# 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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## 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## 26 October 2025

## Readings

**Ecclesiasticus 35:15-22**

**2 Timothy 4:6-18**

**Luke 18:8-14**

## 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/.

**RIP: Recently Deceased**: Edmund Houston (Wellington); Nick Sibley (Akaroa).
**Mass for:** Holy Souls

**From Fr Brian:**
Rana McGurk has retired from playing the organ and washing the altar linen at St Patrick's Church. We thank Rana for her many years of playing the organ in Lincoln and prior to that at St Michael's Chapel at Burnham Military Camp. She has given great service to the Parish.
**NB:** Is there anyone in the Parish who is willing to take up the task of playing music at St Patrick's; also, is there someone who will take up the role of washing the Lincoln altar linen on a weekly routine ?????

- Fr Chris is going to the Chatham Islands on this Tuesday, 28 October and then going on holiday. There will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses** on: 30 October; 6, 13, 20, 27 November, 4 December.
- **Normal Darfield Thursday Masses**, except **NO Darfield Thursday Mass** on 6 November, as I will be in Akaroa for a funeral.
- **NO Akaroa Mass:** on Wednesday 12 November.
- We will both attending the **Priests' Retreat** for the week: 16th November (Sunday evening – Friday afternoon) to 21st November - **NO Parish Masses that week.**
- **All Saints' Day is Saturday 1 November -** there will be mass at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln @ 9.00am.
- **All Souls' Day is Sunday 2 November -** the weekend masses will be of the Feast Day of All Saints. There will be Boxes to place the Names of those for whom masses will be celebrated during November. The boxes will be placed at the foot of the altars.

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**Annual Parish Bereavement Mass** will be **on Friday 7 November**, 7.00pm, at St Patrick's Church, Lincoln. There will be supper after the mass.

The **Selwyn Parish Craft Group** will be having a **sale of handmade goods** on **Sunday 9th November**, after the Rolleston, 11.00am mass. All proceeds will go to the Rolleston Church Building Fund. Come and get some early Christmas gifts. Cash only.

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

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

**Gardening in Darfield:** takes place the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month from 9am - midday. Welcome to all those who are willing & able.

**Darfield Lawn mowing** at the former School Site. Wanted: volunteers, to join Fr Brian - men /women/youth to go on a roster to mow the lawn at the Former School Site.
H&S awareness: we have to cross Telegraph Road.

The SAT team invite the parishioners to our annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner to be held after the 5.30 Mass on SATURDAY 8th NOVEMBER at the Lincoln Event Centre

If you have something that needs heating just bring it into the Event on your way to Mass and we will have ready when you arrive back.
We will be having a raffle on the night with several prizes and all money raised is going to help pay for the replacement plaque at Shands Road at the site of our original church, as it was stolen early in the year.
Come along and join in it is always good fun and we have an entertainer performing as well. Last year we had about 100 parishioners do let's try to bet that number this year.

**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.

**Mission Sunday was last Sunday –** it is observed throughout the Catholic World to pray and support the work of Evangelisation. It supports over 1,124 mission territories where the Church is young, growing and often facing challenges.
It is a special opportunity to unite in prayer and generosity for the global mission of the Church.
There are Giving Envelopes in the entrances to the churches. Donations assist the support of missionaries in foreign lands.
Or make a donation to the **Pontifical Mission Aid Societies Account: 02-0506-0022477-065**

**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 - eg bereavement, divorce, separation, retirement, moving countries, towns or cities, illness.
The Course will run from 9.15am - 11.45am on the **Saturdays: 1, 8, 15, 22 of November at the Carmelite Monastery** with Sr Lauren as your SFG Companion. It was well received within the Selwyn Parish a couple of years ago.
Numbers limited. If you have questions or register by emailing laurenbutler76@gmail.com

**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

A book is being published to mark the 150th anniversary of **St Brigid's Church, Loburn**. Cost: $15 plus p&p (if required, courier $7.70 urban, $13.40 rural) for orders placed before 8 November.
For orders/information contact Michael Brown, mandmbrown.nz@gmail.com
Payment for books may be made to Catholic Parish of Waimakariri: 03-1592-0522551-023, reference: "booklet" code: "your surname".

**Great Saints of Italy Tour 2026**
Fr Chris Friel, from Timaru, will lead a two week tour to Italy in May 2026.
Please contact Pilgrimage Tours: Ph 0800 99 77 88 or www.theTOURcompany.net for the full itinerary and price.