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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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

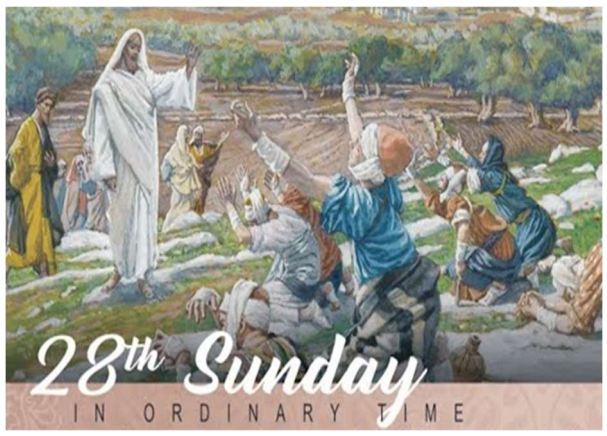
12 October 2025.

Readings

2 Kings 5:14-17

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Luke 17:11-19



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/.

RIP

Recently Deceased: Nick Sibley (Akaroa); Ira Hayes (Darfield); Zita Moynihan (Hokitika); Shona Nee (ex-Leeston).

Anniversary: Frank & Margaret Bremuhl 3/10; Noeline Klemick.

From Fr Brian:

After the retirement of Mary Prendergast, the Parish's faithful secretary for 9 years, the Selwyn Parish has employed Chi as the new Secretary. Her full name is Chinelo Abadom, known as Chi… Chi comes from Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria.

She with her 2 children who go to a local Lincoln School, arrived in Lincoln during August.

She is a PhD student at Lincoln University where she's pursuing a programme in finance within the Department of Agribusiness and Commerce.

She commenced her role as Parish Secretary at the end of September ….and has settled into the role.

Please feel free to call into the Parish Office and welcome her to the Parish. She is currently working on Wednesday & Friday mornings; however, her studies may sometimes mean she has to work on an alternative day.

She would like another part-time job….to make ends meet. If anyone knows of a part-time job for her - please let us know.

We are fortunate to have Chi as the Parish Secretary.

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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.

Second Candidates' Session will be this Sunday, 12 October, 10.00am – 3.30pm @t St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln.

We will conclude with mass at 3.00pm.

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

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. There will be a Memorial Service @ St Patrick's Church, Lincoln, **Saturday, 18 October @ 2.00pm**. Followed by afternoon tea. Her daughter, Sue Jardine, invites Carol's friends to join the family at the Service.

Lincoln-Rolleston Pastoral Care - a small team have been visiting the sick & housebound. If you would like a visit/know a parishioner who may like a visit 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

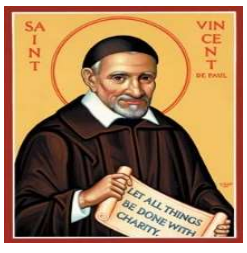
2026 Columban Calendars are now on sale at church entrances: cost $13. They are good value and a way to support the St Columban's Mission Society.

Lincoln Sunday Cuppas - 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 are 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.

Feast of the Rosary: was last Tuesday – recitation of the rosary after mass, in St Patrick's Church, after Tuesday masses during October.

Diocese Youth Mass @ the Carmelite Monastery Chapel: this Sunday, 12 October, 5.00pm; followed by BBQ. For more info contact mcurrie@cdoc.nz.

Wanted to Rent: single man in his 50s - needs to rent a small house/batch. If able to assist: contact Marge Newburry, ph 338-6793.



St Vincent de Paul: are selling Christmas Cards: $5/pack of 5. Cash/ or payment to our Westpac Bank Account, 030767 0082945 00. Please put your name in the reference field. Pre-orders with payment welcome. Email details: info@svdpselwyn.org.nz
Vinnies advise that card sales at Leeston will only be on Sunday 19th Oct. If you wish to preorder, please phone / text us on 021 0855 1988, as our email system is presently down. Apologies for any inconvenience

Next **Baptism Preparation Session,** for parents requesting to have a child baptised, will be on **Sundays 26 October & 2 November in the Lincoln Church Centre, 7.00pm – 8.15pm**. This will be the last Programme for 2025. The next sessions will be in early 2026. Contact the parish office: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com to enrol.

Darfield Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meets this **Thursday, 16 October, 2.00pm**, @ Trinity Church. All ladies welcome for a time of informal fellowship and an interesting talk on "Taiwan - travels and churches" with Elizabeth Blackburn.

Darfield: invites you to monthly morning cup of tea this Sunday after mass.

Mark this date in your diary or in your calendar: invitation to the parish **annual Christmas Pot-Luck dinner** after 5.30pm mass on **Saturday 8 November** at the **Lincoln Event Centre.**
More details will follow.

The **Catholic Women's League AGM: Monday 13 October, 1.00pm**, in the **Lincoln Church Centre.** This is our AGM so a good attendance would be great.
Following the meeting we have the team from Aspire to talk and show us their wares.
Any interested parishioners are more than welcome to attend. Margaret Rea.

Mission Sunday, 19 October - is observed throughout the Catholic World. It is a Day when the 'Catholic World' prays and supports the work of Evangelisation.
Over the years, many New Zealanders have served the Church in foreign lands.
The mission of Proclaiming the Gospel is still the mission of the Church.
*There are **Giving Envelopes** in the entrances to the churches. Donations assist the support of missionaries in foreign lands.

The **Lincoln Church Bell** has been refurnished at a cost of $3,676. As part of our heritage - it required some protection. It was once on the church on Shands Road.

Anyone who values our heritage is welcome to make a donation towards the bell's refurbishment.

A Day of Reflection and Prayer with Thomas Merton, led by Sr Lyndall Brown, next Saturday, 11 October, 10.30am - 2.30pm, @ Catherine McAuley Centre @ Villa Maria College. BYO launch. Indication of attendance helpful to: roho@xtra.co.nz or ph 3791298.

On the **second Sunday of October**, the Church in NZ celebrates 'Support Life Sunday'. It provides an opportunity, within this Year of Jubilee, to focus on how we can better support a culture of love and life through prayer and action. Find out more at https://catholic.org.nz/resources/

Infertility Support Group:
'*John Paul II Centre for Life'* welcome you to a monthly Support Group if you are struggling with infertility. Join us to find encouragement, hope and a way forward through prayerful reflection, sharing and solidarity. Our next meeting is on Monday 13 October, 7.30pm at St Teresa's Church. Please contact us to register and to find out more: Ph 021 2434820 or email info@jp2.org.nz

SEASONS FOR GROWTH is a small group education programme learning skills to adapt positively to a significant change, loss or grief in your life.

Please consider the programme if you are struggling with a significant change e.g bereavement, divorce, separation, retirement, moving countries, towns or cities, illness etc. The Course will run from **9.15am - 11.45am** on the **Saturdays of: 1, 8, 15, 22 of November at the Carmelite Monastery with Sr Lauren** as your SFG Companion. Numbers limited. If you have questions or register by emailing laurenbutler76@gmail.com

Choir: A small group of parishioners sing at weekend Masses at Lincoln and sit in pews by the organ. If you would be interested in joining in, there is a practice at **8am** this **Sunday 12 October**.
Organists/pianists/musicians - if you can play a musical instrument and would be interested in joining our music ministry, please let Fr Brian or Fr Chris know. Tricia Smith

Quiz Night: A big ‘Thank You’ to all the parishioners who supported the **Quiz Night** and helped us raise **$880** for the school requirements of the Afghanistan family that the St Vinnies of Selwyn Parish have sponsored. It was a great night with lots of fun and food and chatter.
The SAT team thank you all very much. Margaret Rea
The winning team was: The **QUIZZICALS**:
Damian Holmes, Amanda Parkin, James Tennant & Ian Tennant

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Join us to celebrate healthy ageing at the **SWELL Seniors' Lifestyle Expo**.
Enjoy this free one-day event focused on promoting health, wellbeing, lifestyle, and community connections for older adults. This year will feature more speakers, live entertainment, interactive demonstrations, and over 85 exhibitors, showcasing local services, community groups, clubs, and businesses.
Tuesday 14 October. 9am–2pm. Selwyn Sports Centre, Rolleston. Free Bus Services from Lincoln and West Melton
Pick up: **9.15am or 11am.** Return: **11am or 2pm**. call Katelyn on 027 317 6840.

St Michael’s Troops - Saturday, 1 November, 2025.

Do you long for authentic brotherhood and a space to grow deeper in faith alongside other men? St Michael’s Troops is an event for men aged 16-30 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ. The morning event in Riccarton includes Mass and formation with the Brothers of St John, physical activity, and shared BBQ. Join us, and bring a mate. Register now at kingdomfitnz.com