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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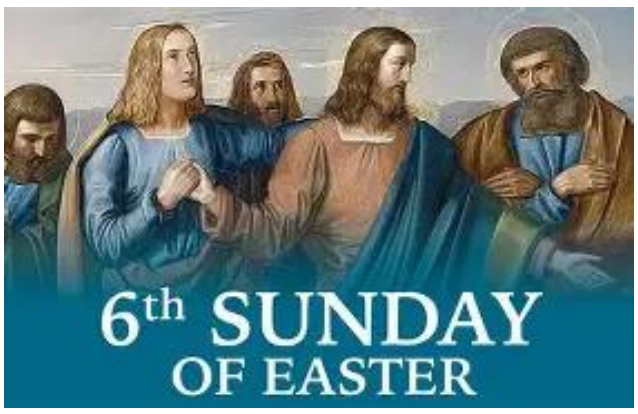
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year A

10 May 2026

Readings

Acts 8:5-17
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21



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, 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/

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Loving God, watch over all mothers.
When they are sad:
bless them with the memory of joyful times.
When they are lonely:
give them a friendly call.
When they are troubled:
smooth out their worries with a reassuring hand.
As they watch their children grow:
let them know how proud of them you are.
As they love in good times and bad:
thank them for their faithfulness.
As they rest after a full and weary day:
take them in your arms.

The Catholic Women's League will holding Mothers' Day High Tea for the ladies of the parish this coming Monday 11th May. Please join us at 2pm in the Lincoln Church Centre. Hope to see you there. You can ring Margaret on Cell phone 021 1731316 or just come along.

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Fr Brian will be leaving for his holiday on Sunday 24 May; there will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses** on 28 May and during the month of June.

RIP: Recently Deceased: Annette Cockburn (Rolleston), Terry Hughes (Lincoln). **Anniversary:** Patricia Healy 13/5

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

Diocesan Eucharistic Procession & Holy Hour on the Feast of Body & Blood of Christ:
Sunday 7 June, @ Our Lady of Victories Church.
Beginning at 2.30pm - the celebration will include adoration, a procession around the streets, prayers and music. All groups welcome to attend with banners as well.
Information: contact Matt O'Connell ph 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

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/ day suggested or confidential koha/donation according to means. Registration helpful to Rosary House: roho@xtra.co.nz ; or ph 379 1298.

There are still some **Tax Receipts available at the entrances of the churches.**
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: 03-1592-0207180-02.
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.
The new series of Giving Envelopes are available at the Churches' Entrances.

World Youth Day in Korea 2027: the Christchurch Diocese is organising a pilgrimage to Seoul for those aged between 18 and 35. The best way to keep in touch with info is to sign up on our expressions of interest form at https://cyt.org.nz/world-youth-day. We're expecting proper applications to open in the next couple of months ahead of an incredible experience in July and August next year. For enquiries, please contact: mcurrie@cdoc.nz

A relic of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted in the Diocese of Christchurch from 17 - 20 June.
This national tour is an invitation - not just to learn about our newest and youngest saint, St Carlo Acutis - but to encounter the same Jesus he loved so deeply. St Carlo Acutis, who was canonised in September 2025, was an Italian teenager with a deep Catholic faith and a passion for spreading that faith using technology.

Among his online projects was a website of eucharistic miracles, which he built before he died in 2006 at the age of 15.
He has been dubbed by many "the patron saint of the internet", in light of that work. For information of the relics in the Diocese see: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/stcarlo

Thinking about a **Vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life** ?
Pope Leo XIV encourages all young people to "listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use". "In coming to know the Lord … you will 'discover your vocation', which is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy".
Contact the Vocations Director, Fr Monty Bamford on frmonty@cathedralparish.nz or the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

Safeguarding Workshop: Thursday, 28 May, 2.00pm and 6.00pm. Special Workshop for Ministry of Holy Communion to the Sick @ Sacred Heart Addington. All Parishes Welcome

John Paul II Centre is welcoming **Mike & Alicia Hernon speaking on 'Growing a Family Culture'** – they're sharing five key elements that help create a family culture that is strong & faith-filled; @ St Teresa's Hall, Puriri Street, Sunday 17 May, 2:30pm. All welcome, no registration required. Information: info@jp2.org.nz

First Holy Communion Classes: Presentation of the Lord's Prayer. Sunday 10th May**.** 8:15am Lincoln/ 9:00am Darfield. Please hand in Lesson 9. All children required to attend all remaining sessions to ensure they are fully prepared to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist in June

Rolleston Mothers' & Preschoolers Prayer group: Join us for prayer, discussion on scripture & enjoy a cuppa and good conversation. Mondays 10am. Toys and activities for children to play alongside the Mum's. Contact Brigid on 02108176358