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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22nd Sunday in O T

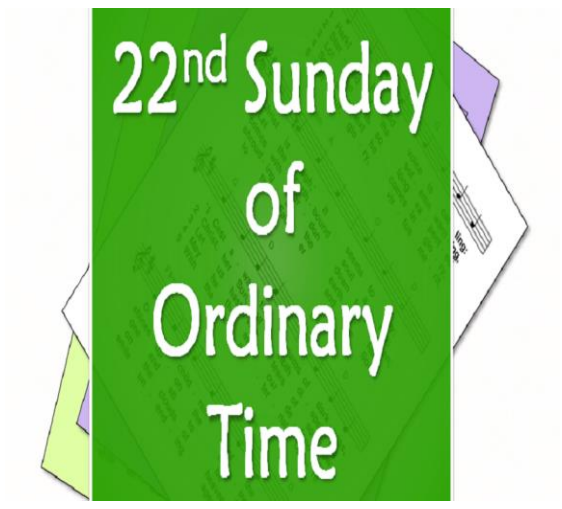
31st August 2025.

Readings

Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Luke 14:1, 7-14



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.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Sharon Lemon (Lincoln)

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. Please contact Fr Brian or Fr Chris.

Contact the Parish Office to enrol: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com

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

The Catholic Women's League is having their annual Father's Day raffle on the next two weekends after Masses at Lincoln.
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 Gardening: For those willing and able to meet Tuesday 5th September 9am to 12 pm. Hope to see you there.

Friendship Group - Our next gathering is Friday 5 September in the Church Centre following the 9am Mass. Please bring a small plate of morning tea to share. All welcome.

The Parish Annual Quiz Night is on Friday 3rd October at 7pm in the Lincoln church centre.
Teams of four at $5 per person, raffles $5 for three tickets
This night is always popular and last year we had a full house of 20 teams so put your team in early.
Nearer the time we will take names after all Masses but if you are really keen to get in early feel free to email me at mbmerea@gmail.com

Sunday 31 August after 8:30am Mass - Another Cookie Sale 🍪
Our Year 12 boys from St Thomas of Canterbury College are back with round two of their cookie sale after refining their business plan from the first run. This time they'll have more cookies on hand and a streamlined service to keep things moving quickly after Mass at St Patrick's Lincoln this Sunday.
They'll be selling their freshly baked favourites:

🍪 White Chocolate & Macadamia

🍪 White Chocolate & Raspberry

🍪 Classic Chocolate Chip

Still just $2 each or 3 for $5 – a perfect treat for after Mass, to take home, or to share with friends (if you feel generous!).

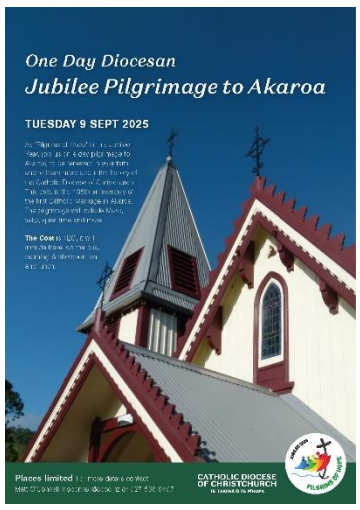
It's cash-only, first come first served and all profit goes back to the parish once the assignment is complete. Let's support our rangatahi as they put their business learning into practice – and enjoy some delicious cookies while we're at it!

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.

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

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



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's 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.

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

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

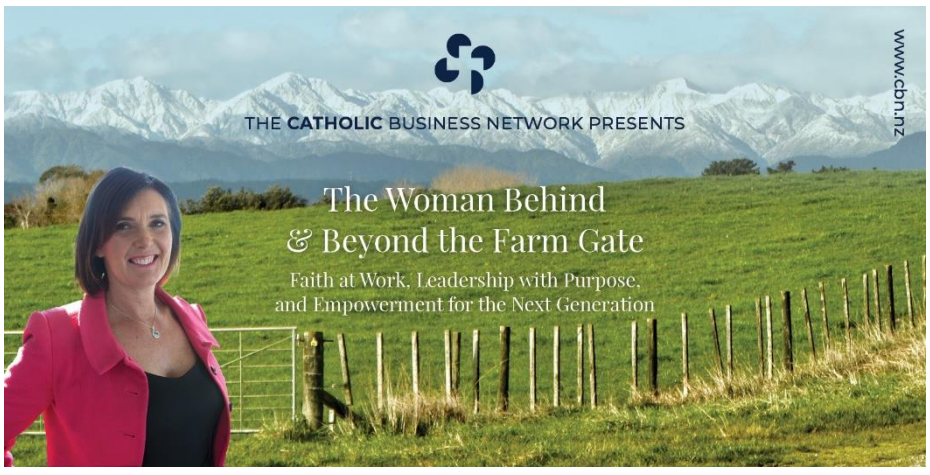
Date: Thursday 11 September; 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

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 in the 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