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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Feast of 'Christ the King'

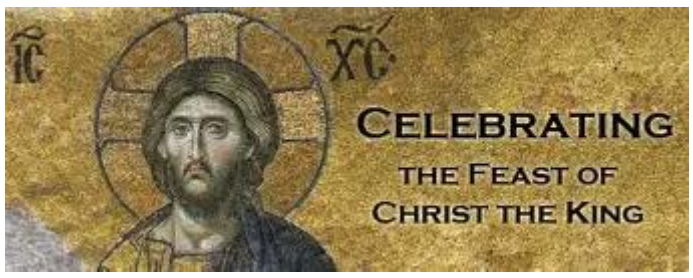
23 November 2025

Readings

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:35-43



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:

- We welcome **Bishop Michael** to the Vigil mass this Weekend to preside at the Confirmation Mass.
- Fr Chris is going on holiday this coming week.
- We welcome **Fr John O'Connor** as the celebrant in Darfield & Rolleston this Sunday. I'm officiating at a 25th Anniversary Church Service for the NZDF's deployment to East Timor.
- There will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses** on: 27 November & 4 December.
- There will be **NO Akaroa Mass this Wednesday**, 26 November. Otherwise, Normal Akaroa Wednesday Masses
- There will be **NO Darfield Mass this Thursday**, 27 November, 10.00am. Otherwise, Normal Darfield Thursday Masses.

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Welcome to the Confirmation Candidates - 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, Elijah Redman, Christiano Vasramnia de Rosario, Maria Vasramnia de Rosario
Monica Stack, Kaedence Smith, Dhian Smit, Thomas Smit, Emily Taylor, Maya Wijemanne, Iyla Wijemanne, Matthew Yeo, Sebastian Yeo
Plus 3 adults: Evangeline Versfeld, Akansha Britto, Maria Ferreira Amaral, Rebecca Brake.

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/
Brigid McIndoe: passtoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

Carols at Rolleston Prison, Sunday, 7 December, 1.30pm-4.30pm: there doesn't seem to be anyone interested in this Ecumenical Venture.

RIP: Recently Deceased: Rana McGurk (Lincoln), Jill Moore (Darfield).

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

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

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.

Children's Nativity play will be taking place at the **Christmas Eve Mass @ Rolleston: 5.30am carols, 6.00pm mass.**
Practices will be at Rolleston at 11.00am during Children's Liturgy time on 14th & 21st December. Please email Aimee if your child is interested. They need to be able to be at both rehearsals, if possible, please.
If they have a request for a certain part, we will see what we can do to make it happen, depending on numbers.
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<u>Advent</u> commences next Sunday, 30 November:
<u>Anointing Mass:</u>

- **Lincoln:** Friday 5 December, 2.00pm (no 9.00am mass).
- **Leeston:** Wednesday, 10 December, 2.00pm.
- **Darfield:** Thursday, 11 December, 10.00am.

<u>Reconciliation:</u> Thursday 11 December, 7.00pm, Lincoln; there will be 2 visiting priests.

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The **Selwyn Parish Craft Group:** Sale of handmade goods on **Sunday 7th December**, after the Lincoln, 8.30am mass. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Building Fund. Come and get some early Christmas gifts. Knitted goods, chutneys and jams, paper craft, etc. Cash only.

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The **Shands Road Property sale** is almost complete.
It has taken 2 years & 2 months to complete the project.
We should receive payment next week.

Here is a photo of the final task we had to do - installing a culvert at the entrance on Boundary Road. This was a requirement for the sale of the property.