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SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH – PARISH NEWSLETTER

21 September 2025

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 8;4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Day-Light Saving: begins next Sunday, 28 September.
Darfield Sunday Mass will revert to 8.30am with Day-Light Saving.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Ira Hayes (Darfield), Fr Bob Wilson, Sharon Lemon (Lincoln), Hugh Williams (Darfield), Teresa Friel (Timaru)
Anniversary: Brian Privilege 11/9.

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
We had a **Parents' Meeting** last week.

Carol George was a parishioner of Lincoln Parish for over 40 years.
She moved to Auckland 5 years ago and died in Auckland on 29th April this year.
There will be a Memorial Service for her at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln, on **Saturday, 18 October @ 2.00pm**. Followed by afternoon tea.
Her daughter, Sue Jardine (nee George) invites Carol's friends to join the family at the Service.

The **Catholic Outdoor Club** has a Holiday House available in Arthur's Pass, on Sunshine Tce (behind the Police Station). The house has 3 bunk rooms to accommodate 18 people. It has a good lounge and kitchen. Ideal for an economical family holiday in the mountains. Cost from $90 a night. Bookings may be made on the website: https://www.holidayhouses.co.nz/listing/55811

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Lincoln-Rolleston Pastoral Care - a small team have been visiting the elderly, sick and housebound parishioners over the past year. If you would like a visit or know any parishioners who may like a visit please let us know. We visit in pairs and you will be phoned in advance to organise the visit. Co-ordinator: Tricia Smith: tric1948@gmail.com

A reminder about the **Selwyn Parish Quiz Night: Friday 3rd October**, in the Lincoln Church Centre starting at 7.00pm.
BYO; supper provided. Teams of four $5 for person.
All money raised will go the the Afghanistan family that the Vinnies from our Parish have sponsored
We can only take 20 teams and already have teams registered so don't miss out.
Contact: Margaret at mbmerea@gmail.com to put your team in.
If you don't have four you can still registered and we can put you in a team on the night

Lincoln Sunday Cuppa's - if you can assist serving teas and coffees after Lincoln Sunday morning mass please add your name to the list on the kitchen bench.
You only need to bring the milk. There is no expectation to provide baking as there is always biscuits in the kitchen cupboard. On that note the cupboard is nearly bare if any parishioner would like to add some biscuits to their shopping trolley.

The **New Zealand Bishops** have published their annual **Social Justice Statement**. It support the celebration of Social Justice Week, which this year ran 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

Golden Catholics:invite seniors parishioners from across the Diocese to come together, enjoy a light lunch and connect with others. To be held on **Wedneday, 24 September** starting with 11.00am mass followed by a presentation and lunch, to be held **at St Mary's New Brighton, 116 Lonsdale St.**
Bishop Michael will share how hope is at the heart of our faith as Catholics.
Visit our website for more information and please RSVP by 19 Sept on 03 366 9869 or email cdf@cdoc.nz

St Joseph's the Worker Parsih & School, Lyttelton: we are celebrating 160 years of Catholic faith since the founding of *St Joseph's The Worker,* Lyttelton in 1865, it is one of New Zealand's oldest parishes.
Though the parish and school were closed following devastating earthquakes, the spirit of St Joseph's is still with us. To honour this legacy, all former parishioners, students, teachers, and friends are warmly invited to a special celebration on Saturday , 25 October, featuring a Dedication Mass at St Anne's in Woolston, followed by dinner, speeches, cake cutting, and dancing at the Lyttelton Top Club.
More details are available: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/celebrating-160-years-of-lyttelton-catholic-faith-since-1865 and sjlyttelton160@gmail.com

The Catholic Women's Movement invites you to their annual retreat day led by Mary Thorne.
The theme of the retreat is God of Hope for our Time.
Date: Saturday 20 September, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm
Venue: Aldersgate, 309 Durham Street.
Cost $60 includes morning tea and lunch.
For more info contact Helen Warren: helenterry9@outlook.com or 021 133 5132

150 years of St Brigid's Church in Loburn: mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Sunday, 9 November, 2.00pm. Mass will be celebrated in a large marquee.
To follow there will be a blessing of the cemetery by Bishop Michael and afternoon tea will be served.
An updated version of Michael Hanrahan's history of St Brigid's will be available for sale at $20.
Information: Michael Brown @ mandmbrown.nz@gmail.com