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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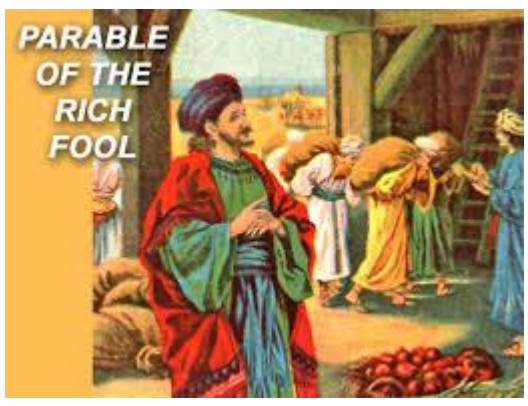
3rd August 2025.

Readings

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 121:13-21



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/.

Akaroa Mass

Fr Dan Doyle will celebrate the 9.30am mass this Sunday, 3 August, at Akaroa.

The Selwyn Parish is still advertising the position of **Parish Secretary**. We have had 4 people inquire about the position.
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

The Journey to Catholic Faith Programme for *Our Lady of the Plains Parish* commenced last Tuesday. There were 21 adults inquiring about the Journey to become a Catholic. The first Meeting was very impressive for the first meeting a cross-section of individuals.

Would the family who have requested a House Blessing on Friday, 8 August, @ 11.00am …please contact Fr Brian ….as I've lost the address.

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.

Could Miss G H Regina contact the Office, please.

Cookie Sale: A group of students from Year 12 at St Thomas of Canterbury College are putting their business skills into action as part of their NCEA Level 2 Business Studies assignment and they need your support! After this Sunday's Mass at St Patrick's Lincoln, the boys will be selling freshly baked cookies. It's a cash-only sale, and you won't want to miss these delicious treats:

- White Chocolate & Macadamia
- White Chocolate & Raspberry
- Classic Chocolate Chip

$2 each or 3 for $5 - perfect for sharing (or not!). And the best part is that all profit will be donated back to the parish once the assignment is complete. There will also be a second sale later in the term as the boys learn how to adjust business plans based on outcomes. But for now, let's support our rangatahi as they learn and grow - and treat ourselves to something tasty in the process!

Lincoln Prayer Group: Teaching series week: - The Spirit Remembers
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 Remembers'**. 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.

Darfield Gardening: For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 5th August 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

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.

REMINDER ABOUT HOUSIE STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST. 1pm
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST

At St. Patrick's Church Centre Lincoln 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

'Singles for Christ' invites single young adults (ages 18–40) to join an 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 Wednseday 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.
When: 9-10, August @ Sr Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner.
Contact/register: Matt, moconnell@cdoc.nz or Jess 02102444876.

A prayer vigil for the Unborn: will be held on Sunday 3 August, 2.00pm-4.00pm in Hagley Park, near the intersection of 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:

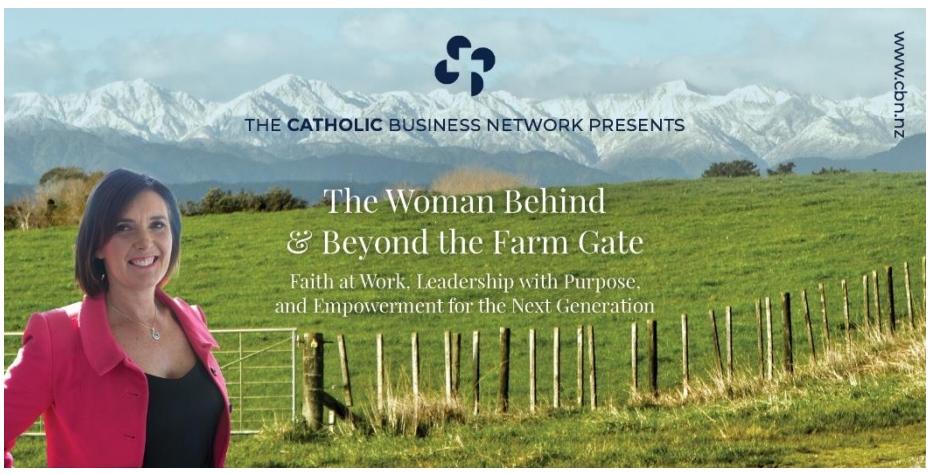
- Friday 8 August, @ BT112, University of Canterbury, 3.00pm.
- Sunday 10 August, @ Bishop Joyce Centre,OLV, 12.30pm.
- Wednesaday 13 August, @ A3, University of Canterbury, 7.00pm

Visit: tekupenga.ac.nz for the 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/

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