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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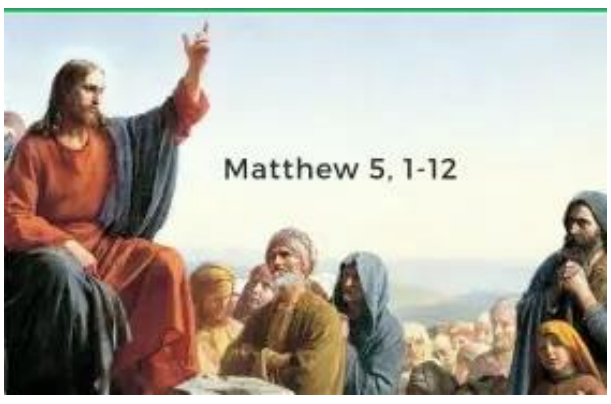
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

1 February 2026

Readings

Zephaniah 3:12-13
1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Mathew 5:5:1-12



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/.

No Lincoln mass this Thursday, 5 February
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament recommences on First Friday of February - 6 February.
No newsletter next weekend - as its Waitangi Weekend.
Ash Wednesday is on 18 February: there will be an Anglican-Catholic Service at St Patrick's, 7.00pm.

'Thank you' to all the parishioners who have placed their names on the **St Patrick's Church Cleaning roster**. We'll have an introduction to the duties in the next week or so.

The **Selwyn Parish Annual Picnic** will be on again at Helena and Mike Hanning's property, at **4/1608 West Coast Road**, just on the westside of West Melton, on **Sunday 15 February commencing with Mass at midday** followed by lunch and mixing with parishioners. There will be races for the young and not so young, plus lolly scramble and ice blocks. Just bring your chair and lunch and sun-screen as we are hoping for a sunny day. It has been very successful in other years so we would love to see you there.

The first **Baptismal Preparation Programme** for Catholic parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on Mondays: 23 February & 2 March, 7.00pm – 8.15pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre. Contact the Parish Office to register: - selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com

RIP: Recently Deceased: Maureen Jones (Lincoln). Dave McGurk (Lincoln).
Anniversary: Mike Casey 31/12; Cecilia Jonson 14/1; Les Johnston 4/2.

Mothers' Prayer Group: Mondays, 10.00am @ Rolleston. Connect with other mothers in the Parish/Community. Start the week by putting aside time to pray and be uplifted in a small environment. We meet in private homes – to discuss a scripture reading, or share a reflection, pray together, and finish with a cuppa. Preschoolers welcome. Contact Brigid: pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com ; or 02108176358

This weekend is the <u>last weekend to register for the 'First Holy Communion Programme'</u>- parents have had from October to register for the programme. Worksheets and New Testaments have to be ordered.
The link to the Schedule & Registration Form can be found on the Parish website:
https://selwyncatholic.nz/communion/
Brigid McIndoe: pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

Fr Brian is taking another **St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Sydney:** Sunday 26 April – Friday 1 May 2026. The Pilgrimage will leave Christchurch on Sunday evening and return on Friday 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.
We will also visit the Waverley Cemetery - the site of Fr Julian Tenison-Woods' grave. There will also be a R&R Day.
If interested (no commitment), contact Fr Brian: bfennessy@inet.net.nz ; mobile: 0276758456.

St Michael's Troops – next Saturday, 7 February: St Michael's Troops is an event for men aged 16-35 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ. This morning event in Riccarton includes Mass and formation, physical activity, and shared BBQ. Join us and bring a mate. Register now at https://fitforthekingdom.com.au/ Contact: Joshua Mischewski - joshua.mischewski@gmail.com

The **Akaroa Wednesday mass** on 11 February will be at 11.00am. This is to accommodate the visit of NZ seminarians to Akaroa. The seminarians and staff of 'Holy Cross College', in Auckland, are visiting significant sites in the Christchurch Diocese: – they are visiting Temuka to walk in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop; and also visiting Akaroa - the site of the first mass in the South Island on 23 August 1840.
Bishop Pompallier visited Akaroa on 2 October 1840 and again on another couple of occasions. He was able to visit sites in the South Island as he had purchased a ship, called the *Sancta Maria* – which became a financial strain on the early New Zealand Church's finances.

Catholic Hospital Chaplains: as hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains, then if there's someone from your family going to hospital please advise the chaplain or the parish office that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain/Priest on call:

- Christchurch Hospital: John Dooley: 021 702 378
- Burwood Hospital: Jane Dick: 021 572 480
- Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough: 021 501 683
- Nurse Maude Hospice: Christchurch North Parish, 359-1438
- St George's Hospital: Christchurch North Parish, 359-1438
- Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish, 379 1068

Join Bishop Michael and over a hundred Young leaders and NZ's seminarians at our first **CYT Event** for 2026 for Youth and Young Adults (12 to 35 years old).
As part of our Youth Ministry Equipping School, we'd love for you to join us for a night of exhortation, worship, adoration and reconciliation. Our friends at Empire Chicken are joining us beforehand for dinner (optional - $20 - 6pm onwards) as well as the students and staff of Holy Cross Seminary as part of their start of year retreat. You are so welcome: Wednesday 11 February, 7-9pm @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Info: https://www.facebook.com/events/1598320764519804/

Safeguard Workshops: Wednesday, 4 February @ 7pm - 8.30pm - must RSVP if attending to Clodagh on cward@cdoc.nz @ Catholic Diocese Offices - 391 Moorhouse Avenue.
Online Safeguarding Workshop: Tuesday, 10 February, 7pm - 8pm. A link to join the workshop will be sent out on 9 February: Register cward@cdoc.nz.

All are invited to join Bishop Michael and Christians from across Canterbury at ***Open Heaven 2026*** - a combined prayer meeting. It will be a powerful night of worship and intercession for NZ @ *Wolfbrook Arena* on Thursday 9 February. Doors open @ 6:30pm, the prayer meeting will begin at 7:00pm. This is a free event, open to everyone. More info: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/open-heaven