# 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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**20th Sunday in O T**

**17th August 2025.**

**Readings**

**Jeremiah 38:4-10**

**Hebrews12:1-4**

**Luke 12:49-53**

## 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, Thursday, Friday 9.00am
**Leeston:** Wednesday 5.30pm
**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/.

**Could** Miss G H Regina contact the Office, please.

Applications for the position of **Selwyn Parish Secretary will close this weekend.**
A Job Description is available from Fr Brian: bfennessy@inet.net.nz

**Leeston: Wednesday mass will recommence next Wednesday, 20 August.**
**There will be NO Lincoln Thursday mass on 28 August.**

**RIP**
**Recently Deceased:** Sharon Lemon (Lincoln)

Next Sunday, 24 August, there is a Special Collection for **Māori Pastoral Care** in the Diocese. This collection is used to support the pastoral care of the members of the Te Rangimārie Chaplaincy and maintain the facilities used by the Chaplaincy. The Bishjop encourages parishioners to support this collection.

**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.

**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

**JPII Race Night Fundraiser @ Addington Raceway** - As in the past Selwyn Parish will be allocated tables at this event. If you intend going and haven't already booked your tickets, please do so here https://jp2.org.nz/race-night-2025. Also see separate notice regarding sale of raffle tickets after 8.30 Mass on Sunday. I will be in the Narthex. Thanks - Tricia Smith

**Darfield Gardening**: For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 19TH August 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

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

**Darfield Combined Churches** Women's Fellowship meets this Thursday, 21st August at 2pm at Trinity Church. Helen Roberts will inspire us to exercise as she talks about being "Mature and motivated from your chair". All ladies are welcome to join us - the room and the fellowship will be warm.

**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.

**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.

**Cleaners Roster**- new rosters for September/October/November are being prepared next week and we have a number of vacancies for this Ministry. It would be great to have younger parishioners involved in this as our seniors have been involved for a number of years some decades and now retiring. If you can help or would like further information of what is involved, please contact Tricia Smith - tric1948@gmail.com or phone 021 181 1501

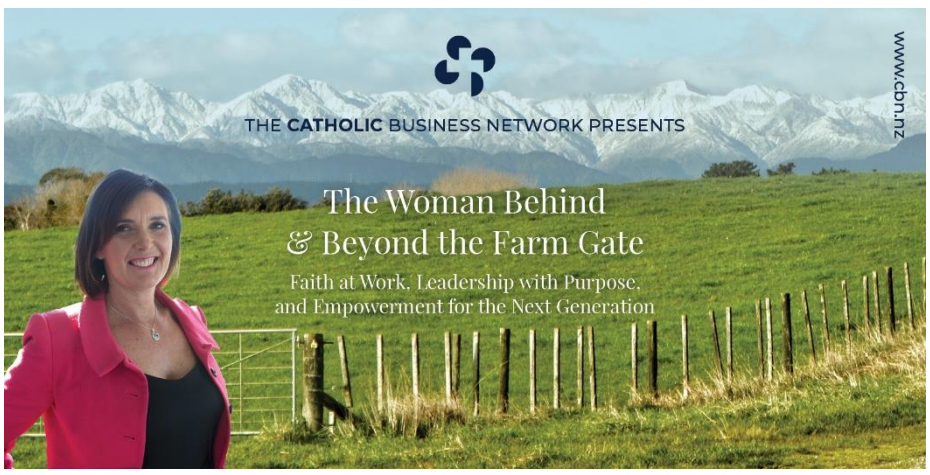
**Sword-Fighting and Knightly Virtue** - Learn how to fight with a sword.
The **St Thomas More Trust** is running a six-week course called "Virtus" on the techniques of real historical sword-fighting and the virtues of a Catholic knight. We're inviting boys aged 11 and up and, ideally, their Dads, to 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/

**Racenight Raffle tickets** - for sale over the next two weekends.
There 10 amazing raffles to be won - $10 a ticket. Get your ticket over the next two Sundays after the 8.30am Mass in Lincoln, the 9.00am Mass in Darfield and on the 24th August after the 11.00am Mass in Rolleston.

**Pilgrimage to Akaroa: Tuesday, 9 September** - the 185th Anniversary of the first Catholic Marriage in Akaroa - join us on this one-day pilgrimage to one of our Jubilee Sacred Sites, St Patrick's in Akaroa.
We will travel by bus and learn more about the foundations of the faith in the Christchurch Diocese.
The pilgrimage will include mass, talks, quiet time and more.
The cost is to be confirmed but will include bus travel, morning and afternoon tea.
Places are limited so please contact Matt O'Connell on:
moconnell@cdoc.nz or 03 366 9869 to reserve your place now.

**Catholic Business Network event - 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

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank the parishioners who supported our Daffodil day lunch and quiz in raising funds towards Cancer research. The crowd was amazing, the lunch and quiz were very good, so with the raffles and admission charge we were able to raise just under $1000

Another big thank you to the parishioners for the New World stickers campaign, we are very grateful and Lyn Windle has been able to get many dishes and other items which we will used in some of our raffles. So, a big thank you to everyone who helped us. You are all amazing!