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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Third Sunday of Easter

Year A

19 April 2026

Readings

Acts 2:22-28

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am
Darfield: Sunday - 9.00 am
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday - 11.00am

Weekday Masses this week:
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:
htts://doc.nz/.

This weekend, at Lincoln and Leeston, **Stephen Challies - the Chairperson of the newly composed Selwyn Parish Leadership Team** - will speak to parishioners at the end of mass.
Next weekend he will speak at Darfield & Rolleston.

Fr John O'Connor will be the celebrant at Darfield & Rolleston this weekend and the following weekend.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday, 23 April @ 6.30pm, at St Patricks Church, Lincoln. Frs Peter Costello & Dan Doyle will be the 2 visiting priests.

There will be **Mass in St Parick's Church, Lincoln on Anzac Day @ 9.00am**.
(Fr Brian will be assisting at the Dawn Service in Cathedral Square and at the 11.00am Rolleston Anzac Service).
The Lincoln Service is at 2.00pm at the Event Centre.

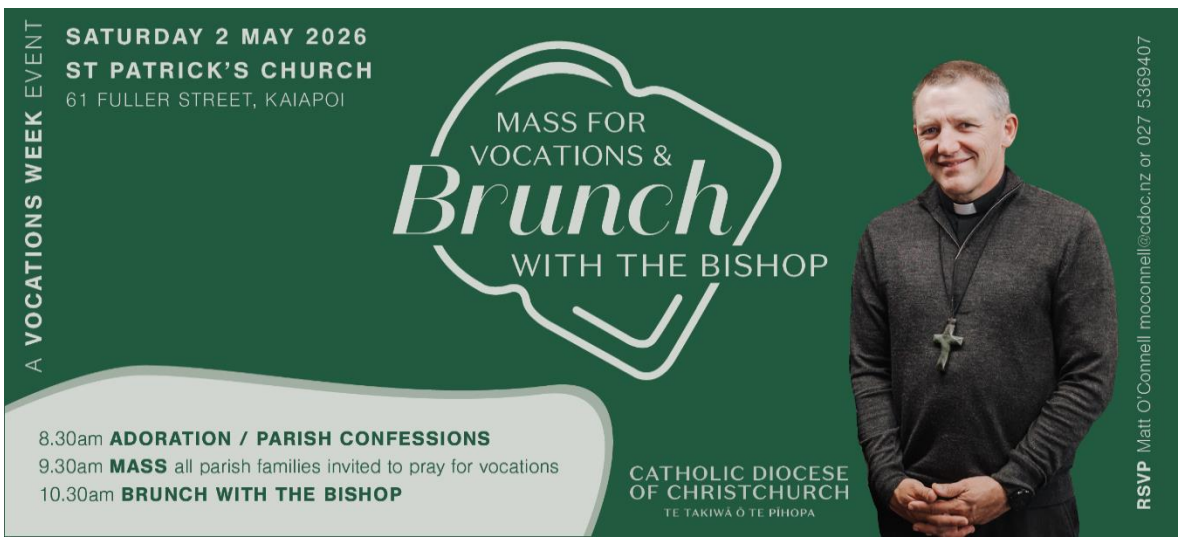
No Lincoln Thursday mass on 30 April - as Fr Brian will be in Sydney, for the week, with the St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage.

Leeston Co-Operating Parish: Invitation to the Opening of their new hall extension: at St David's Church, located at 75 High Street, Leeston.
The celebration will take place on next Sunday, 26 April, beginning with a special service at 11.00 am, followed by morning tea.
RSVP by Monday, 20 April, to Rev Willem van der Walt; email: wavdwalt@gmail.com ;
Mobile: 027 316 9368.

Women's Christian Convention: Biblical Theology Workshop, @ Lincoln Event Centre, Saturday 2 May, 9.00am- 4.15pm. Morning Tea & lunch provided. Facilitated by Nacey Gurthie. There is an Invitation to all Churches. Info & Registration: https://womensconvention.nz/share
There are flyers @ the church entrance for programme & cost.

Next Sunday is **“Good Shepherd Sunday**”, when the Catholic Church prays for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.
Please pray that the “Lord of the harvest will send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38/ Lk 10:2).
Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call for their lives.
you might life to join in the Diocesan nine-day novena for vocations starting today – it is available on the Diocesan website: https://cdoc.nz
For more information contact the Vocations Coordinator Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

There are Offering Envelopes in the porches of the churches to support the running of the Seminary in Auckland.



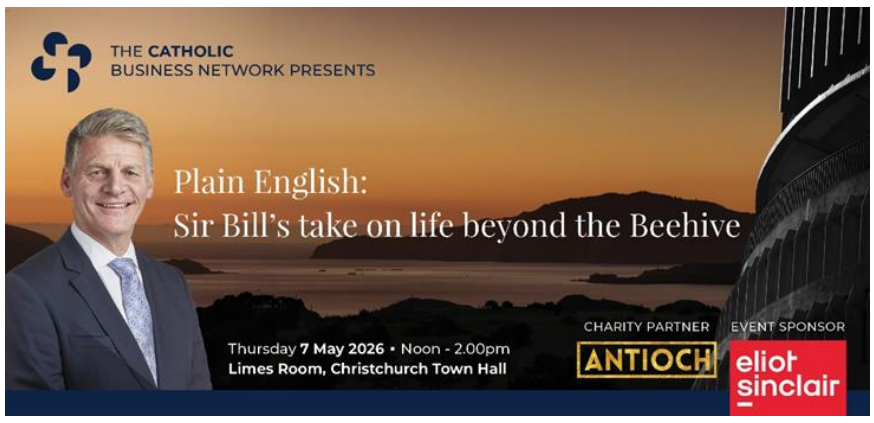
Invitation for men discerning a Vocation - to join the Bishop for Brunch
@ Kaiapoi, Saturday 2 May, 8.30am.

The **Little River Church of St John the Evangelist** has been closed since the Earthquakes.
Due to an Agreement with the Christchurch City Council, that was associated with the temporary strengthening of the church, the church was not able to be sold or demolished until August last year.
The Akaroa Parish has now received approval from Bishop Michael to sell the property.

There will be a Closing Service on Saturday 9 May, @ 11.00am, followed by a finger-food lunch at the Little River Tavern (drinks at peoples’ cost).

Former parishioners and interested people are welcome to participate in the Closing Liturgy of the Church - prior to the property being placed on the market.
The Liturgy will be in a marquee adjacent to the church (please bring a fold-up chair). The church is not open for public use.
The church was built during 1925.

Catholic Business Network: will feature guest speaker **Rt Hon Sir Bill English** on ‘life beyond the Beehive’.
The event will bring together business leaders, professionals and executives from across the diocese for an afternoon of connection and faith-filled conversation.
Thursday 7 May, midday - 2.00pm @ Limes Room, Christchurch Town Hall. Register: https://www.cbn.nz/



Firewood: Get ready to have a warm winter.
Fundraiser Special: April & May only.
Firewood (shed stored), clean & dry.
Mixed load: $100/m³
10% towards our Fundraising Account.
contact: Trevor – 027 280 9039

Rosary House Programme:

'Songs from the Heart to Inspire and Renew': Fr Chris Skinner SM will lead a reflection day with music: on Saturday 9 May, 10am – 4pm at Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. He will encourage all to take time to listen, learn, sing and move to times of quiet reflection.
Bring own lunch; tea/coffee provided.
Koha/Donation appreciated.
Registratioms helpful to roho@xtra.co.nz or ph 379 1298.

Guided Three Day Silent Retreat (Non-Residential) Monday 11 May – Wednesday, 13 May; 10am – 4pm. Lead by Fr Chris Skinner SM. This will be an Ignatian Retreat drawing on scripture and music leading into an atmosphere for silent reflection and personal prayer; opportunity for some individual spiritual direction. Daily Eucharist is part of the retreat.
Venue: Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College.
Bring own lunch, snacks provided. Come for all 3 days or a single day - $70 per day suggested or confidential koha/donation according to means.
Registration helpful to Rosary House: roho@xtra.co.nz ; or ph 379 1298.

Over the past 6 years - as we approach Anzac Day – I've written biographies of Selwyn parishioner soldiers who died during WWI & WWII.
There will be an **Anzac Day Mass: Lincoln, 9.00am.**

Parishioners who died during WWI & WWII:

WWI

29653 Private James Edward McVeigh (Lincoln)
10783 Private Thomas James Clinton (Darfield)
6/802 Private John Joseph Riordan/Reardon (Darfield)
51812 Private Reginald John Youngman (Darfield)
46559 Private Robert Joseph Crossen (Rolleston/Lincon/Leeston)
6/3671 Private George Lawrence Crossen (Rolleston/ Lincon/Leeston)
44143 Private John O'Boyle (Doyleston/Leeston)
15557 Corporal William John Kelly (Leeston/Doyleston)
24232 Private William Smyth (Leeston)
24291 Captain Leslie George O'Callaghan (Lincoln)
44591 Private John Bernard McManus (Leeston)
37563 Sapper Daniel Flanagan (Doyleston)
23436 Private James Riordan (Darfield)

WWII

413761 Flight Lieutenant Arthur Henry Lambie (Leeston)
82115 Private James Jeremiah Hogan (Leeston/Doyleston/Darfield)

St Michael's Troops: is an event for men aged 16-35 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ.
This morning's event in St Teresa', Riccarton, includes Mass and formation, physical activity, and shared BBQ. On Saturday 9 May. Join us, and bring a mate.
Register at https://fitforthekingdom.com.au/

The end of March was the **End of the Financial Year: Tax Receipts are available.**
If new parishioners would like to have 'Giving Envelopes' or go on Automatic Banking - then please ring Chi or send her an email: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com ; ph 325-2770.

The Selwyn Parish Bank Account is: 03-1592-0207180-020
We have also introduced a separate Bank Account for Fundraising: 03-1592-0207180-022
Parishioners who use envelopes or AP are entitled to a ⅓ rebate on their giving.

Would the following parishioners please contact the Parish Office:
Daniel Ulahannan, #1139; Theo Ni Bhroin, #1140.

Margaret Rea's Invested with her *Benemerenti Medal* Papal Medal: Sunday 12 April

Lincoln Prayer Group: The Lincoln Prayer Group meets every Wednesday in the Parish Centre from 7pm - 8.30pm. Join us to reflect and discuss God's great love for each of us from Psalm 23. All age groups are welcome. For more details contact Marge Newburry phone 338 6793.

First Holy Communion Candidates: Reconciliation will be held on Thursday 23rd April 6.30pm at St Patrick's Lincoln. Please be seated in the church by 6.25pm. If your child is unable to attend, please email Brigid on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

Mothers' Prayer Group: Mondays @10am. Please join us for prayer, scripture discussion & a cuppa. If you would like to come along text Brigid on 02108176358 for details.

The Legion of Mary: Mother of Mercy, based in the Selwyn Parish will again host a 3-day healing seminar with Fr Alliston Fernandes on 29, 30 April & 1 May, 6:30pm to 8:00pm, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lincoln. For more details contact Odette on legionmary.motherofmercy@gmail.com