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 the Ascension

Year A

17 May 2026

Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

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:
https://cdoc.nz/

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

There will be **Akaroa Wednesday masses** on 20 & 27 May (a class from St Bede's College will attend mass on 27 May) & on 3 June (as it's the week of King's Birthday).
There will be **NO MASSES** over the winter period … as few parishioners attend the Wednesday mass during winter and we'll cut back on petrol use.
There will be a Wednesday mass for any 'special occasions'.

RIP: Recently Deceased: Annette Cockburn (Rolleston), Terry Hughes (Lincoln), Rolland 'Buck' Alley (formerly Lincoln).
Anniversary: Denise Amyes 11/5; Gordon Moore 13/5; Patricia Healy 13/5.

The new series of **Giving Envelopes** are available at the Churches' Entrances.
There are several **Envelopes and Tax Receipts in the foyer at Lincoln.**
Please check – as some parishioners may attend Rolleston.

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 Catholic Parish Bank Account is: 03-1592-0207180-020**
Parishioners who use envelopes or AP are entitled to a ⅓ rebate on their giving.

Congratulations to Gae Truman, from Akaroa, who celebrates her 100th Birthday on Wednesday 20 May.
I'm sure King Charles and Queen Camilla have heard of the Great Event.

This Tuesday, 19 May, is the **7th Anniversary of the Blessing and Opening of St Partick's Church** in Lincoln.

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The next **Parents' Meeting for the First Communion Programme** will be this Sunday, 17 May, 7.00pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.
The topic will be the Memorial Aspect of the Eucharist.

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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.
NB: Orders close at the end of May.

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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

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.

St Carlo Relics Tour Information

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

'**Revolution' Youth Camp:** at Woodend Camp, **for Year 7-9 Youth, weekend of 3-5 July**: an inspiring speaker, an incredible house band and all the usual camp favourites will be on the menu.
Details and the link to register are at www.cyt.org.nz/revolution Enquiries to mcurrie@cdoc.nz

Next Baptism Preparation Sessions for parents requesting to have a child baptised, will be on Sundays 28 June & 5 July in the Lincoln Church Centre, 7.00pm – 8.15pm. Contact the parish office: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com to enrol.

The Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meets at **2pm this Thursday, 21st May in Trinity Church, Darfield.** All ladies are welcome to come to this informal meeting and hear Matt Brettkelly and Steph Neutze tell us how they walked the 1400km of the South Island Te Araroa Trail and survived.

Closing Liturgy of Little River Church of St John the Evangelist on 9 May

Bishop Michael with members of Ged Foley's family

The Speakers at the Closing Liturgy:
Fr Brian, Peter Higinbottom, Ged Foley, Bishop Michael, Bernie Rennell

A Group of about 50 parishioners, and former parishioners, attended the Closing Liturgy

Parishioners inside the marquee

Bishop Michael's Homily

Diocesan Women's Event: Join us for a gathering with women from our Diocese for an evening of connection & prayer, as we embrace the theme of peace.
On Friday, 26 June, 6.30pm – 9.00pm.
Cost: $15 (includes light supper)
Registrations opening soon — in the meantime, mark your diary and save the date.
Special Guest Speaker: Sr Clare Lyons from the Beatitudes Community.

Cathedral Choir & Orchestra: all welcome to attend 'John Rutter's 'Behold, the Tabernacle', and Mozart's Symphony 39', Litany of the Blessed Sacrament.
On Sunday, 14 June, 2.00pm @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Programme admission: $30.
More details on the website: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/cbs

On Saturday, 13 June, 11.00am @ St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Bishop Michael will celebrate the **Mass of Consecration of Virgins** to consecrate Katrina de Roo and Jeanette Hancock as brides of Christ.
Katrina and Jeanette are parishioners of St Peter Chanel, Waimakariri and Holy Family, Christchurch West, respectively. All are warmly invited to this special occasion.
Consecrated virginity is a distinct vocation and is one of the oldest forms of consecrated life for women in the Catholic Church.

For **Catholic News** within New Zealand: Sign up for **Cath News website**: https://cathnewsnz.com/
News items are published on Tuesdays & Fridays.

The CWL would like to thank the parishioners who supported our annual Mothers' Day raffle, you have enabled us to send over $1,000 to KidsCan. One parishioner also gave us some new children's PJs as well as some new warm socks which will go to a worthy organisation as well so we thank you all for your generosity
The raffle winners were: 1st Ian Tennant, 2nd Chris Foley, 3rd Veronica Robinson, and 4th Sophie Tionka.

The SAT team would like to invite you to our annual **Pot Luck Finger Food Luncheon** after Mass at Rolleston on **Sunday 21st June**. Last year it was a great success and we are hoping you will all join us again. Mark it on your calendar now and just remember finger food please!.

First Holy Communion Classes, Sunday 17th May: 8.15 Lincoln/ 9.00am Darfield. Please hand in Lesson 10. And the Parents' Meeting @ 7pm. As this is our last parent evening, please ensure one parent from each family is present.