Once again, they are looking for sponsorship for this annual fundraiser. Over the past three years we have been able to fully or part sponsor a race for our Parish. If you can help in a small or larger way please contact Matt O'Connell at the Diocese: MO'Connell@cdoc.nz

DIOCESAN MEN'S RETREAT
Bishop Michael warmly invites all men to join him at our Diocesan Men's Retreat. Join us as we venture out into the deep - a powerful opportunity to strengthen faith, deepen connections, and journey together in brotherhood. This is open to men of all ages. Date: **Fri, July 25** & **Sat, July 26**
For more info contact Mike Stopforth on 027 539 8542 or mstopforth@cdoc.nz

DIOCESAN JUBLIEE PRAYER CONFERENCE -2nd AUGUST, TEMUKA
As we journey through this Jubilee Year, the Bishop's Pastoral Office is organizing a one-day conference to be held in Temuka on Saturday August 2nd with the Jubilee theme, "Pilgrims of Hope". The Saint Mary Mackillop Chapel in Temuka is a Sacred Jubilee site for the Christchurch Diocese so we hope many people will take the opportunity to make a pilgrimage and come to this conference. The Conference will involve Mass, Prayer, workshops, keynote talks and more. Bishop Michael will be attending and will give a keynote talk. We also have a guest keynote speaker coming from Australia, Fr Chris Eaton from the Missionaries of God's Love Community. The cost is $49 which includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. For more information and to register contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

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

Catholic News online: 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

Congratulations to Connor Hayward, Sophia Stack, Mason Fox, Miles Fox, Isaac McInerney & Harry Hardy
who made their First Holy Communion

on Sunday the 15th June at St Joseph's Church, Darfield.