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 Pentecost

Year A

24 May 2026

Readings

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3-13
John 1:29-34

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 this Sunday, 24 May; there will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses** on 28 May and during the month of June.
Father Viet, from the cathedral, will celebrate mass next Sunday at Lincoln & Leeston.

There will be **Akaroa Wednesday masses** this Wednesday, 27 May (a class from St Bede's College will attend mass on 27 May) & next Wednesday, 3 June (as it's the week of the King's Birthday).

There will be **NO Wednesday 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'.

Fr Dan Doyle will be in Akaroa for Sunday mass on 7 June, 9.30am.

RIP: Recently Deceased: Annette Cockburn (Rolleston), Terry Hughes (Lincoln), Rolland 'Buck' Alley (formerly Lincoln).
Anniversary: Pat O'Loughlin 24/5; Andrew McMillan 19/5.

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 that is the case - please email Chi in the Parish Office and she will place them in the Rolleston Box.

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.

Diocesan Eucharistic Procession & Holy Hour on the Feast of Body & Blood of Christ:
on **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

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

'**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.

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.
At 'Lamb of God Community Centre', St Albans, Christchurch.
Cost: $15 (includes light supper)
Registrations: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/diocesan-womens-evening
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.

PARISH SURVEY

The past five years have involved many changes and challenges for Parish community.
As a result of parishes merging and general societal changes - the shape and make up of our parish has changed significantly.
Also, the population of the Parish Area continues to grow.
To best serve our parishioners, the Parish Leadership Team will run a Parish Survey this weekend, 23/24 May.

The survey is anonymous and is aiming to gather information about the Parish.
We hope that by gathering this data we can make better decisions about the way we use our time and resources to provide support to all parishioners.
The more parishioners complete the questionnaire, then more accurate with data will become.

We appreciate your support in completing the survey. It will take about 6-9 minutes.
Time will be allocated after Communion to fill-in the Survey.

The preferred method of us receiving the survey is **online** using the **QR code**.

Please ensure you bring your cellphone with data available to Mass this weekend.
If you don't have a cellphone, and need to full in the survey using a paper copy there will be sufficient hard-copies available.

Damian Powick, the Fundraising & Development Manager, of the **Priests' Retirement Villas** has sent a Report on the recent developments.
The site is now fully established, with site offices and hoardings in place, and the project is beginning to visibly take shape.
Site clearance works and excavations for each of the building platforms have now been completed, and the project continues to gain momentum as underground services works commence ahead of the first foundation pours in the coming weeks.

Bishop Michael, and Damian, express their thanks to all who have contributed to the Project.

Plan Ahead for a Parish Weekend Retreat

Selwyn Parish Retreat Weekend: *"Made for More"* – an experience of Encounter, Healing and Purpose.
This is an invitation for anyone - no experience required - to encounter God in a new way, discover your true identity, and embrace your mission with passion and power.
This Retreat unfolds over a series of transformative sessions that include dynamic talks, deep prayer experiences and practical workshops.
It will be led by Fr Dominic Sultana, a Catholic priest from Malta, an author and an international speaker who has led numerous retreats and missionary initiatives across Europe, the USA, and Canada over the last 20 years.

When: **Friday, 17th July, 7.00pm – 9.00pm.**
Saturday, 18th July, 9.30am – 4.30pm.
Sunday, 19th July, 10.00 am – 5.00 pm

Venue: St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln

Cost: $40 per person (includes a retreat workbook, afternoon tea), bring a plate for lunch.
The Parish will also subside each parishioner $40.
To register: please email Alex Chia: achia@cdoc.nz

For more information: view the Promotion Video,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOWw0eJopgc

Holiday in Hanmer or Hawarden: two holiday homes are available to rent from the Hurunui Parish. Hamner $120/night 2brm; Hawarden $80/night 1 brm. Booking enquiries to catholichurunui@gmail.com

Marriage Preparation Course
Getting married soon? What are you really saying "I do" to?
This one-day course is for engaged couples preparing to get married in the Catholic Church.
It's a chance to pause, reconnect, and invest in your future together. You'll explore what helps marriages thrive, how to navigate differences well, and what those vows actually mean. Plus, enjoy morning tea and lunch together, and take home plenty of practical resources.
Next course: Saturday 25 July; $140 per couple.
Hosted by the *John Paul II Centre for Life*.
Sign up at: https://jp2.org.nz/marriage-prep/

Does any parishioner know the **history of this plaque** - that use to be at Shands Road/Lincoln Churches ??????

If so, please contact Tim Hogan or Fr Brian.