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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19th Sunday in O T

10th August 2025.

Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-19

Luke 12:32-48

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 20th
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/.

Applications for the position of **Selwyn Parish Secretary will close on Friday 15 August.**
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.

Leeston Wednesday mass will recommence on Wednesday 20 August.

Next Friday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven. Mass at 9.00 am in Lincoln.

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

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
Contact with the families will occur during August.

From Bishop Michael:
Bishop Michael recently received formal notification from the Vatican that it has dismissed the appeal from the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer regarding the directives and decrees Bishop Michael issued in July 2024. This confirms the removal of priestly faculties and the directive for members of the Order to leave the diocese. Any sacraments celebrated by a priest without faculties are illicit.
People wishing to attend a Traditional Latin Mass are encouraged to do so at Kaiapoi each Sunday at 11.00am. For more info, email TLMC@cdoc.nz

Could Miss G H Regina contact the Office, please.

Darfield Morning Tea after mass this Sunday.

Projector Operators - Urgently needed for Lincoln weekend Masses. If you can help, please contact Tricia Smith Email: tric1948@gmail.com Training will be given.

Sunday Cuppa's at Lincoln - after 8.30 Mass every week. Helpers to serve Tea and Coffee are urgently needed on a roster basis. If you can help, please write your name on the list provided on the kitchen bench for the dates you will be available. You only need to bring the milk. No expectation to do baking as there are always biscuits in the kitchen cupboard. A great way to be involved in the parish and an opportunity to get to know other parishioners. Thank you.

Darfield Mothers Prayer Group -Tuesday 19th August ,10.30 am. Darfield Parish Centre.
Meet for prayer, discuss some scripture, build new friendships in the Parish
and share some hospitality.
Whether your children have started school or you have preschoolers to bring along this is a great way to deepen your faith and meet other Mums.
First session in the hall to gauge interest and thereafter home-based Tuesday morning get-togethers. Contact Kate Hayward via email on maccakhm@hotmail.com or phone 027 3243976

Youth Mass: We will be holding a Youth Mass in Rolleston on the 24th August in the Rolleston School Hall. We have many roles available for the children to participate in, which are Musical Ministry: Choir/Musical instrument Pack up/Pack down. Greeting, Offertory, Collection, Reading the Welcome/First Reading/Responsorial Psalm/Second Reading/Prayers of the Faithful.
The last date to register your child/children's interest is the 18th August at 5pm at the absolute latest, to allow maximum time for rostering. The children will have mentors to help them along, and this is such a great way for them to get involved in mass, serving within the parish, and gain confidence in doing so.
Please contact Telly Power on rollestonmass@gmail.com for more information and questions you may have. I will send you everything you need once you have made contact.

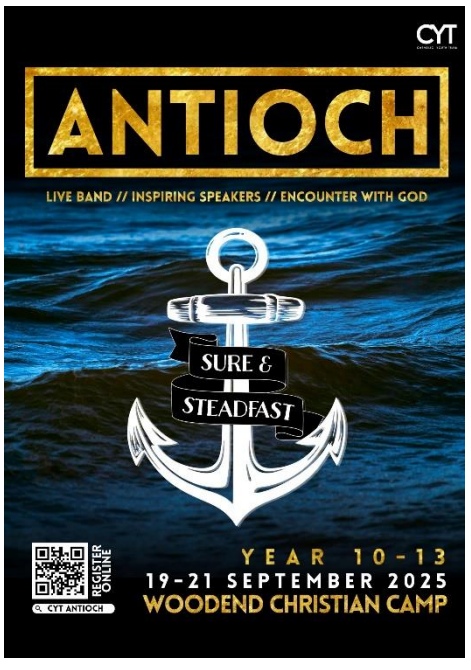
Housie. every Wednesday in August 1pm in Lincoln Church Centre. Cards $10 each and extra cards $1 each. Afternoon tea provided

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 – 12:00 noon 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

Antioch is back for 2025 for young people in Year 10, 11, 12 and 13.
It will be held on 19-– 21 September . All the key camp favourites return this year including an international speaker, our iconic house band and messy games of course! That's all alongside the usual camp staples of engaging small groups, encounters through sacraments and so much more.
Registrations are open at www.cyt.org.nz/antioch so get a group together with earlybird pricing closing on the Feast of the Assumption. Any questions? Contact Mark via mcurrie@cdoc.nz



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:

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

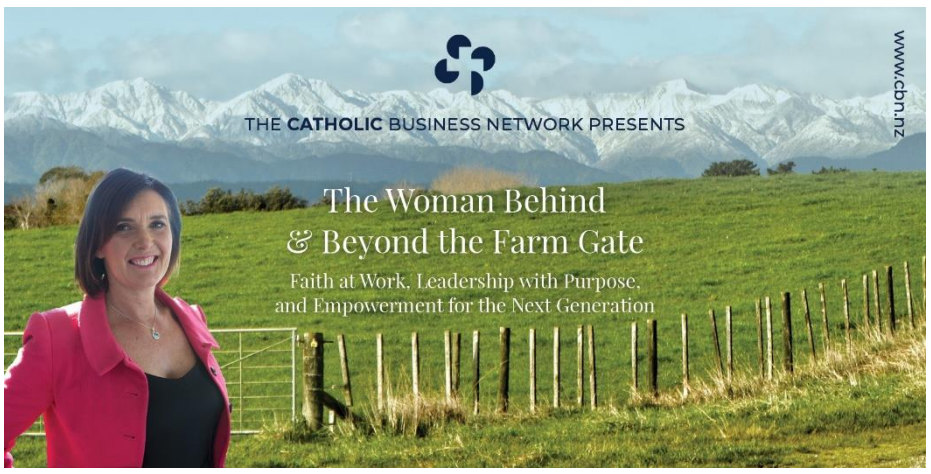
Visit: tekupenga.ac.nz for the topics and more information.

Sword-Fighting and Knightly Virtue - Learn how to fight with a sword.
The **St Thomas More Trust** is running a six-week course called "Virtus" on the techniques of real historical sword-fighting and the virtues of a Catholic knight. We're inviting boys aged 11 and up and, ideally, their Dads, to join us - a great chance for Dads to spend some quality time with their boys, learning something fun and exciting together.
This will run on Wednesday nights for six weeks **starting Wednesday 13 August, 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm, at St Bernadette's Hall in Hornby.**
For more information, and to register: https://www.stmtrust.org.nz/virtus-2025

John Paul II Centre Race Night: 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.
When: Friday 29 August, 5.30pm @ Addington Raceway.
You can find more information and book tickets here
https://jp2.org.nz/race-night-2025/

Christchurch Public Hospital Chaplain: John Dooley has been appointed as hospital chaplain to Christchurch Hospital and Christchurch Women's Hospital.
John has been a Volunteer Chaplaincy Assistant for the past eight years so brings this as well as his life experience to the role.
John replaces Angela McCormick who has recently retired.

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



Catholic Women's Movement Invites you to our annual Retreat Day led by Mary Thorne
Mary has a B. Theology from Auckland University and has experience as a Pastoral Assistant, and Chaplain in a Women's Correction Facility. Now in retirement Mary enjoys writing for Tui Motu occasionally and being involved with "Be the Change Catholic Church Aotearoa" and "The Pākehā Project. "
THEME: God of Hope for our Time**.** (Drawing on the wisdom of Ilia Delio)
Saturday, 20 September 2025 9.30 am – 4.00 pm at Aldersgate, Puari Huinga.309 Durham Street. (Chester St: limited parking)
Cost $60 includes Morning tea and lunch. Payment: 0317-07004-3199-00 By internet banking. Include your name and ref. Retreat. Final Registration 8 September 2025
Please confirm payment and advise of any dietary requirements
to Helen Warren: helenterry9@outlook.com; Phone: 021 133 5132 All Welcome

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