OUR LADY OF THE PLAINS
SELWYN CATHOLIC PARISH – PARISH NEWSLETTER

5 October 2025

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-14; Luke 17:5-10

Akaroa: Fr Dan Doyle will celebrate the 9.30am mass in Akaroa this Sunday, 5 October.
Fr Dan will also celebrate the 10.00am Wednesday mass this week.

RIP
Recently Deceased: Nick Sibley (Akaroa); Ira Hayes (Darfield); Zita Moynihan (Hokitika); Shona Nee (ex-Leeston).
Anniversary: Frank & Margaret Bremuhl 3/10 - we will bless their headstone after Darfield mass this Sunday; Noeline Klemick.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will 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.
First Candidates' Session will be this Sunday, 5 October, 4.00pm - 5.00pm at St Patrick's Church Centre, Lincoln.
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

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 parishioners 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: cost $13. They are good value and a way to support the St Columban's Mission Society.

Copies of ***Inform*** are available at the church door. For those who didn't get a copy last weekend - Please take a copy. It can also be read online at: https://cdoc.nz/inform

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.

Feast of the Rosay: Tuesaday 7 October – recitation of the rosary after mass in St Patrick's Church. The rosary will be prayed in the church after Tuesday masses during October.

Diocese Youth Mass @ the Carmelite Monastery Chapel: 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: contct Marge Newburry, ph 338-6793.

St Vincent de Paul: are selling **Christmas Cards**: $5/pack of 5. Cash/ or payment to our Westpac Bank Acc, 030767 0082945 00. Please put your name in the reference field. Pre-orders with payment welcome. Email details: info@svdpselwyn.org.nz

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.

St Joseph's the Worker Parish & School, Lyttelton: 160 years since the founding of *St Joseph's The Worker* in 1865, it was one of NZ's oldest parishes.
The parish and school were closed following the earthquakes, the spirit of St Joseph's is still with us.
To honour this legacy, former parishioners, students, teachers, and friends are warmly invited to a 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

150 years of St Brigid's Church in Loburn: mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael on Sunday, 9 November, 2.00pm. To follow there will be a blessing of the cemetery & afternoon tea.
An updated version of Michael Hanrahan's history of St Brigid's will be available for sale - $17 plus P&P (courier $7.70 urban, $13.40 rural) for orders placed before 8th November.
Later purchases will be $20 plus p&p.
Information: Michael Brown @ mandmbrown.nz@gmail.com
Payment may be made to Waimakariri Parish: 03-1592-05522551-023 reference 'booklet', code 'your surname'.

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 refurnishment.

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 lunch. 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/

During the month of August, the Diocese holds a Mass Count throughout the Diocese.
In the Selweyn Parish - the **avaerage mass count on a weekend was:**

Church:	**Lincoln**	**Rolleston**	**Darfield**	**Leeston**	**Total**
Adults:	266	182	53	37	**= 538**
Children:	57	71	7	1	**= 136**
			Average Parish Weekly Total = 574		