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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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome.

9 November 2025

Readings

2 Maccabees 7:1-14

2 Thessalonians 2:15 - 3:5

Luke 2027-38

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: 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 is on Chatham Islands.
- We welcome **Fr Ben Asare** as the celebrant in Lincoln & Leeston this Sunday.
- There will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses** on: 13, 20, 27 November, 4 December.
- **Normal Darfield Thursday Masses**.
- **NO Akaroa Mass & NO Leeston Mass:** this coming 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' Prayer Intentions:** there are 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.
- **NO Newsletter next Weekend –** as it's Show Weekend.
- **Fr Mike Mahoney SM – will celebrate mass in Akaroa this Sunday, 9.30am.**

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Welcome to the Confirmation Candidates – a couple will make 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 – John O'Donoghue 11/11. Mass for Nick Sibley (Akaroa).

Registrations are now open for the Selwyn Parish 2026 'First Holy Communion Programme'.
The link to the Schedule & Registration Form can be found on the Parish website:
https://selwyncatholic.nz/communion/
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The **Selwyn Parish Craft Group: sale of handmade goods** this **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.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Society are selling Christmas Cards; $5/pack of 5.

2026 Columban Calendars: now on sale: cost $13.

Greater Company of Mary Mass: Saturday 22 November, 10.30am @ Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street North. Morning tea will follow. For catering purposes, rsvp 17 Nov, ph 372-9224.

Women's Retreat Day: "No longer forsaken - the Lord delights in you".
Saturday 6 December, 11.45am - 5.00pm @ St Teresa's Church & Hall. Cost: $30 - Lunch Included. (An Advent Refection). Facilitated by the 'Sisters of Life'.
Registration: www.holyfamily.nz/nourish-your-faith/womens-retreat

Movie Afternoon @ *The Apollo,* Lincoln - the Pastoral Care Team is offering a new initiative for parishioners who may like an afternoon outing. Coffee at *The Laboratory* to follow if you wish.
Movie: *"Familiar Touch"* - 92 minutes; Wednesday 19 November, 2.00pm.
As only 15 seats available book now to purchase your ticket either at the theatre or just phone the theatre to book your seat - 325 3006. Seniors $15.

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 @ 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, and visit St Mary's Cathedral. There will also be a R&R Day.
If interested (no commitment), contact Fr Brian: bfennessy@inet.net.nz ; mobile: 0276758456.