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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The Most Holy Trinity

15th June 2025.

Readings

Proverbs 8:22-31

Paul 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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/.

There will be no Newsletter next week due to the Matariki Holiday next Friday.

Fr Ben Asare will celebrate masses at Lincoln & Leeston 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.

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.

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.

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 5th talk titled: **'Gifts of the Holy Spirit'**. 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: First Holy Communion followed by Morning Tea after mass this Sunday.
Candidates: Connor Hayward, Sophia Stack, Mason Fox, Miles Fox, Isaac McInerney, Harry Hardy.

Darfield Gardening: our team of Gardeners will meet Tuesday 17th June 9am to 12 pm. Please come along to help our team.

Darfield Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meeting. We are meeting next 2pm on Thursday, 26th June at Trinity Church. The speaker will be Malcolm McIntyre (Darfield) who will be talking about his attendance at last year's Olympics as a coach with the NZ rowing team.

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.

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.

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.

NIGHT AT THE CONCLAVE
Join us for this rare opportunity to hear Cardinal John share his personal reflections and insights into one of the most sacred and secretive gatherings in the world — the Papal Conclave. Whether you are curious about Church tradition, intrigued by the theology and history, or simply seeking inspiration, this evening promises to touch the heart and mind. **Fri, Aug 1** at 7.30pm - James Hay Theatre -Town Hall - Christchurch. BOOKINGS OPEN SOON – Keep an eye on social media and the weekly notices!

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 of 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 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

Leeston ladies: Lovely day at Methven hot pools, who would've thought after the awful weather some magnificent scenes on the way up and a wonderful day and lovely lunch

Congratulations to the 33 children from the Parish who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday afternoon. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this a memorable day.

A special thank you to Cyrene & Rodney and the music team & choir.

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 Punsala, Gabriella Redman, Ciarán Ryan, Macklin Sams, Emily Sullivan, Emily Taylor, Max Taylor, Liam Valdez, Ella Versfeld, Anita Wade, Gerard Ward, Louis Ward.