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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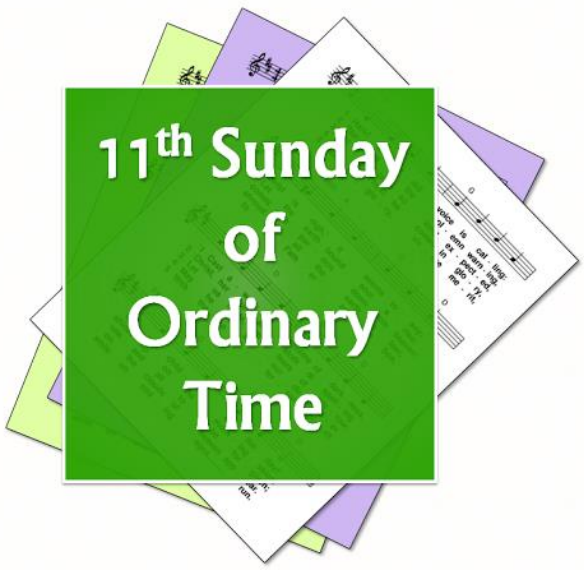
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

14 June 2026

Readings

Exodus 19: 2 - 6
Romans 5: 6 - 11
Mathew 9: 36 - 10: 8



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

Darfield: Thursday 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 is on his holiday from Sunday, 24 May; there will be **NO Lincoln Thursday Masses** during the month of June.
Fr Dan Doyle John and Fr Mick O'Connor will celebrate Mass this Sunday at Darfield & Rolleston.

Akaroa: 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 occassions'.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to the following children & young adults who will be receiving their First Communion this Sunday, please keep them & their families in your prayers. May they continue to be faithful followers of Jesus.
Aidan Olphert, Alby Hamilton, Amity Traynor, Balmain Logan, Brooke Murphy, Charlotte Crow, Charlotte Topliss, Daniel John, Eleanor Olphert, Elsie Stewart, Ethan Sherer, Evelyn O'Gorman, Georgia Wilson, Hayley Murphy, Heloise Proust, Hylard Monteza, Jack Traynor, James Ludlow, James Blackman, Joel Abadom, Jelena Unkovich, Klaudia Meyer, Khean Garces, Kian Olphert, Lauren Wade, Lee Ryan, Leo Geraud, Lily Browne, Lucy Keegan, Madison Pinnington-Pilet, Marcel Geraud, Nell Blower, Olivia Wilson, Penelope Wiseman, Ronan Southworth, Sam Blower, Sophie Lambertucci, Stella Wansbrough, Theo Cabanday, Theo O'Brien, Theo Crow, Thomas Jolly, Victoria Cordoba, Virginus Aguilar.

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.

Next Baptism Preparation Sessions 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.

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 to encounter God in a new way, discover your true identity, and embrace your mission with passion and power.

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.

Prayer Blankets: Do you know someone in the community or in your family who would find comfort in receiving a beautifully hand knitted, knee sized blanket that has been blessed and is accompanied by ongoing prayer for the recipient. We have a good supply that has been knitted by the ladies in the craft group and would love you to get in touch if you know someone who this could bring comfort to. **Please contact Brigid on 0274553134**

The **SAT Team** would like to invite you to our **Annual Pot Luck** finger food luncheon after 11am Mass at Rolleston on Sunday, 21st June. Last year was a great success and we are hoping you will all join us again. Remember finger food only please!

The Legion of Mary: Mother of Mercy, based in the Selwyn Parish meets every Friday at 7:00pm at St Patricks Parish Centre. For more details **contact Catherine Park - 027 356 0916**

Do you have a heart for sharing your faith and welcoming others?
Join our **Parish Alpha Program** team! No experience is needed—just a willingness to meet new people and serve in this vibrant ministry. Come to our **Learn About Alpha** session and discover how you can get involved.
SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday 7th July at 7pm. Parish Centre Lincoln.

OLOP Youth Group: **Food • Fun • Friendship • Faith** Sunday 28 June. 12.15pm–2.00pm, Rolleston School Hall (after the 11am Mass). All young people in Years 6–13 are welcome. Come along, make new friends, grow in faith, and have fun!

Prayer Group: Mondays, 10.00am (Rolleston). A small group for mothers in the parish/community to pray, reflect on Scripture, and support one another. Meets in private homes, with time for scripture, prayer and a cuppa. Preschoolers welcome. Contact Brigid: pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com or 021 081 76358

Diocesan Women's Event:
"Lord make me a channel of your peace"
Join us for a gathering with women from our Diocese for an evening of connection & prayer, as we embrace the theme of peace.
Date: **Fri, Jun 26.** Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm. Cost: $15 (includes light supper)
Special Guest Speaker: Sr Clare Lyons from the Beatitudes Community.
Registration: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/diocesan-womens-evening

Catholic Women's League: We are celebrating our 58th birthday with a pot luck lunch and warmly invite all parish women, especially those who attended last month's High Tea. Monday 8 June. Arrive from 11.30am, lunch at 12 noon, followed by a short meeting and some fun. All are welcome!

Darfield Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meets at Trinity Church at **2pm this Thursday 18th June**. Our speaker will be Patricia Heng sharing with us how she became interested in learning the Māori language. All ladies welcome.

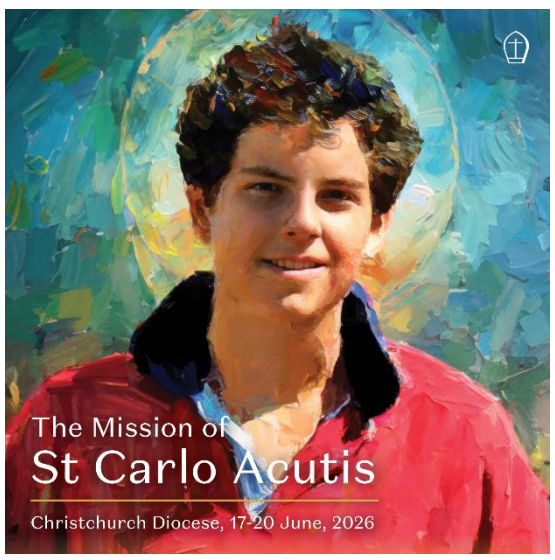
Catholic Women's League (CWL):
Hoon Hay CWL is holding a Fabric Fair in Christchurch on **Saturday 15th August, from 10:00am – 1:30pm at Catholic Cathedral College**. This community charity textile fair provides an opportunity for any groups and individuals to donate, buy or sell fabric, wool and haberdashery items. Tables are available to hire for $30, and vendors retain the proceeds from their own sales. To book a table, email cwlhoonhay@gmail.com
Lincoln CWL has hired a table, or scan the QR code.
If you would like to de-stash and donate your excess fabric, wool, sewing supplies or haberdashery items to us, please contact a CWL member, or Colleen mckayearthmovers@xtra.co.nz or 027 4424116 and we can arrange for collection.

St. Vincent De Paul: Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support our work. Donations of non-perishable food items can be placed in the baskets at any Mass venue. **We are currently well stocked with pasta products but would greatly appreciate other food items.**
Financial donations may be made via the donation box in the Lincoln church foyer or by direct bank transfer (Account: 03-0767-0082945-000).
As our conference continues to grow in response to increasing community need, we warmly welcome new volunteers. If you can help in any way, please contact Ian Tennant on 021 0855 1988 or email secretary@svdpselwyn.org.nz.
Please keep our mission and those we serve in your prayers.
Ian Tennant, on behalf of President Bill Manning

Frassati Young Adults: We are a new young adults' group at Our Lady of the Plains Parish. Inspired by St Pier Giorgio Frassati, we aim to grow in faith, community, and joy. Whether you're at university, working, or still figuring things out, you're welcome to join us for Adoration, shared meals, formation, and the occasional pub quiz!
Find us at St Patrick's Hall, Lincoln, every 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:00pm–7:30pm.
For ages 18–30 Instagram: @frassati.youngadults.olp.
Email: olp.youngadults@gmail.com

St Joseph's Darfield Gardening:
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday between 9:00am to 12noon.
Calling all keen volunteers who are willing and able to help with gardening tasks on the above days. Guaranteed good company. Coffee break and morning tea provided. For more info, contact Moira Howell at dmchowell@xtra.co.nz.

ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC TOUR – CHRISTCHURCH EVENTS



All are warmly invited to take part in two special diocesan events during the visit of the relic of St Carlo Acutis, one of the Church's newest and youngest saints.
Opening Mass to Welcome the Relic
Wednesday, 17 June, 5.30pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Michael. The relic of St Carlo Acutis will be received, and there will be an opportunity to venerate the relic immediately after Mass. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will also be on display in the Narthex.
Diocesan Evening in Honour of St Carlo Acutis
Friday, 20 June, 7.00pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.
The evening will include music, adoration, confessions, a talk by Msgr Anthony Figueiredo (worldwide curator of the relic), and an opportunity to venerate the relic. The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition will also be available to view.
Please consider carpooling, as parking is limited. For further information on the relic tour events, contact Matt O'Connell at moconnell@cdoc.nz or view the full schedule via the QR code.

St Carlo Relics Tour Information

MASS OF CONSECRATION OF VIRGINS – KATRINA DE ROO AND JEANETTE HANCOCK
On **Saturday, June 13**, at 11.00am at 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 more information on the vocation of consecrated virgins, see https://cdoc.nz/what-we-do/voc...

Prison Volunteer Required:
A Catholic volunteer is required at Christchurch Men's Prison to assist the chaplaincy team to support Catholic men in their spiritual needs.
The person we seek will have knowledge of Catholic beliefs and some pastoral experience.
Might you be called to serve in this ministry? Contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office.
Email mstopforth@cdoc.nz or phone 027 5398 542

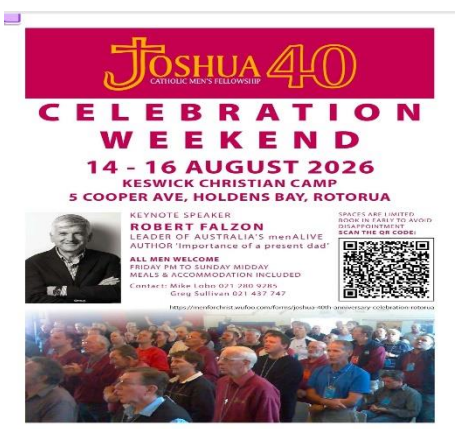
Have You Ever Wondered if You Could be a Foster Parent?
Open Home Foundation invite you to an information evening.
When: **Wed, 15 Jul** - 7.30pm to 8.30pm
Where: Latimer Church, 12 Berwick Street,
For more information contact Chelsea.harrington@ohf.org.nz or phone 0274473760.

SEEKING WELLNESS: A REFLECTION DAY WITH JULIAN OF NORWICH:
Sr Lyndall Brown rsj will facilitate this day on Tuesday **28 Jul,** 10.30am - 2pm. At Te Manaa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. A Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Day. Julian of Norwich's spirituality gives us windows of insight into wellness. During the day there will be exploration of Awareness, Goodness, Appreciation and Joy, Love and the Cosmic Christ through the writings of Julian. Bring own lunch; tea, coffee, snacks provided. Koha/Donation. Registration helpful to roho@xtra.co.nz or 03 2791298.

Revolution Camp: For Year 7-9 is now just three weeks away! Registrations are still open with some space for boys and people coming off the girl waitlist every day. Don't miss out on the weekend of a lifetime on the weekend of **3-5 July**. Register at www.cyt.org.nz/revolution. Enquiries to mcurrie@cdoc.nz

World Youth Day Applications: Young Adults, now is the time to move for the opportunity of a lifetime - joining with Catholics from all over the Diocese, the motu and the world for an incredible experience.
All the information including about the upcoming information nights is at www.cyt.org.nz/wyd

Joshua 40-Year Celebration Weekend
All Men are invited to gather for a weekend to celebrate 40 years of Joshua Men's Fellowship.
Date: Fri evening Aug 14 to Sun midday Aug 16
Venue: Keswick Christian Camp, Rotorua
Keynote Speaker: Robert Falzon, Leader of Australia's menALIVE and Author of "Importance of a Present Dad"
Cost: $247pp including accommodation and meals
To Register: contact Mike Lobo (021) 2809285.



COME AND LISTEN SERIES
Starting on Monday the 8th of June at 7:00 pm, Fr Moises, David & Fiona, and Paolo, a missionary team of the Neocatechumenal Way will be running a series of catechesis in St Anne's Parish Hall.
The Neocatechumenal Way is a charism within the Catholic Church dedicated to Christian formation, as Pope St. John Paul II said: "[…] I recognize the Neocatechumenal Way as an effective means of Catholic formation for society and for the present time […] (Letter of John Paul II Ogni Qualvolta: From the Vatican, 30 August 1990, the 12th year of my Pontificate)." Taking its inspiration from the catechumenate of the early Church, by which converts were prepared for baptism, this catechesis come, above all, to announce the love of God to those listening.
It is the first time this catechesis, and the richness of this experience, are offered in New Zealand.
We invite you to come and listen on Mondays and Thursdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Starting on **Monday the 8th of June** at St Anne's Parish Hall, 739 Ferry Rd, Woolston.
If you have any questions or need help with transport, do not hesitate to call David or Fiona Piccolo on +64 290 450 3726 or via email at David.piccolo79@gmail.com. Childminding will be provided for those with little ones.