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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15th Sunday in O T

13th July 2025.

Readings

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

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, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
Leeston: Restart August
Darfield: Thursday 10.00am
Akaroa: Wednesday 10.00am
No mass on 16th & 23rd July
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:

After 9 years serving in the previous Lincoln Parish and now the Selwyn Parish as Parish Secretary, Mary Prendergast, is retiring from the position.
We thank Mary especially for her diligent and conscientious husbandry of the Parish Finances over these years and in coping with the adaptations and extra work that was created by the formation of the Selwyn Parish of *'Our Lady of the Plains'*.

The Parish is now in the process of advertising for a **new Parish Secretary** - a Job Description is available from Fr Brian.
The position is for 8 hours per week – currently on Wednesdays and Fridays.
However, briefly, the applicant needs to be able to undertake:
* General Secretarial Duties.
* Able to use, or learn effectively, the operation of *Xero* - as the Parish's finances are administered via *Xero*.
* Pay accounts, including GST.
* Reconcile the weekly Collection monies.
* Prepare and print the Parish Newsletter.
* Possess knowledge of Microsoft, Excel and Word.
* File Parish records.
* Facilitate staff salaries.
* The applicant needs to respect the Diocesan policies on Privacy and General Conduct.

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There will be **NO Akaroa Wednesday mass** on Wednesdays 16 & 23 July.

I will be in **Akaroa for Mass on Sunday 20 July, 9.30am**. Fr John O'Connor will be the celebrant at both Darfield & Rolleston on 20 July.

Frs Chris & Brian will be at Hanmer, for the Annual Priests' Conference, from Monday 21 – Thursday 24 July. There will be **NO Parish masses on these days**. There will be mass in Lincoln on Friday 25 July.

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 Frs Brian/Chris know now if you'd like to join the Team.
There is a **Planning Meeting** at Lincoln on Tuesday 15 July, 7.00pm.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in the Selwyn Parish during the 4th Term. Bishop Michael is coming to Lincoln for Confirmation at the Saturday Vigil Mass on 15 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: Arthur O'Leary (Wellington)
Anniversary: Greg Sparks, 13/7.

Lincoln Prayer Group: Teaching series week: The Fruits of the Holy Spirit
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 talk titled: **'The Fruits 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.

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. You can also pop them in an envelope on the collection plate. Thank you.

Darfield Gardening: our team of Gardeners will meet Tuesday 15th July 9am to 12 pm. Please come along to help get our grounds ready for spring.

Parish Finger Food Pot Luck Luncheon:
The SAT TEAM of Our Lady of the Plains would like to invite you to the parish Mid-Winter Pot Luck Luncheon at Rolleston after Mass in the school hall on Sunday 27th July
We would love to see a good crowd there.
Please bring a plate of food but it must be **FINGER FOOD ONLY.**
We can heat any food that requires heating and have it ready after Mass.

JPII Race Night at Addington Raceway 2025 - Back the John Paul II Centre for Life in their work of supporting families in our community. If you're interested in sponsoring us this year (as an individual, business or on behalf of your parish), get in touch with Brigid Conroy at info@jp2.org.nz. Save the date - tickets for this fun night out are coming soon!

Ovation Theatre warmly invites your church community to our upcoming production of *Godspell*—the uplifting, joy-filled musical by Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Pippin*), based on the Gospel of Matthew.

This energetic and heartfelt show brings Christ's teachings to life through unforgettable music, storytelling, and a vibrant young cast. It's a powerful, family-friendly experience perfect for church groups, youth groups, and anyone who loves faith-based entertainment.

Performance Details:

Venue: Papa Hou Theatre, 4 Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch CBD
Dates & Times:

- Saturday 11 October – 7:00 PM
- Friday 17 October – 7:00 PM
- Saturday 18 October – 7:00 PM

MASS OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

The Carmelite Sisters warmly invite you to the annual celebration of the Mass of Our Lady of Mt Carmel on **Sun, Jul 13** at 2.30pm, at the Carmelite Monastery, 52 Halswell Road. Bishop Michael Gielen will be the principal celebrant at a concelebrated Mass, followed by afternoon tea. You are most welcome to join us on this special occasion to ask Our Lady's intercession for all your intentions. In preparation, a novena of Masses will be offered for all our relatives and friends.

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.

NIGHT AT THE CONCLAVE: hear Cardinal John Dew share his personal reflections and insights into 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.Tcikets :$35
Friday, 1 August, 7.30pm - James Hay Theatre. Email events@cdoc.nz
Pick up a flyer at the church doors – it has all the details.

Diocesan Jubilee Prayer Conference - Saturday 2 August, at Temuka.
All are welcome to attend the one-day **Jubilee Prayer Conference** 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.
Information/register: contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

'Singles for Christ' invites all single young adults (ages 18–40) to join our 8-week Christian Life Programme - a space to grow in faith, discover God's love, and build lasting friendships. Held St. Peter's Church Hall.;Starting 6 August,6:30pm. For more info, contact KC at 027 456 9535 or sfcnzchch@gmail.com
You can also follow us on our instagram and facebook @sfcchristchurch.

A weekend retreat for young women open to discerning a call to consecrated life.
Join other young women aged 18-30 for a weekend of prayer, friendship and formation on discerning a vocation to different forms of consecrated life within the Church.
9-10, August @ Sr Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner.
Contact/register: Matt, moconnell@cdoc.nz or Jess 02102444876.

Diocesan Men's Retreat: Bishop Michael warmly invites all men to join him at our Diocesan Men's Retreat. This is open to men of all ages.
Date: Friday 25 July (6pm-9pm) and Saturday 26 July (8am to 12noon).
Cost: $30 per person (covers venue hire, drinks Friday night and Saturday big morning tea!)
Venue: Marian College
To register: visit www.cathmen.nz
For more info: contact Mike Stopforth on 027 539 8542 or mstopforth@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/

Reflection Day on **The Gift of Years - Growing Older Gracefully** on Tuesday 22 July, 10.30am – 2.30pm, facilitated by Sr Lyndall Brown rsj, at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. Bring own lunch. Tea, coffee provided. Koha/Donation. Indication of attendance helpful to roho@xtra.co,nz or (03) 379 1298. A Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Programme. Posters also attached

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