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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Readings

Wisdom 12:13-19
Romans 8:26-227
Matthew 13:24-43

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/

At Masses this weekend, we will read **a Letter from Bishop Michael** highlighting his support for the future of St Thomas of Canterbury College.
It will be an ongoing issue, but Bishop Michael is committed to walking with the School Community and the Christian Brothers to continue Catholic Education of this site.

Message from Bishop Michael:
The recent news that the Christian Brothers are seeking to sell the land and buildings at St Thomas of Canterbury College is a source of deep concern.
For over half a century, St Thomas's has been an integral part of Catholic education in Christchurch. The Diocese gifted to the Christian Brothers the land on which the school sits – a place which has served the education of young men of faith, character and intellect.
As the Catholic Bishop of Christchurch, I have made it clear to the principal, Steve Hart, and to the chair of the school's board that I will stand alongside the college to ensure St Thomas's remains a Catholic college.
That in no way detracts from the responsibility held by the Church and the Christian Brothers to provide reparation to those who have suffered abuse.
I will walk with the school community to achieve the outcome we all desire: the continuation of Catholic education on that site.

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.
Please contact Brigid McIndoe, the Pastoral Assistant:
pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com to enrol in the Confirmation Programme.

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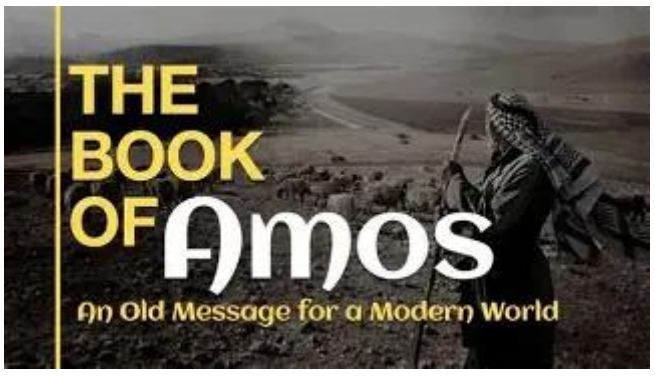
Study of the Book of Amos – led by Fr Brian.
Amos is a great Prophet of 'Social Justice'; his preaching is relevant for today.
Amos' preaching is full of imagery which needs to be understood.

- Study Sessions: Sundays 2, 9,16, 23 August, 7.00pm
- Lincoln Church Centre
- Bring a Bible.



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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.

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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Selwyn Parish Safeguarding Workshop @ Lincoln:

- ❖ Wednesday, 22 July, @ 1pm - 2.30pm - St Patrick's Centre.
  or
- ❖ Wednesday 22 July @ 7pm - 8.30pm - St Patrick's Centre.

Information:
https://www.cdocsafeguarding.nz/event-details-registration/safeguarding-workshop-wednesday-july-22nd-7pm-8-30pm-st-patricks-lincoln

The Selwyn Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sophia Tionka.

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

- on Saturday, 8 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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The Rosary: Fr Dominic Sultana is offering a series into the heart of the Rosary on Thursday 23 July, 7.00-8.30pm.
Session will be held at *Christ the King Pastoral Centre*.
For more information: https://www.godmediation.world/christchurch-2026

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

A **pair of glasses** were found on the Lincoln Church carpark 2 weeks ago. They are in the narflex of Patrick's Church.

RIP: Recently Deceased: Joan Adams (mother of Bishop John Adam.)
Mass for: Estrella Trinidad Gonzalez.

Daniel Ho is having an **Art Exhibition in the Lincoln Church Centre** now on the weekend of 1-2 August: Saturday 2.30pm-7pm; & Sunday 9.30am-11am.
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 after masses on Saturday & Sunday ….and if you wish purchase some of his art.

The Carmelite Sisters: invite parishioners to their annual celebration of the Mass of Our Lady of Mt Carmel on **this Sunday, 19 July @ 2.30pm, at the Carmelite Monastery,** 52 Halswell Road.
Bishop Michael will be the celebrant, followed by afternoon tea.
The Sisters reported that at the end of June they reached their fundraising goal for their new Chapel. The plans are currently with Council. Once consent is granted they hope to begin work on the entrance to the monastery, meeting room and the parlours, so that once they begin to build the Chapel there will be sufficient space to have public Masses. This is likely to be they final diocesan celebration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in their current Chapel which has served them for 93 years.

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The new **Shands Road Plaque** has been installed.
The previous brass plaque was stolen a few months ago.
The new plaque is of stone … less temptation for thieves.
'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

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Formed is an online media platform filled with over 4,000 programmes about the bible, faith, parenting, religious movies, talks and even cartoon for children.
It is an amazing website to enrich, deepen and inspire your faith.
This material is free for all Selwyn Parishioners (The Selwyn Parish has a subscription to this worthwhile website).
You can gain access to all **FORMEDs content** by following these simple steps:

- Go to: https://signup.formed.org
- Enter Selwyn - in the parish slot;
- Enter your name and your email address.

You are then registered.
Once you are registered: a confirmation email code is often send.

Along the top row of icons – there are many good resources. The 'program' icon will content you to many study sites.

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Pat McCarthy, former editor of *NZCatholic,* has launched a free online publication looking at Catholic beliefs and practices. Ever wondered how the Last Supper evolved into today's Mass? Or the purpose of church music? Does spirituality without religion make sense? Should we take the Bible literally?
Go to https://fathomingthefaith.substack.com

Greater Company of Mary Mass: Saturday, 1 August, 10.30am @ Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St North.
Morning tea will follow. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 27 July - ph 372 9224.

Enjoy Catholic hospitality in New Zealand & Australia, $50 per night for one guest, each additional guest pays $30, includes continental breakfast.
A great way to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics.
To become a host or purchase a book with details of hosts - contact Marie Anderson: marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

Dove: Dovecotes are small parish-based groups where women from all walks of life can come together in friendship, prayer, and faith. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, these groups offer a welcoming space for women to bond, encourage one another, and grow more deeply in their relationship with God.
Information: Gloria Stafford: dovenational.leader@gmail.com or check the website: www.dove.org.nz

AI & Humanity Conference: 28-29 August
A 1½ day public gathering designed to inform, equip and inspire a general audience about Artificial Intelligence, its rapid developments, its practical applications, and its deeper implications for our lives, communities and humanity itself.
The conference is hosted by Cashmere Presbyterian Church: https://events.humanitix.com/ai-and-humanity-conference

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 formation. Whether you're at university, working, or still figuring things out, you're welcome to join us for Adoration, shared meals, social events, and the occasional pub quiz!
You'll find us at: St. Patrick's Centre, 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

JPII Race Night Fundraiser @ Addington - Friday 28 August. Write the date in your diaries now ready for a fun night. We will book a table or two for Selwyn Parish. More details later.

Lincoln Prayer Group:
The prayer group based in Lincoln meets weekly every Wednesday 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Parish Centre.
From Wednesday 29th July we will facilitate a Catholic Life in the Spirit Seminar (LISS) led by parishioners for parishioners. This 6 to 7-week spiritual renewal programme is an invitation to make, renew and deepen your personal relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and his gifts, while being supported in your journey. The weekly sessions combine teachings, testimonies, small group discussions, and prayer to awaken the graces of Baptism and Confirmation and the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All age groups are welcome.
Enquiries: Merge Newburry 3386793, or just come!