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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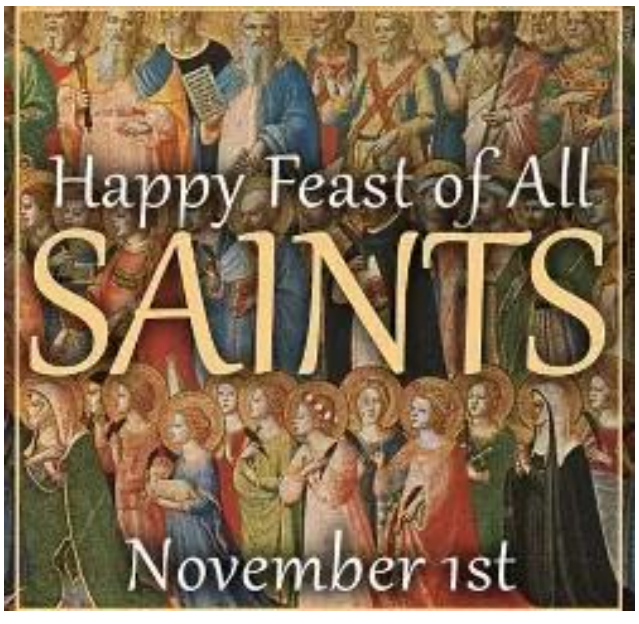
Feast of All Saints

1 November 2026

Readings

Revelation 7:2-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12



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

Akaroa has a Communion Service each Sunday, 9.30am.
(Mass on the First Sunday of the month)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Lincoln: Friday after Mass until Midday

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00am at Lincoln

A Funeral Mass will replace the advertised mass in the same church.

❖ Fr Dan Doyle will celebrate mass in Akaroa this Sunday, 1 November, at 9.30am.

❖ This Monday, 2 November, is the **Feast of All Souls** – there will be mass at Lincoln at 9.00am. There will be boxes at in the churches for parishioners to place names of their deceased - they will be remembered at each mass during November.

❖ Fr Chris will be in the Chathams from 3 - 10 November.
Fr Monty Bamford will celebrate mass in Lincoln & Leeston next Sunday, 8 November.

❖ **NO Lincoln mass** on 5 November.
❖ **NO Confession** on Saturday 7 November.

The **Annual Parish Bereavement Mass** will be on Wednesday 11 November, 7.00pm, at Lincoln.
This is a mass where we remember parishioners who have died over the previous 12 months.
There will be supper in the Church Centre after mass.

RIP:
Recently Deceased: Liz McKay (Darfield).
Anniversary: Fernanda Carmana 12/9; Ira Hayes 15/9; Bryan Privilege 11/9; Joan Roach 25/10; Bryan Atkins 28/10.
Mass for: Anne O'Donoghue

- **2027 Columban Calendars** are available at the doors of the churches: **cost $13** – same as last year. This is a good way to support the work of the Columban Fathers in their missionary work.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Michael will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Vigil Mass next Saturday, 7 November. There will be supper after mass.

A couple of candidates will celebrate the Rite of Election at parish masses this weekend.

Reconciliation and Rehearsal: this Tuesday, 3 November, 6.00pm @ St Patrick's.
Frs Dan Doyle and Barry Malone SM will assist with Reconciliation, plus Fr Brian.

Candidates: Hannah Casey, Miles Fox, Mason Fox, Carlos Miguel Mendoza, Heloise-Anne Proust, Nathan Nguyen, Teresa Nguyen, Mikel Antonio Paco, Chiara Monteza, Bella Bamber, Victoria Bambry, Elizabeth Bambry, Jelena Unkovich, James Blackman, Arya Celis, Juan Arteza, Mary Arteza, Corbin Ibe, Khloe Monoy, Arwana Rosario, & Isaac Redman.

Advent Reflection Day: Fr John O'Connor will give an **Advent Retreat Day -** at the **Darfield Church Centre on Saturday 19 December, 10.00am - 3.00pm**.
Darfield has a good Centre with a good kitchen. Mark it in your diaries.

Preliminary Notification of Christmas Masses:
Christmas Eve:

- Rolleston Primary School Hall: 5.30pm for 6.00pm
- St Patrick's Church, Lincoln: 8.00pm for 8.30pm
- St Joseph's Church, Darfield: 5.30pm for 6.00pm
- St John the Evangelist Church, Leeston: 7.45pm for 8.00am

Christmas Day:

- St Patrick's Church, Lincoln: 8.45am for 9.00am

No weekday masses: 28 - 31 December.

New Year's Day: mass at Lincoln 9.00am, followed by a cuppa & toast.

Weekend Masses are the normal timetable.

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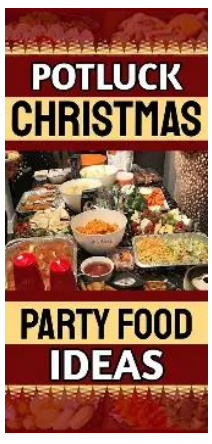
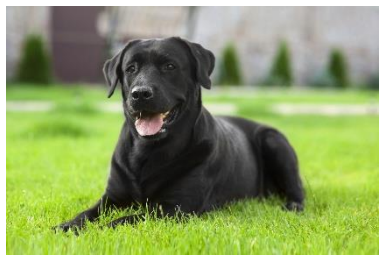


The **Selwyn Parish Annual Christmas Pot-Luck Dinner** is being held in the **Lincoln Event Centre** on **Saturday 28th November after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.**
It is always a great night to mix and mingle, and we do have an entertainer; there will also be a raffle.
Food can be left and the Event Centre before Mass and we will have it heated if required.
Please lock it in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there

Safeguarding Workshop for volunteers in all ministries:
In September a well-attended Safeguarding Workshop was facilitated at Darfield.
For those volunteers who were unable to attend - the next safeguarding workshop is **Online - on Wednesday 11 November @ 7.00pm, facilitated by Clodagh Ward, Diocesan Safeguarding Officer.**
To register: https://www.cdocsafeguarding.nz/workshops



House/Pet Sitter:
A pet and house sitter required for a home in Kirwee from Wednesday 2nd December - Monday 7th December inclusive.
We live on a lifestyle block and have an older dog that gets anxious, plus we have sheep and chooks.
We will pay a daily rate. Please contact Christine 0220495509 if this interests you.

Catholic Inquiry Centre Newsletters are available church entrance.

Theology of the Body: What does it mean to be human, to love, and to beloved?
Join us for a weekend exploring St John Paul II's core teaching, Theology of the Body: God's design for humanity, revealed in the human body.

- Friday 6 November, 6.00pm – Saturday 7 November, 6pm @ St John Paul II Centre, 391 Moorhouse Avenue. Cost: $47 Register: https://jp2.org.nz/theology-of-the-body

Getting married soon? 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.
When: Saturday, 28th November. Cost: $140 per couple; (sponsorship available if cost is a barrier).
At St John Paul II Centre, 391 Moorhouse Avenue. Register: https://jp2.org.nz/marriage-prep/

St Vincent De Paul Conference:
If you missed the opportunity to volunteer for the SVP - please contact one of the Vinnies Team, or use one of the contacts below. Why not see if this is something you could be involved in?
Ph: 0210 855 1988 Email: secretary@svdpselwyn.org.nz
Bank account: 03-0767-0082945-000
Give a Little website: https://givealittle.co.nz/org/st-vincent-de-paul-selwyn-conference

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The Selwyn Parish's **Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference will be selling Christmas Cards** at masses on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of November including Saturday Vigil.
Pack of 5 cards + envelopes for $5-00.
Cash or payment direct to our Bank account. Pre-orders with payment welcome.
Email details: info@svdpselwyn.org.nz . Thank you for your support.

Barry & Rosalie Matthews are on the move, but first we need to sell our property.
If you're interested in living in the country with an easy commute only 15 minutes from Lincoln - go to:
https://www.bayleys.co.nz/listings/lifestyle/canterbury/selwyn/481-ridge-road-motukarara-5531885
You could delve into farming; grow crops; or develop a glamping venture.
Alternately lease the land to create a passive income; leaving you with one acre to enjoy that covers the house, garden and orchard.

The **Christchurch City Choir** will present George Frideric Handel's, **Messiah**, @ the Christchurch Town Hall, Saturday, 5 December.
To make this evening accessible - a range of special ticketing options are available:

- Family Packages: Available for 2 Adults & 2 Children.
- Concession pricing available for seniors and children.
- Group Discount Rates: Special savings when attending together as a choir, fellowship group, or parish outing. Bookings: Phone: 09.970-9745: Email: groups@ticketmaster.co.nz

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Praying for Vocations and for Priests: as in the past, the diocesan family dedicates Thursdays to pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood.
You might like to come to Mass on Thursdays, if possible, but all are invited to pray for this intention using a prayer for vocations written by Pope Francis.
Prayer cards are available at the back of your church or online at the Diocesan website.
For more information contact the Vocations Coordinator Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

Prayer Vigil for the Unborn: Join for an afternoon of prayer, hymns, and fellowship as we pray together. They meet on the first Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in Hagley Park, Matai Street East entrance. Next gathering Saturday, 7 November. Contact: info@fftkingdom.com

Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027.
If you are a: Catholic school teacher; preparing for ministry; seeking academic formation; or wanting to grow in understanding of the Catholic Faith, then CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology in a supportive environment. For more information go to: www.ctc.ac.nz

A Reflection on Purgatory from Pope Benedict XVI:

"I would go so far as to say that if there was no purgatory, then we would have to invent it, for who would dare say of themselves that they were able to stand directly before God?

And yet we don't want to be, to use an image from Scripture, 'a pot that turned out wrong,' that has to be thrown away; we want to be able to be put right. (Jeremiah 18: 1-11).
Purgatory basically means that God can put the pieces back together again.
That he can cleanse us in such a way that we are able to be with him and can stand there in the fullness of life.
Purgatory strips off from one person what is unbearable and from another the inability to bear certain things, so that in each of them a pure heart is revealed, and we can see that we all belong together in one enormous symphony of being."

Catholic Theological College is holding its 5th session for the **World Youth Day in Seoul** webinar series. Join us for this session, "Prayer: An invitation to respond to the call of discipleship" with Fr Michael Smith SJ. This will be on Tuesday, 3 November, 5:00-6:00pm on Zoom.
Register through www.tekupenga.ac.nz/webinars-2026
Free to current CTC students and other student discounts available.

Vigil Mass - Projector operators and Sacristans: New volunteers are needed for these two very important Ministries. Sacristans can be either an individual or a couple. Training will be given. Our rosters for December/January/February will be prepared in the next couple of weeks. So, if you are able to help, please contact Tricia Smith 021 181 1501 asap. Thank you.

Invite: The family of Maureen Devlin would like to warmly invite all of her friends and fellow parishioners to attend a memorial service celebration of her life on 14th November at 1:00pm at St Patrick's Church in Lincoln.

Lost Property Macpac Jacket: A light-coloured, size 14 Macpac jacket was left in the kitchen 2 weeks ago and is currently waiting to be collected from the Parish Office. If the jacket belongs to you, please collect it at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Parish AGM: Wednesday 25 November, 7.00pm, in St Patrick's Church Centre.
An opportunity to review the Parish's finances and potential plans for 2027.

PPRE baptism Candidates and their families: 23 October