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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Feast of the Assumption

16 August 2026

Readings
Revelation 11:19 - 12:10
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56

WEEKEND MASSES

Lincoln: Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday - 8.30am
Darfield: Sunday - 9.00 am
Leeston: Sunday - 10.00am
Rolleston: Sunday - 11.00am

Weekday Masses this week:
Lincoln: Tuesday, Friday, 9.00am

Darfield: Thursday, 10.00am
Akaroa: not during winter
Leeston: not during winter

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/

Fr Chris is going on holiday this week.
While Fr Chris is on holiday - there will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses until 24 September.**

- There will be Thursday 10.00am masses at Darfield.

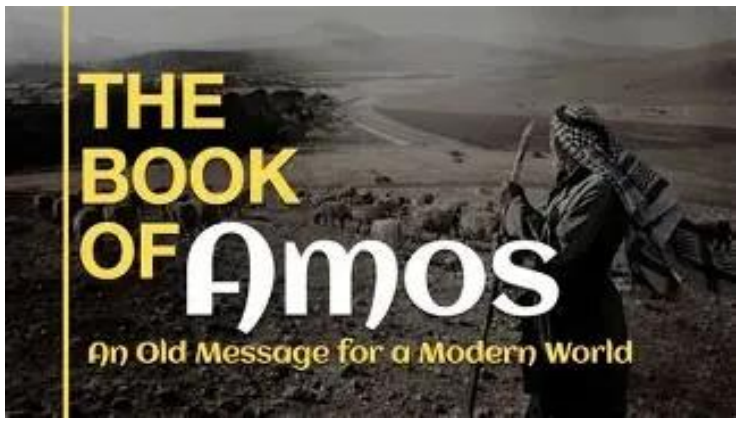
Akaroa Wednesday mass will recommence on Wednesday 2 September, 10.00am

This Weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** into heaven. It is a Feast that celebrates the fulfilment of the Resurrection of Jesus for his disciples.

The Selwyn Parish will be celebrating the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at the Saturday Vigil Mass on 7 November (Election Day). Bishop Michael will be the celebrant.

The **Parents' Meeting** will be on **Tuesday 8 September, 7.00pm**, in the Lincoln Church Centre. Registration close 1 September.
Candidates' first meeting is on Sunday 13 September.
Confirmation is for Students in Years 7, 8, 9 & above.
Adults, who have not been Confirmed, are invited to also participate in the Programme - there will be a couple of separate sessions for adults.
Contact: Brigid McIndoe, the Pastoral Assistant: pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com to enrol in the Confirmation Programme.

Alpha: We would like to invite you to join our Alpha Team. Our meetings include coming together for prayer, music discernment & to build a strong team with a goal of launching our next Alpha in early 2027.
If you would like more information email Brigid on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com or just come along to the next meeting with an open mind & heart.



Study of the Book of Amos – led by Fr Brian.
Amos is a great Prophet of 'Social Justice'; his preaching is relevant for today.
Amos' preaching is full of imagery which needs to be understood.

- Study Sessions: **Sundays 16, 23 August, 7.00pm**
- Lincoln Church Centre; Bring a Bible.
- This Sunday we will look at chapters 6&7.

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St John Paul II Centre Race Night: Join 200+ people from across the Diocese for a lively night at the trots & a 2-course dinner &our famous Priest Punter of the Year competition.
Every ticket goes toward our work of helping marriages and families to flourish across the Christchurch Diocese.

- Friday, 28 August, Addington Raceway.
- Book at https://jp2.org.nz/racenight
- Selwyn Parish normally has enough punters to fill 1 or 2 tables.
- It's a great evening out .

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Diocesan One-Day Prayer Conference is being held on **Saturday, 12 September** at *Holy Family Parish*, Timaru. It will begin at 9.30am with Mass and finish at 5.00pm.
The conference will include 2 keynote talks, workshops on different aspects of prayer, mass, Adoration and more.
Bishop Michael will be attending and will give a keynote talk. Three Nashville Dominican Sisters, based in Australia, will give a keynote and workshops.
Registrations are open; cost is $49, visit: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/prayer-conference
For more information contact Matt O'Connell, moconnell@cdoc.nz ; ph 366-9869.

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The next **Diocesan Women's Retreat** will be on **Saturday, 5 September,** 9.00 am–3.00 pm at City Church, 346 Manchester Street, (opposite St Mary's) Christchurch. Cost $25.
The theme is: *Seek His Face*, and will be led by the Dominican Sisters
To register: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/diocesan-womens-retreat-2026
Special Guest Speaker: Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia from Australia.

New World Supermarket Stickers: CWL are collecting New World Stickers.
If you don't want your stickers - then please donate your stickers to the CWL: Annette James in Leeston; Colleen MacKay in Rolleston and Margaret Rea in Lincoln … or just place them on the Collection Basket.

Bingo/Housie: on the Wednesdays of August, beginning at 1.00pm in the Lincoln Church Centre.
$10/card, with each additional card $1.
Afternoon Tea provided. Come along.

Tearfund's Big Quiz Night to be hosted at Lincoln Baptist Church on **Saturday 29th August at 7pm**.
Get your friends together, test your trivia skills, and join us for a fun night out in support of Tearfund's work to help end extreme poverty! Bring your team, bring your competitive spirit, and come ready for a great night of laughs, fun, and fundraising! Every team, every question, and every donation helps make a difference!
It would be awesome to see you there!!
Costs: $15/Adult, $5/Child
Payment: Via Tearfund webpage - https://www.tearfund.org.nz/Get-Involved/The-Big-Quiz-Night/donation

Bishop Michael has launched the campaign for building the **new Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.**
See more information: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/plans-for-new-cathedral-released

To read more about the new Cathedral, and to see the plans and learn how you can help Bishop Michael bring this vision to life …… click onto: https://blessedsacrament.nz

There will be a Diocesan Mass on the *Feast of Christ the King* to Bless the site of the new Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.
Parishes will be transferring some Sunday masses to this Diocesan Event

Each Parish has been asked by Bishop Michael to participate in and raise funds for both Parish projects and the Cathedral campaign.

In the **Selwyn Parish** we also need to **fundraise for a new church in Rolleston and for a new church in Leeston; we also need to strengthen the Darfield Church**. In addition, fundraising to pay the balance of the Lincoln Church needs to continue.
We hope that the Rolleston Land Issue can be resolved in the near future.

If/when you make your donation/pledge towards the new Cathedral, use this form: https://blessedsacrament.nz/donate/ - and nominate *Our Lady of the Plain's Parish*, Selwyn. This will ensure your contribution is attributed to the Selwyn Parish's overall pledge to the Cathedral.
A pledge may be paid up to five years, aligning with the planned five-year building timeline to ensure funds are available as construction progresses.

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SUPPORT OUR SACRED PROJECT

The parish annual quiz night run by the **SAT team** is on again on **Friday 11th September at 7pm** in the **Lincoln Church Centre.** Teams of 4 at $5 per person. There will be a raffle on the night $5 with three prizes.
All money raised goes to the Vinnies in our parish to support the family from Afghanistan with school requirements etc. During the next few weeks, we will be taking names so mark the date and gather your teams together! We can only take 17 teams

Sacristans urgently required for Vigil Mass. The role is to set up the church before Mass and clear away at the end of Mass on a roster basis. Volunteers can be a couple or an individual. Please contact Tricia Smith if you can help 021 181 1501 or tric1948@gmail.com

Sunday Cuppa's at Lincoln following 8.30 Mass - can you as a family, couple or individual help to serve the morning tea. There is no requirement to provide the food as there are biscuits in the cupboard and milk in the fridge. If you can help, please place your name on the roster on the kitchen bench.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco
The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.
Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

Parish Survey Findings: The complete results, and how we've linked them to the parish goals shared earlier this year, are now on the parish website.
https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:AP:c29c3dec-9816-47fc-a4c6-5b9fc18db636

Catholic Women's League Cathedral FUNdraiser - What a Great Day!

44 women gathered in Lincoln for our fundraiser in support of the new Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Following a delicious Soup and Savory Lunch, everyone put their knowledge to the test with the quiz. Then came the Mystery Box Challenge! Seven teams had just 25 minutes to design and build a cathedral from the contents of the Mystery Box. Budding architects enthusiastically set to work, and before long seven wonderfully creative cathedrals had appeared. It was a lovely afternoon of friendship, fellowship and fun. Best of all – that we raised over $1000 for the Cathedral Building Fund. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and supported our fundraiser.

***** Selwyn parishioners hard at work *****

***** Cathedral of St Carlos Acutis *****

***** Another Cathedral *****