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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13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

28 June 2026

Readings

2 Kings 4:8-16
Romans 6:3-11
Matthew 10:37-42

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
Akaroa: not during winter
Leeston: not during winter

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/

Glenn Harrison will be baptised at the Lincoln 8.30am this Sunday. Glenn has been a member of our *'Journey to Fatih'* Group.
Fr Dan Doyle will be the celebrant at Leeston this weekend.

Fr Dan Doyle will celebrate **mass in Akaroa** on **Sunday 5 July**, 9.30am.
There will be an **Akaroa Wednesday mass** @ 10.00am on 8 July. There will be an Akaroa Parish Council Meeting in the afternoon.

Lincoln Thursday masses will recommence on 9 July at 9.00am.

Filipino Community Mass: Sunday 5 July, 5.00pm, at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln. Fr Rex will be the celebrant.

PRIVACY ALERT - be aware
Scammers are sending fake parish emails.
The Selwyn Parish, and one other Parish, have recently been scammed.
Please check the sender's address before replying.

Neither Fr Chris nor Fr Brian would ever email you asking you to buy a gift-card … or saying we are 'busy' or 'sick' …and then ask you to do us a favour.

The lesson is: never share personal or payment details via email.
If unsure, call the parish office or ring Fr Chris or Fr Brian using our phone numbers – which are on the newsletter.
Fr Brian's email is: bfennessy@inet.net.nz or bfennessy@snap.net.nz
Fr Chris' email is: christopherjohnorr@gmail.com

Any other email address claiming to be us is a fraud.

Next Baptism Preparation Sessions for parents requesting to have a child baptised, commences this Sunday, 28 June & 5 July in the Lincoln Church Centre, 7.00pm – 8.15pm.

There are still some new series of **Giving Envelopes** 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.

The Parish Secretary will contact parishioners who have not picked-up their Giving Envelopes.

PARISH SURVEY

The Leadership Team are in the process of collating the Information from the Parish Survey. This will take some time.
There were 432 respondents to the survey … which is a good number.

As a result of former parishes merging, general societal changes, and the significant number of new parishioners to the Selwyn Area - the shape and make up of our parish has changed significantly.
It will take some time to collate and analysis the data, but 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.

World Youth Day Information Night: now is the time to move for the opportunity of a lifetime - joining with Catholics from all over the Diocese, the world for an incredible experience.
Date: this Sunday, 28 June @ St Teresa's Hall, Riccarton; 5.00pm-6.00pm.
More information can be found at www.cyt.org.nz/wyd

'Singles for Christ' invites all single young adults (ages 18–40) to join our 8-week Christian Life Programme, a space to grow in faith, discover God's love, and build lasting friendships.
The programme will be held at St Theresa's Parish Hall, starting on Thursday 16 July, @ 6:30 pm.
For more information, contact Amielle Abela: 022 360 3327; sfcnzchch@gmail.com.

Mass for Lawyers – St Thomas More: Bishop Michael will celebrate a Mass to commemorate the Feast of St Thomas More (the patron saint of lawyers) @ 5.30pm on Tuesday, 30 June @ St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral.
The Mass is an opportunity for members of the Canterbury legal community (including non-lawyers) to gather and celebrate the feast day. Further information: nicholas.burley@saunders.co.nz or nicole.macaballug@saunders.co.nz

160th Year Celebration of St Patrick's Church, Ross: on Saturday, 24 October. Registration is $50 per person.
Email: info@rossgoldtown.org for more information & to register.

Revolution Camp for Years 7 - 9 is just three weeks away. Registrations are still open with some space for boys and people coming off the girl wait list 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: mcurrie@cdoc.nz

Antioch Camp for Year 10-13 Students: 25-27 September at Woodend Christian Camp. This Event is great Weekend Experience for Youth. Plan ahead

Newsletters from **'Catholic Enquiry Centre'** are at the entrances to the churches.

The Selwyn Parish will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at the Saturday Vigil Mass on 7 November (Election Day). Bishop Michael will be the celebrant.
Confirmation is for Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & above.
Enrolments will commence in August, however if you'd like to pre-enrol your child in the Confirmation Programme - please email the Parish Office: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com

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.

Please consider attending this Retreat Weekend – it is an opportunity at our Backdoor to have a Spiritual Reflection weekend.

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

This weekend, Fr Dominic will concelebrant mass and preach at the Lincoln Vigil mass and the Darfield and Rolleston Masses.

Holiday in Hanmer or Hawarden: two holiday homes are available to rent from the Hurunui Parish. Hamner $120/night 2bedrooms; Hawarden $80/night 1 bedroom. 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/

Our Lady of the Plains **Youth Group:** Food / Fun / Friendship / Faith – **this Sunday, 28 June, after the Rolleston Mass.** All young people in Years 6-13 are welcome. Come along, make new friends, grow in faith, and have fun.

Friendship Group: Our next gathering is Friday 3 July following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome.

Sunday Cuppa's: More volunteers are needed to help host the morning teas after 8.30am Mass. Providing baking is optional as there are always biscuits in the cupboard and now milk in the fridge. If you can help, please write your name on the roster sheet on the kitchen bench. Thank you.

First Communicants in Lincoln

Names not in order: 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, Hylard Monteza, Jack Traynor, James Ludlow, James Blackman, Joel Abadom, 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, Thomas Jolly, Victoria Cordoba, Virginius Aguilar, Heloise-Anne Proust, Jelena Unkovich & Klaudia Meyer.

First Communicants in Darfield

Names not in order: Cate & Hadley Hughes, Emily &Thomas Hickey, Florence &Theodore McLeod, Francis Baghucan, Jonty & Ruby van der Salm, Ryleigh & Kendal Boulton, Sabina Lana, Tadhg Rogers & Corben Janmaat.