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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21st Sunday in O T

24th August 2025.

Readings

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Luke 13:22-30

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: 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.

There will be NO Lincoln Thursday mass this Thursday, 28 August.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Sharon Lemon (Lincoln)

The observant Lincoln Parishioner will notice that the blue chairs in the church and church centre have been steam cleaned … they look as good as new. It is several years since they were last cleaned.

NB: As Saturday 15 November is part of Show Weekend, I have asked the Bishop to change the date of Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will now be offered in the Selwyn Parish, by Bishop Michael at the Lincoln Saturday Vigil Mass, on **22 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.

The **Parents' Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 10 September, 7.00pm – 8.00pm.**

Any adult who has not been Confirmed is encouraged to contact either Fr Brian or Fr Chris – they will have a separate Meeting.

This 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 Bishop encourages parishioners to support this collection.

The Catholic Women's League is having their annual Father's Day raffle on the next two weekends after Masses at Lincoln and Rolleston only on Sunday 31st August.
Come along and support the work of the Catholic Women's League. This money helps our Mission Station in the Honiara in the Pacific

Darfield Mothers Prayer Group - Every Tuesday,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, left home or you have preschoolers to bring along this is a great way to deepen your faith and meet other Mums.
All Mothers, Grandmothers and Guardians welcome to come along and share a cuppa and explore your faith.
Contact Kate Hayward via email on maccakhm@hotmail.com or phone 0273243976

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

SVdP Selwyn Conference AGM: The SVdP Conference of Selwyn is holding its Annual General Meeting at 7:00pm on Thursday, 11 September 2025 in the Lincoln Parish Centre. All welcome.

The Mission Sisters are making their annual Mission Appeal - this year the Appeal is to assist the education of indigenous students in Vietnam. There are flyers in the entrances to the churches.

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

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.
First race is at 5.30pm.
Cost of a ticket, including the meal is $65.
You can find more information and book tickets here: Tickets close Sunday 24th August at 11.59pm.
https://jp2.org.nz/race-night-2025/

Race Night Raffle tickets - this weekends.
There are 10 amazing raffles to be won - $10 a ticket.
Get your ticket on Sunday after the 8.30am Mass in Lincoln, the 9.00am Mass in Darfield and 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.

Reflection Day based on Teilhard de Chardin's 'Mass on the World': Saturday 6 September, 10am – 4pm, facilitated by Kevin Gallagher, at Catherine McAuley Centre @ Villa Maria College. Bring own lunch. Tea, coffee provided. Koha/Donation.
Indication of attendance helpful to roho@xtra.co.nz or ph 379 1298. A Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre Programme.

The **New Zealand Bishops** have published their annual **Social Justice Statement**. It support the celebration of Social Justice Week, which this year runs from September 7-13. The theme for this year's week is "Let's Build Peace Together". In their message, the Bishops explain that the work of building peace is "the vocation of every Christian".
Caritas NZ has produced resources to support Social Justice Week - refer: https://bit.ly/2025SJW

Safeguarding in the Catholic Church is a course specifically for those involved in ministry in the Catholic Church whether paid or voluntary. The 1 day event is facilitated by a tutor from Catholic Theological College, Catherine Lipski.
Attendees are tutored through the first three modules. What remains is completed within a two-month period post the kickstart event, estimated 15 minutes a day as a commitment to completion.
Register and Enrol: Contact Clodagh Ward at cward@cdoc.nz / 022 0124142
Date: 4 September ; 9.30am – 3.30pm.
Venue: Diocesan Offices, 391 Moorhouse Avenue – Parking available on site.

The **St Thomas More Trust** is hosting Dr. Paul Morrisey, president of Campion College, @ St Bede's College Auditorium, this Thursday, 28 August. He will speak on the importance of thinking well about the things that truly matter and how we can all become better philosophers - for the benefit of our families, friends, and the culture around us.
Reserve your seat at https://www.stmtrust.org.nz/

Catholic Business Network event - featuring Leonie Guiney - South Canterbury dairy farmer, Fonterra Director, BNZ consultant, respected business leader, and committed Catholic.

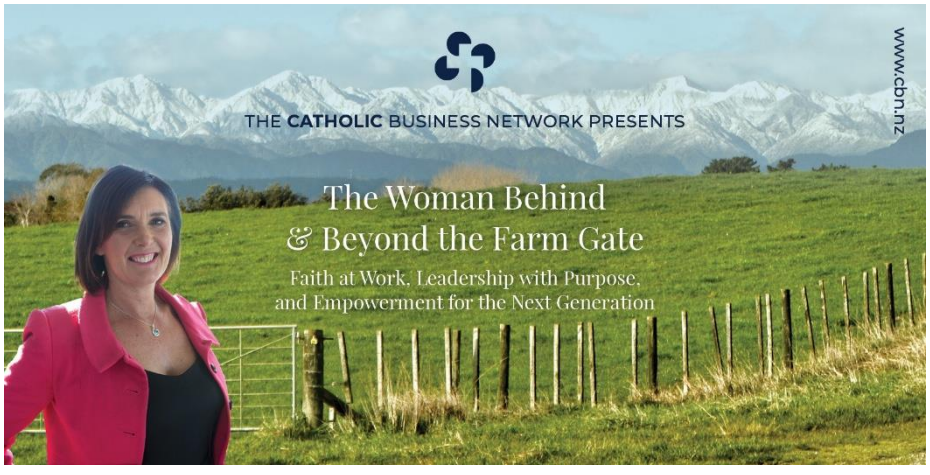
Date: Thursday 11 September; 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

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