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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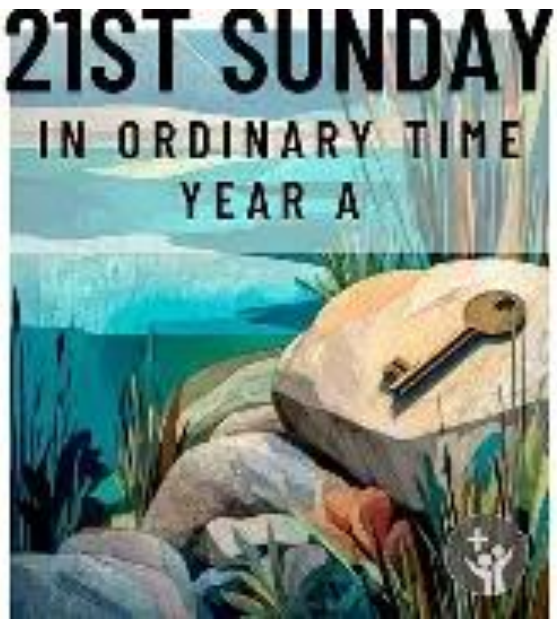
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 August 2026

Readings
Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



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/

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.

This Sunday:

- Fr John Walls will be the celebrant at the Lincoln morning mass.
- Fr Dan Doyle will be the celebrant at the Leeston morning mass.

No Confessions on next Saturday, 29th August.

Akaroa Wednesday mass will recommence on Wednesday 2 September, 10.00am.
Akaroa Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 2 September, 1.30pm.
Leeston Wednesday mass will recommence on Wednesday 9 September, 5.30pm.

RIP: Recently Deceased: Heather Donley (Leeston)

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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.
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 ,or speak to Fr Brian, to enrol in the Confirmation Programme.

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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.
Every ticket goes toward our work of helping marriages and families to flourish across the Christchurch Diocese. It's a great evening out.

- **This Friday, 28 August, Addington Raceway.**
- Book at https://jp2.org.nz/racenight
- Selwyn Parish normally has enough punters to fill 1 or 2 tables.

Diocesan One-Day Prayer Conference: Saturday, 12 September at *Holy Family Parish*, Timaru - begins @ 9.30am with Mass and finish @ 5.00pm.
The conference will include keynote talks, workshops on different aspects of prayer, mass, Adoration.
Bishop Michael and 3 Nashville Dominican Sisters, based in Australia, will give a keynote Talks.
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.

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.

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

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
TE TAKIWĀ Ō TE PĪHOPA
SUPPORT OUR SACRED PROJECT

More than 130 years ago, with Bishop John Grimes as their shepherd, the people of this Diocese were generous. Now it is our turn. We build not for ourselves alone, but for those that will come after us.
Bishop Michael is asking for pledges - gifts paid over five years that allow you to make a lasting impact without financial strain.
Every contribution, no matter the size, becomes part of this sacred undertaking

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 for the Lincoln Church needs to continue.

We hope we will be able to make public our plans in the near future. We are just waiting for a few 'loose ends to be tidied up'.

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.

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The Selwyn Parish has established a Fundraising Account.
This Account will enable all fundraising funds to be kept separate.
The new Fundraising Account Number is:
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Christchurch - **The Catholic Parish of Selwyn: 03-1592-0207180-022**

The Legion of Mary: Mother of Mercy presidium, based in the Selwyn Parish meets every **Friday at 7:00pm** at **St Patrick's Church Centre**. For more details contact Catherine Park - 027 356 0916

Fathers' Day Raffle:
The Catholic Women's League is having their annual Fathers' Day raffle on the next two weekends. On weekend of **29/30 August at all Masses** and **4/5 September only at Lincoln**, it will be drawn on Fathers' Day after 8.30am Mass. Tickets $5 each and there are four prizes to be won.

Request for Rental Accommodation: from Rebekah & Sam,
My husband and our 2 kids (2.5yrs + nearly 1yr) are a young Catholic family from North Canterbury.
My husband Sam (a builder) has been working in Akaroa and loves it, so we have made the decision to move this way.
Our ideal situation would be a 3-bedroom home in Little River, with room for chickens and a garden.
A huge bonus would be a bit of land for our horse, but he can be grazed elsewhere if not.
We don't have any other pets.
Thank you and God bless: rebekahsmjones@gmail.com

World Youth Day: young adults, now is the time to move for the opportunity of a lifetime - joining with Catholics from all over the Diocese, and the world, for an incredible experience.
The pilgrimage will be approximately 18 days in length and will include time in Vietnam before joining pilgrims from around the world for the official World Youth Day celebrations in south Korea.
All 6 Bishops are intending to attend and they're expecting to have over 250 pilgrims from NZ.
Promo video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgtBKDW8iq0
All the information is at www.cyt.org.nz/worldyouthday with applications closing at the end of September.

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Jesus Youth Christchurch is hosting a 'Meet Up' on Wednesday, 2 September, 6:30pm -9:00pm @ St. Teresa Church Hall, Riccarton.
The event offers young adults an opportunity to grow in faith, connect with others, and build friendships in a welcoming community. Activities include prayer and worship, games, music, entertainment, food, refreshments, and social time.
George Joy will give a short presentation at the Rolleston, 11.00am, mass this Sunday.
Register:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1d5lhdYcfuXcEVSvOt1m-TQVwq93i-JxycgKoVlNe48/viewform?ts=6a618c17&edit_requested=true

Vinnies Youth Holiday Programme:
Looking for something meaningful and fun to do these school holidays?
WHEN: 28 September - 2 October; @ Vinnies, Manchester Street, for Years 6 - 9
Come along to the Vinnies Youth Holiday Programme and spend a few days making new friends, building your confidence, developing leadership skills, and putting your faith into action.
This programme is a chance to connect, have fun, serve others, and make a difference in our community. Whether you're already involved with Vinnies or completely new, you're welcome!
Spaces will be limited, so get in early and secure a spot.
Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD16SXLpg6ysH6xpU-sFo8lN85mIn2EhXq5WgcbinthMekRA/viewform
or contact: cyrene@svdpcanterbury.nz

CBS Choir & Orchestra: Heavenly Haydn, Salve Regina, Symphony 98 Heiligmesse.
Leader: Natalia M. Lomeiko.
On Sunday, 6 September, @ 2.00pm @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.
Programme Admission $30 & $25

What are the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises ????
Come along to an information evening to hear from Kirsten Challies and Colin Renouf, two spiritual directors in our Diocese, about these tools that can enable a deepening of your journey of faith, 7.00pm @ Assisi Lounge at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral; on Thursday, 27 August.
Contact: kchallies@cathedralparish.nz

Diocesan Women's Retreat: 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. Guest Speakers: Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia from Australia
To register: https://cdoc.nz/news-events/diocesan-womens-retreat-2026

Catholic Women's Retreat Day: led by Linda Polaschek.
Theme: 'Prayer in everyday life'.
During our time together we will share our experience of how we relate to the Divine, our questions and challenges. Some teaching on Christian Meditation will lead us into times of silent prayer together.
On Saturday, 19 September, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm @ at Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street North. Christchurch.
Cost $60 includes Morning tea and lunch.
Contact/register: Helen Warren: helenterry9@outlook.com ; Ph: 021 133 5132

Catholic Business Network Event: 'From Amberley to America' with Rosemary Banks.
On Thursday, 24 September, 5:30pm - 7:30pm @ Terrace & Fairway Room, Russley Golf Club. Cost $65.
After more than four decades as a New Zealand diplomat Rosemary Banks will reflect on New Zealand's place in a rapidly changing world and the way other countries see us.
Having twice served as ambassador to the United States - she will discuss the way America's view of its global role is changing and what this means for New Zealand.
To register/more information: https://www.cbn.nz/

In **2028, Sydney** will host the 54th **International Eucharistic Congress.**
These conferences are held every 4 years, and the purpose is "to make ever better known, loved and served, Our Lord Jesus Christ in his Eucharistic Mystery, centre of the life of the Church and of its mission for the salvation of the world".
This is a great opportunity for renewal in this part of the world.
The event consists of a week of activities, talks, events, processions culminating in a final Mass attended by hundreds of thousands of people, hopefully celebrated by Pope Leo XIV.
There will be an I**nformation Night on Wednesday, 9 September @ Nazareth House,** beginning @ **7.00pm** with adoration in the chapel followed by the presentation in the Hall.
Sr Anastasia Reeves, from the Sydney Diocesan Parish Renewal Office, will speak about the Eucharistic Congress and how individuals and parishes can get involved.
For more information and to RSVP please contact Matt O'Connell: moconnell@cdoc.nz or 0275369407

Craft and Friendship meet every Tuesday from 1.30pm till 3:30pm in the St. Patrick's Church Centre. All are welcome. You may like to bring a craft you are doing or you may like to come for some friendship and a cup of tea or coffee. You are very welcome. Any inquiries call Yvonne on 027 334 1151.

Prayer Group: Meets on **Mondays at 10.00am** in **Rolleston.**
Connect with other Mothers in the Parish /Community. Start the week by putting aside time to pray and be uplifted in a small group environment. We meet in private homes, discuss a scripture reading or share a reflection. Pray together and finish with a cuppa. Preschoolers welcome.
Contact Grace 0276656665

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

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