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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27th July 2025.

Readings

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am
Darfield: Sunday – 8.30 am (Summer)
9.00 am (Winter)
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday 11.00am

Weekday Masses:
Lincoln: Tuesday Friday 9.00am
Leeston: Restart August
Darfield: Thursday 10.00am
Akaroa: Wednesday 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/.

From Fr Brian:

Thieves

Sometime last week thieves stolen the plaque on the Shands Road Memorial Rock that acknowledged the site of the first church in the then New Headford Parish - later Lincoln, and now Selwyn. The first church was built during 1872 on land donated by Patrick Henley – who is buried in the Lincoln Cemetery.
The church was demolished in 1956 when a new church was opened in Lincoln. The second church was damaged by the Earthquake and had to be demolished.
We are waiting to see if the plaque turns up in any scrap metal dealer.

The Shands Road property is in the final stages of being sold. The Memorial Rock has been surveyed off the property.

The Selwyn Parish is still advertising the position of **Parish Secretary**.
A Job Description is available from Fr Brian: bfennessy@inet.net.nz

The position is for 8 hours per week – currently on Wednesdays and Fridays.
Briefly, the applicant needs to be able to undertake:

* General Secretarial Duties.
* Able to use, or learn effectively, the operation of *Xero* - as the Parish's finances are administered via *Xero*.
* Pay accounts, including GST & Reconcile the weekly Collection monies.
* Prepare and print the Parish Newsletter.
* Possess knowledge of Microsoft, Excel and Word.
* File Parish records.
* Facilitate staff salaries.
* The applicant needs to respect the Diocesan policies on Privacy and General Conduct.

Next Baptism Preparation Programme for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Sundays 10 & 17 August, 7.00pm – 8.15pm** in the Lincoln Church Centre. Contact the Parish Office to enrol: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com

Journey to Catholic Faith: *Our Lady of the Plains Parish* will commence a new series of the ***Journey to Catholic Faith Programme*** – for adults who would like to investigate the journey to becoming Catholic, this **Tuesday 29 July, at 7.00pm – 8.30pm**. (Thereafter on Tuesday evenings except during the School Holidays).

At the moment, we have 20 adults interested in participating on this Journey.
It is not too late for parishioners to join the Team - for the success of the Programme, we need several parishioners who are willing to be part of the Team. This is a great way to be evangelisers.
The Team is present during the Talks and are essential for Small Group Discussions /Sharing of Faith in response to the Input.
The Team also provides a welcoming environment for the candidates.
Please let Frs Brian/Chris know now if you'd like to join the Team.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be offered in the Selwyn Parish during the 4th Term. Bishop Michael is coming to Lincoln for Confirmation at the Saturday Vigil Mass on **15 November.** Candidates from Years 7, 8, 9 and above are eligible to enrol. Also, adults who have not been Confirmed are encouraged to also join the Programme - they will meet separately.
Contact the Parish Office to enrol: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com

RIP
Recently Deceased: Kyra Tainui (Akaroa)

Lincoln Prayer Group: Teaching series week: The Spirit Gives Witness
The prayer group based at Lincoln continues to facilitate the DVD series called 'The Wild Goose' each Wednesday 7.00pm-8.30pm in the Parish Centre, followed by small group discussion based on the reflection sheet provided. Join us as we view the talk titled: **'The Spirit Gives Witness'**. Be supported as you grow in exercising your spiritual gifts through prayer, intercession, praise and worship, with reflections like this on church teachings. All age groups welcome. For more details contact Marge Newburry phone 338 6793, or leave a message for her at the parish office.

Lincoln Catholic Women's League are collecting the New World Promotional Stickers, to help buy the items for future use, such as in our raffles. So, if you have been collecting them and you don't intend to redeem them, we would accept them with grateful thanks, you can either give them to Margaret Rea or Lyn Windle. You can also pop them in an envelope on the collection plate. Thank you.

Parish Finger Food Pot Luck Luncheon:
The SAT TEAM of Our Lady of the Plains would like to invite you to the parish Mid-Winter Pot Luck Luncheon at Rolleston after Mass in the school hall on this Sunday 27th July
We would love to see a good crowd there.
Please bring a plate of food but it must be **FINGER FOOD ONLY.**
We can heat any food that requires heating and have it ready after Mass.

Friendship Group - Our next gathering is Friday 1 August in the Lincoln church centre, following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome.

The SAT team would like to invite any parishioners who would like to join us and play Housie in the Lincoln. Church centre
Every Wednesday in August, starting on 6th August
Cards are $ 10 each card extra cards $1 each. All money paid back to the winners
Starting at 1pm and we will provide afternoon tea
We would love to see you there as it is always good fun and laughter

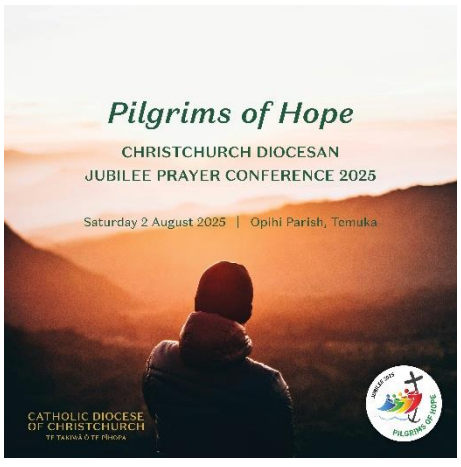
FUNDRAISING. **Catholic Women's League** would like to invite parishioners to our Fundraiser for the Cancer Society. Details as follows:

- Date – Monday 11th August 2025
- Time – 12:00noon Soup & Savory Lunch followed by a Quiz at 1:00pm
- Where – Church Centre at St Patrick's Church, 31 Gerald Street, Lincoln
- Costs - $10 per person - Feel free to bring a friend
- Also - Raffle on the day. All proceeds of the day to the Cancer Society
- Wear a 'splash of yellow' or 'go all out yellow'. Get creative - prize for best dressed

We can promise a lovely lunch in good company, that you will learn something new, and a enjoy fun Quiz—all while supporting the Cancer Foundation.
RSVP: Margaret - mbmerea@gmail.com OR ph.: 021 1731316

SVDP Conferences in Canterbury are fundraising to support the damage and loss that has been incurred in the Nelson / Tasman region. The Area President in Nelson reports that funds are needed to help support families and migrant workers that are in need of support especially those who have lost jobs. Please donate to our Vinnies Account - 03-0854-0706103-000 - and add Nelson as the Reference. All donations will be receipted.

JPII Race Night at Addington Raceway 2025 -John Paul II Centre Race Night - 29 August 2025
Join over 200 people for an unforgettable evening of harness racing, great food, and friendly competition. Enjoy a 2-course dinner, live racing commentary, and our famous Priest Punter of the Year competition - all while supporting local families. You can find more information and book tickets at https://jp2.org.nz/race-night-2025/



Diocesan Jubilee Prayer Conference – next Saturday 2 August, at Temuka.
All are welcome to attend the one-day **Jubilee Prayer Conference** with the theme, '*Pilgrims of Hope'.*
The St Mary Mackillop Chapel in Temuka is a Jubilee site. St Mary MacKillop's Fest Day is 8th August.St Mary MaacKillop made 3 visits to Temuka.
The Conference will involve mass, prayer, workshops, keynote talks and more. Bishop Michael will be attending and will give a keynote talk. There is a guest keynote speaker from Australia - Fr Chris Eaton.
The cost is $49 which includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.
Information/register: contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

NIGHT AT THE CONCLAVE: hear Cardinal John Dew share his personal reflections and insights into the Papal Conclave. So far 500+ peole have registered for the Event.
This evening promises to touch the heart and mind.Tcikets :$35
This coming Friday, 1 August, 7.30pm - James Hay Theatre. Email: events@cdoc.nz ;
Or visit: https://events.humanitix.com/nightattheconclave
Pick up a flyer at the church doors – it has all the details.

'Singles for Christ' invites 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. Held St. Peter's Church Hall.;Starting 6 August,6:30pm. For more info, contact KC at 027 456 9535 or sfcnzchch@gmail.com
You can also follow us on our instagram and facebook @sfcchristchurch.

A weekend retreat for young women open to discerning a call to consecrated life.
Join other young women aged 18-30 for a weekend of prayer, friendship and formation on discerning a vocation to different forms of consecrated life within the Church.
9-10, August @ Sr Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner.
Contact/register: Matt, moconnell@cdoc.nz or Jess 02102444876.

Youth & young Adults Festival: Bishop Michael invites all young people of the Diocese to celebrate the Jubilee in Christchurch on **this Sunday 27 July @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.**
The Event begins at 1:30pm and will include opportunities to encounter Christ through Adoration, Worship, and Reconciliation. The Event will feature a talk by Fr Chris Eaton and will conclude with a Diocesan Youth Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, followed by a dinner.
Registration: is open to young people aged 13 to 35: https://events.humanitix.com/jubileefestival
Registration is essential to secure your spot; tickets are $5.
Contact Mark for more information at mcurrie@cdoc.nz ; Phone: 353-0705.

A prayer vigil for the Unborn: will be held on Sunday 3 August, 2.00pm-4.00pm in Hagley Park, near the intesection od Deans Ave and Matai Street. For more info contact Anastasia 021 0822 6960.

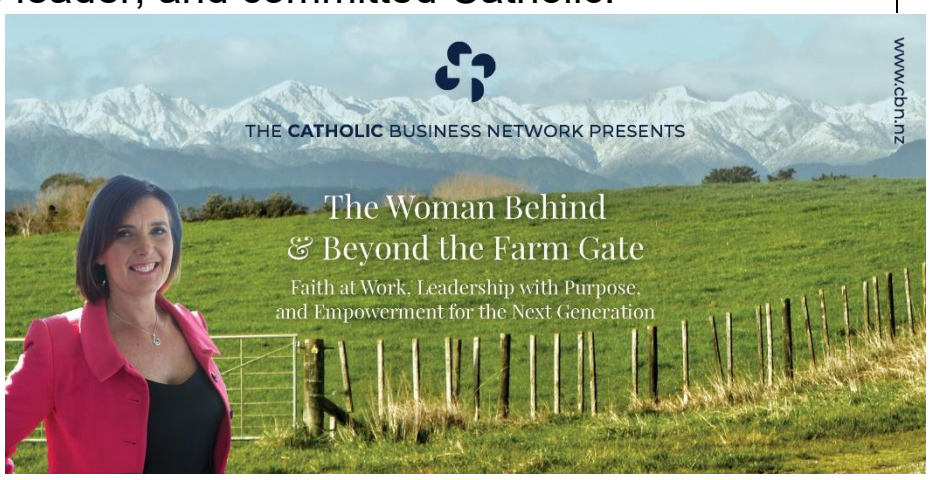
VATICAN ASTRONOMER SPEAKING TOUR: Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the director of the Vatican Observatory, will be speaking at a number of events across New Zealand in early August. He is a highly-regarded speaker on the intersection of faith and science, and has written many books on the subject.
He has public lectures in Christchurch on the following dates:

- Friday 8 August, @ BT112, University of Canterbury, 3.00pm.
- Sunday 10 August, @ Bishop Joyce Centre,OLV, 12.30pm.
- Wednesaday 13 August, @ A3, University of Canterbury, 7.00pm

Visit tekupenga.ac.nz for the topicsthe topics and more information.

Greater Company of Mary Mass will be held on Saturday 2 August, 10.30am @ Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham St Nort,. All welcome. Morning tea will follow.
For catering purposes, RSVP by 28 July, ph 372-9224.

Final **Catholic Business Network event of the year, featuring Leonie Guiney** - South Canterbury dairy farmer, Fonterra Director, BNZ consultant, respected business leader, and committed Catholic.
Date: Thursday 11 September; 12:00pm – 2:00pm.
Venue: *Rydges,* Latimer Christchurch
Leonie will speak about the role of her Catholic Faith and daily disciplines in sustaining her during challenging times, her sense of responsibility to "pay it forward" to the next generation, and the importance of acknowledging those who have supported her along the way.
With reflections from her time on the board of Fonterra and life on the land, Leonie offers a compelling perspective on values-based leadership, perseverance, and community.
Reservations: www.cbn.nz



Prayer Blankets are given to the sick and those who are going through a distressing period of their lives. They are Blessed at mass and from then on, the person is kept in our prayers. Contact Yvonne 366 9795 or 027 334 1151 if you would like one for someone or for yourself.

Legion of Mary (Mother of Mercy) All Catholics of the Selwyn parish are invited to join our meeting's, held Saturday 3.30 pm to 4.45pm in Lincoln Catholic Church centre. For further information contact Catherine 027356 0916

Craft and Friendship: Tuesday 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Lincoln Church centre. Enquiries to Yvonne 0273341151 or 3669795

Monday Prayer Group-Rolleston 10.00am-11.30am. An invitation to Mothers & preschoolers to come along to a home-based prayer group, discuss a scripture reading, share your thoughts, get to know other Mums in the parish. We operate a WhatsApp group to communicate so if you would like to join, please text Brigid on 02108176358