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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Fourth Sunday of Advent,

Year A

21 December 2025

Readings

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

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: 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/.

WANTED - NEEDED - WANTED - NEEDED

In response to last weekend's notice: – there were several more volunteers to clean St Patrick's Church. The new volunteers will be contacted in the New Year - when the new roster is being compiled. The current roster is made up until early 2026.
'Thankyou' to those who volunteered. It is not too late to put your name on the list.

The duties include: cleaning the church & narthex, clean the church centre, clean 6 toilets & hand basins and floors. Three people are normally rostered each week.
Please place your name, email, phone on clipboard in the narthex.
Equipment and cleaning supplies are in the cupboard within the women's toilet.
If several parishioners volunteer - the roster could be once every 2-3 months.

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The **Selwyn Parish Annual Picnic** will be on again at Helena and Mike Hanning's place, om West Coast Road, near West Melton, on **Sunday 15 February commencing with Mass at 12 noon**.
This is an advance notice so mark it on your calendar for next year.
It is always a great day so please come and join us.
More details early in the New Year.

The **new plaque for the Memorial Stone on Shands Road** is in process. The new plaque will be stone, rather than bronze. Robertson Memorials are the stonemasons - which will be installed in the New Year. The Memorial Stone marks the site of the first church & presbytery in the New Headford Parish, as it was known in the 1870s. The Shands Road Church was demolished when the Lincoln Church was opened in 1956.

Bishop Michael has employed *Farrell Construction* as the builder for the new **Priests' Retirement Villas**. The company is led by Sean Farrell. Farrell Construction's notable projects include the Nazareth Chapel, Nazareth Retirement Village, and the restoration of the Isaac Theatre Royal. Construction is scheduled to begin in January.
The Foley Group were the architects.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: Wednesday 24 December

- **Rolleston Primary School Hall** (11 Tennyson Street): Carols 5.30pm, Mass 6.00pm.

- **St Patrick's Church, Lincoln:** Carols 8.00pm, Mass 8.30pm.

Parishioners are invited to the presbytery for some 'Christmas Cheer' after the Lincoln Vigil Mass

- **St John the Evangelist Church, Leeston:** Carols 5.45pm, Mass 6.00pm.

- **St Joseph's Church, Darfield:** Carols 8.00pm, Mass 8.30pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: Thursday 25 December

- **St Patrick's Church, Lincoln:** 9.00am.

MASS ON *NEW YEAR'S DAY*: Thursday 1 January

St Patrick's Church, Lincoln: 9.00am.
Feast of *'Mary, Holy Mother of God'* - mass will be followed by tea & toast in the Church Centre.

There will be **NO weekday masses in the Selwyn Parish**:
26, 30, 31 December
2, 6, 7, 8, 9 January 2026

No weekday masses in Leeston/Darfield until 21/22 January.

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Christmas Eve Mass @ Rolleston - Children's Nativity Play: 5.30am carols, 6.00pm mass.
Practices will be at Rolleston at 11.00am during Children's Liturgy time this Sunday, 21st December. Please email Aimee if your child is interested: aimee.stewart2424@gmail.com

Registrations are now open for the Selwyn Parish 2026 **'First Holy Communion Programme'.** So far ~30 families have registered for 2026. **We need registration before the end of the year.**
The link to the Schedule & Registration Form can be found on the Parish website:
https://selwyncatholic.nz/communion/
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2026 Columban Calendars are now on sale: cost $13.

Copies of the latest ***Inform*** are available at the entrances to the churches. Please take a copy. It is also available online at: https://cdoc.nz/inform

The Marian Movement of Priests invites you to join Fr Donal McIlraith, for Mass and prayers on Thursday 22 January, 5:00pm, at Sacred Heart Church, 70 Spencer Street, Addington. Information: contact Jeanette, ph 325-7066; email: info@mmp-oceania.net

Filipino Christmas Novena Mass: this Sunday & Monday, 7.00pm @ St Patrick's Church, Lincoln. See Lincoln Notice Board for the timetable.

Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope: Sunday 28 December, 9.30am @ St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral.
All are invited to join Bishop Michael in celebrating the closing Mass of the Jubilee Year.

Christmas Mass Times throughout the Diocese, plus Diocesan News, can be checked on the website: https://cdoc.nz/

This is the last Parish Newsletter until the end of January