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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All Souls' Day

2 November 2025

Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9

Romans 5:5-11

Luke 7:11-17

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: as mentioned last weekend, Rana McGurk has retired from playing the organ and washing the altar linen at St Patrick's Church. We thank Rana for her many years of playing the organ in Lincoln and prior to that at St Michael's Chapel at Burnham Military Camp. She has given great service to the Parish.
NB: Is there anyone in the Parish who is willing to take up the task of playing music at St Patrick's; also, is there someone who will take up the role of washing the Lincoln altar linen on a weekly routine ?????

- Fr Chris left for the Chatham Islands last Tuesday; he's then going on holiday.
- We welcome **Fr John O'Connor** as the celebrant in Darfield & Rolleston this Sunday.
- There will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses** on: 6, 13, 20, 27 November, 4 December.
- **Normal Darfield Thursday Masses**, except **this Thursday, 6 November -** as I will be in Akaroa for a funeral.
- **NO Akaroa Mass & NO Leeston Mass:** on Wednesday 12 November, as I have a Diocesan Meeting.
- We will both attend the **Priests' Retreat** for the week: 16th November (Sunday evening – Friday afternoon) to 21st November - **NO Parish Masses that week.**
- **All Souls' Day is observed this weekend.** There will be Boxes to place the Names of those for whom masses will be celebrated during November. The boxes will be placed at the foot of the altars.

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Welcome to the Confirmation Candidates who will celebrate the **Rite of Election** at masses this weekend. Bishop Michael will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation, at the Vigil Mass on **Saturday 22 November** (Feast of Christ the King). It will be a full church.
The candidates are: Xavier Alinabon, Jairus Alinabon, Sam Alinabon, Marne Bonghanoy, Harry Blackman, Ngaire(Lei) Canete, Gizelle Croos, Zeckian Evangelista, Warnakulasuriya (Aaron) Fernando, Thomas Foley, Callum Garbutt, Meila Greenslade, Manolo Gregorini, Cyra Gouveia, Phianna Ira, Fred Kenny, Hyle Monteza, Luise Palad, Brice Padang, Jara Padang, Katherine Reid, Charlie Redman, Eli Redman, Christiano Vasramnia de Rosario, Maria Vasramnia de Rosario
Monica Stack, Kaedence Smith, Dhian Smit, Thomas Smit, Emily Taylor, Maya Wijemanne, Lyla Wijemanne, Matthew Yeo, Sebastian Yeo
Plus 3 adults: Evangeline Versfeld, Akansha Britto, Maria Ferreira Amaral

RIP: Anniversary: Peter Prince; Gerard McMahon 25/10; Bryan Atkins 28/10.

Catholic Women's League: remembering our deceased members @ mass, next Friday, 7 November, 9.00am. Followed by Parish Morning Tea. All parishioners are very welcome. CWL monthly meeting will follow.

Annual Parish Bereavement Mass: this Friday 7 November, 7.00pm, at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln. Supper after mass.

The **Selwyn Parish Craft Group:** having a **sale of handmade goods** next **Sunday 9th November**, after the Rolleston, 11.00am mass. All proceeds will go to the Rolleston Church Building Fund. Come and get some early Christmas gifts. Cash only.

Carols at Rolleston Prison, Sunday, 7 December, 1.30pm-4.30pm: is there any parishioner who would like to participate in this one-off event ? Contact Fr Brian in order to pass on your name for security clearance.

Gardening in Darfield: takes place the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9am - midday. Welcome to all those who are willing & able.
Darfield Lawn mowing at the former School Site. Wanted: volunteers, to join Fr Brian - men /women/youth to go on a roster to mow the lawn at the Former School Site.
H&S awareness: we have to cross Telegraph Road.

Annual **Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner,** after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass, **Saturday 8th November at the Lincoln Event Centre**.

Bring food for heating to the Event Centre on your way to Mass and we will have it heated.
There will be a raffle with several prizes- all money raised is going to help pay for the replacement plaque at Shands Road at the site of our original church, as it was stolen early in the year.
Come along and join in; we have an entertainer performing as well. Last year we had about 100 parishioners so let's try to bet that number this year.

St Vincent de Paul are selling Christmas Cards: $5/pack of 5. Cash/ or payment to our Westpac Bank Account: 030767 0082945 00.

A book is being published for the 150th anniversary of **St Brigid's Church, Loburn**. Cost: $15 plus p&p (if required, courier $7.70 urban, $13.40 rural) for orders placed before 8 November.
For orders/information contact Michael Brown, mandmbrown.nz@gmail.com
Payment may be made to Waimakariri Parish: 03-1592-0522551-023, reference: "booklet" & "your surname".

Great Saints of Italy Tour 2026: Fr Chris Friel, from Timaru, will lead a 2-week tour to Italy in May 2026. Contact Pilgrimage Tours: Ph 0800 99 77 88 or www.theTOURcompany.net for the full itinerary and price.

Te Rangimarie Final Mass @ 360 Gloucester Street, Linwood will be celebrated by Bishop Michael, Sunday, 30 November, 11:00am, followed by a shared lunch. All welcome. Sunday Mass in Te Reo Māori will then be celebrated weekly at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral beginning Sunday 7 December.

Safeguarding Workshop: last online workshop for 2025: on Wednesday 5 November, 12.30pm - 1.30pm & 7pm - 8pm. To register email Clodagh: cward@cdoc.nz . Link to join will be sent to those registered on Tuesday 4 November.

2026 Columban Calendars: now on sale: cost $13. They are good value and a way to support the St Columban's Mission Society.

Fr Brian is offering to take another **St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Sydney** during March 2026.
The Pilgrimage would leave Christchurch on Sunday evening and return on Friday or Saturday afternoon (flying by Emirates); however, parishioners may stay longer.
The Pilgrimage will stay at North Sydney in the St Mary MacKillop Centre.
The Pilgrimage will visit her shrine & museum at North Sydney, site of her first burial at Gore Hill, a tour of the Rocks where she and her Sisters worked with the needy.
There will also be a R&R Day.

If interested (no commitment), contact Fr Brian: bfennessy@inet.net.nz ; mobile: 0276758456.