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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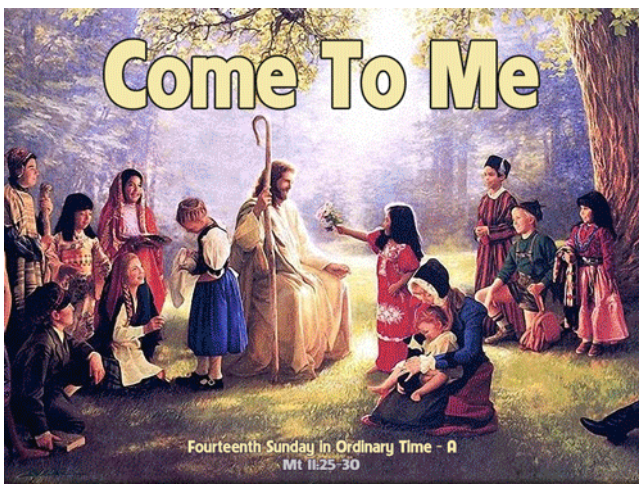
14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Year A

5 July 2026

Readings

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9-13
Matthew 11:25-30



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

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/

Fr Dan Doyle will celebrate **mass in Akaroa** this **Sunday 5 July**, 9.30am. Hopefully, the weather will be suitable for Fr Dan to travel to Akaroa.
There will be an **Akaroa mass this Wednesday 8 July, 10.00am**. There will be an Akaroa Parish Council Meeting in the afternoon.

Lincoln Thursday masses will recommence this Thursday, 9 July @ 9.00am.

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

Parishioners from the Venezuelan Community will be attending the Rolleston Mass this Sunday to pray for relief after the devastating earthquakes.

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.

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.

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: Brigid McIndoe, the Pastoral Assistant: pastoralassistantselwyn@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

Copies of ***Inform*** are available at the entrances of the churches. Please take a copy.

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

A **pair of glasses** were found on the Lincoln Church carpark last week. They are in the narflex of Patrick's Church.

A **Reflection Day with Julian of Norwich:** Sr Lyndall Brown will facilitate this day on Tuesday 28 July, 10.30am - 2pm @ Catherine McAuley Centre, Villa Maria College. Julian of Norwich's spirituality gives us windows of insight into wellness.
A Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre day. Bring own lunch; tea/coffee/snacks provided.
Koha/Donation. Registration helpful to roho@xtra.co.nz or ph 2791298.

'Singles for Christ' invites all single young adults (ages 18–40) to join their 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

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.

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

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The Art of Celebrating Mass Workshop – with Fr Paul Turner, from USA.

- on Saturday, 9 August,
- at St Joseph's Centre, Papanui,
- 9.30am-12.30pm

Inspired by Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter Desiderio Desideravi, this workshop will explore the art of celebrating the liturgy.
Fr Paul Turner will lead practical and enriching sessions aimed at deepening our understanding of the Eucharist and strengthening the celebration of Mass in our parishes and schools.

No cost to attend, but registration is required by going to our website https://cdoc.nz/news-events/ars-celebrandi-workshop

information contact Mike Stopforth: mstopforth@cdoc.nz or phone 027 5398 542

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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, (he spoke at the Vigil, Darfield & Rolleston masses last weekend) 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
Total cost is $80, (includes a retreat workbook, afternoon tea).
However, the Parish will subsidise each parishioner $40.
BYO lunch.
To register: please email Alex Chia: achia@cdoc.nz
You may attend just portions of the Weekend Retreat if you have other commitments.

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

The Rosary: Fr Dominic Sultana is offering a series into the heart of the Rosary on Thursdays 9, 16 & 23 July, 7.00-8.30pm.
Sessions will be held at *Christ the King Pastoral Centre*.
For more information: https://www.godmediation.world/christchurch-2026

The Carmelite Sisters: invite parishioners to their annual celebration of the Mass of Our Lady of Mt Carmel on Sunday, 19 July @ 2.30pm, at the Carmelite Monastery, 52 Halswell Road.
Bishop Michael will be the celebrant, followed by afternoon tea.
The Sisters hope this will be the last time they celebrate this Feast in their current Chapel, as they look to the building of their new Chapel.

The ***Hoon Hay Catholic Women's League*** is holding a **Fabric Fair** on Saturday, 15 August, 10.00am -1.30pm @ Catholic Cathedral College.
Come, donate, buy and sell fabric, wool and haberdashery.
Donations of clean fabrics, wool and haberdashery appreciated and can be donated at St Vincent de Paul shops in Hornby, Papanui, Stanmore Road or Manchester Street.
Information/ book a table: cwlhoonhay@gmail.com

Daniel Ho is having an **Art Exhibition in the Lincoln Church Centre** on the weekend of 11-12 July.
His intention is to share the Gospel through painting - and hopefully spark some parishioners to go deep into the scriptures.
Parishioners are invited to have a look call into the Centre during Saturday or Sunday ….and if you wish purchase some of his art.

First Holy Communion Certificate Presentation at Lincoln this Sunday 8.30am. If your child is unable to attend please advise Brigid via email pastoralassistant@gmail.com

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. On **Tuesday 7th July at 7pm. Parish Centre Lincoln.**

The new Shands Road Plaque has been installed
The previous brass plaque was stolen a few months ago.
The new plaque is of stone. It looks good.
'Thank you' to parishioners who contributed to the replacement of the plaque

We will have a small **Blessing & Dedication of the Plague** on:
Sunday 26 July, 2.00pm

Glenn Harrison with his sponsor, Tricia Smith,
at his Baptism last Sunday.

Catholic Women's League Next Meeting: Monday 13th July.
Join us at 1:00pm for our Catholic Women's League meeting at the Lincoln Church Centre. **At 2:00pm, Fr Brian Fennessy** will share highlights of his **2025 Pilgrimage to the Holy Places of Portugal, Spain and France**. Afternoon Tea will follow. **Everyone is warmly welcome!** Come along to our 1:00pm meeting to learn more about the Catholic Women's League and what we do, or simply join us to enjoy Fr Brian's presentation and hear about his pilgrimage adventures.
For further information – phone Colleen 027 442 4116.