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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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2026

Readings

Ecclesiasticus 27:33 - 28:9
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35

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

Akaroa: Wednesday, 10.00am
Leeston: Wednesday, 5.30pm
Darfield: Thursday, 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/

While Fr Chris is on holiday - there will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses until 1 October.**

- **This Sunday:** Fr Michael Mahoney will be the celebrant at Darfield and Rolleston

- **Fr Brian will be at a Priests' Gathering this week,** 14-17 September.

- **There will be NO Weekday Masses in Lincoln, Leeston, Akaroa, Darfield, on Tuesday, 15th; Wednesday 16th; Thursday; 17th September.**
- **There will be Lincoln mass on Friday 18th September @ 9.00am**

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If you didn't pick-up a copy last weekend - there are still Copies of ***Inform*** available at the entrances to the churches – there's quite a lot of information on the new Cathedral. Please take a copy. Or online: https://cdoc.nz/inform

RIP: Recently Deceased: Keira D'Arcy (Rolleston); Maureen Devlin (Lincoln); Heather Donley (Leeston), Francis Jennings.
Anniversary: Joan & Austin Lysaght 25/8 & 26/8; Fernanda Carmana 12/9; Ira Hayes 15/9.
Mass for: Stuart Alexander Wilson; Eric James O'Dea.

From Fr Brian:

Daylight Saving commences on Sunday 27 September.
It has been tradition for Darfield to revert to 8.30am mass during Daylight Saving.
Do parishioners still wish to change mass-times … OR remain at 9.00am ?????????
I'll be in Darfield next Sunday …so we can have a 'straw vote'.

The next Baptism Preparation Programme - for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on **Sundays 4 & 11 October, 7.00pm – 8.15pm, in the Lincoln Church Centre.**
Parents are reminded that godparents have to be baptised Christians, of whom at least one is a Catholic.
(A non-baptised person cannot be a godparent - as they are not part of the Christian Community).
To register - contact the Parish Office: selwyncatholicparish@gmail.com

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

Bishop Michael is asking for pledges - gifts paid over 5 years that allow you to make a lasting impact without financial strain.

If/when you make your donation/pledge use this form: https://blessedsacrament.nz/donate/ - and nominate *Our Lady of the Plain's Parish*, Selwyn.

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

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The Selwyn Parish has established a Fundraising Account.
The new Fundraising Account Number is:
The Roman Catholic Diocese of Christchurch - **The Catholic Parish of Selwyn: 03-1592-0207180-022**

World Youth Day: - joining with young Catholics from all over the Diocese, and the world, for an incredible experience.
The pilgrimage will be approximately 18 days & will include time in Vietnam before joining pilgrims for the *World Youth Day* celebrations in South Korea; expecting over 250 pilgrims from NZ. The Parish will sponsor some pilgrims.
Promo video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgtBKDW8iq0
Applications closing at the end of September. All the information is at www.cyt.org.nz/worldyouthday

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Vinnies Youth Holiday Programme: 28 September - 2 October; @ Vinnies, Manchester Street, Years 6 - 9.
Come 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.
Get in early and secure a spot. Contact: cyrene@svdpcanterbury.nz
Register: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScD16SXLpg6ysH6xpU-sFo8lN85mIn2EhXq5WgcbinthMekRA/viewform

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/

CATHSOC Alumni Dinner: Join us for a special evening bringing together generations of the University of Canterbury Catholic Society community - an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet current students.
Thursday, 8 October, 5.30pm–9:00pm @ Tī Kōuka Function Room Haere-roa, University of Canterbury.
Tickets are available: Students - $30; General Admission - $60.
https://ucsaclubs.flicket.co.nz/events/5aad2ea0-80ef-4da0-af7a-672136baa8c2?utm_source=chatgpt.com
For further enquiries about the event or sponsoring table for the evening contact: Ryan Frost rfrost319@gmail.com

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A Billings Ovulation Method Natural Fertility Seminar will be held in Christchurch: Friday 9 - Saturday, 10 October.

This seminar will offer a comprehensive introduction to a natural and scientifically based fertility awareness method that assists couples in planning their families and supports women in understanding their reproductive health.

The seminar is suitable for couples, health professionals, educators, and anyone interested in learning more about fertility awareness. It is also an excellent opportunity for those interested in becoming accredited Billings Teachers, as demand for teaching services continues to grow across New Zealand.

For further information/registration: www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar

Reminder from Fr Brian: **SCAMS**

Parishioners have recently received a scam from Fr Brian.
So, beware - don't be gullible and respond to any email asking for 'help'/ 'financial assistance' or 'buy an Apple Gift Card' for someone who is sick……
because I am busy or going into a meeting.
If it looks suspicious - then it is.

MISSION SUNDAY 100TH CELEBRATION:

The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th **Mission Sunday** on October 18.
The day is set aside to pray for the Church's mission and to support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution.
That support can be financial and through prayer. Find out more at: https://missio.nz/

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Dr Jeffrey Lehman, Professor of Humanities @ Augustine Institute, is visiting Christchurch this month - hosted by the Saint Thomas More Liberal Arts Charitable Trust.

1. **Virtue, Vocation and the Examined Life: Tuesday, 22 September,** 7:00pm - 8:45pm; @ Bishop Joyce Centre, OLV.
   Most of us decide what to do with our lives long before we ask what a life is for; with Dr Lehman joined by Ali Ghaffari, Executive Director of the St John Henry Newman Institute and a former US Navy pilot.

All welcome. Koha - $10 suggested. Register: https://www.stmtrust.org.nz

2. **The Consolations of Philosophy: Boethius and the Recovery of the Examined Life: Thursday, 24 September,** 7:00pm - 9:00pm @ St Bede's College Performing Arts Centre.

Boethius wrote his greatest work in prison, awaiting execution, on how a good life is possible when everything has been taken. The evening includes supper. $20 per person. Register: https://www.stmtrust.org.nz

CWL are collecting New World Stickers.
Please donate your stickers: Annette James in Leeston; Margaret Rea in Lincoln … or just place in the Collection Basket.

CWL Raffle results:
The Lincoln Catholic Women's League would like the thank the parishioners of our parish for their generosity with our Annual Father's Day Raffle with proceeds going to our Mision Station in the Solomon Islands
Lucky winners were Margaret Vaughan, Father Dan Doyle, Liz Doocey, and Jim Mc Phee
Thank you to all for helping our good cause and we were able to raise around $800

PPRE Parents: Alex Chia, from the Diocesan Office, will be giving a presentation to the PPRE Parents this coming Friday, 18 September, 4.30pm - 5.30pm. Please remember to attend.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible – 8 Sessions: Want to understand the Bible but don't know where to start? This eight-session course explores salvation history through the Bible's fourteen narrative books, from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church, and reveals the connection between the Old and New Testaments**. 7–8.30 pm**, starting **Thursday 1 October** at **Lincoln Church Centre/Monday 5 October in Rolleston.** Register by **12 September** to allow time to order the Bible Timeline Chart ($15 + postage). Contact Nick Otto: 029 237 8142 | ottofamilynz@gmail.com

Darfield: Safeguarding Workshop - Sunday 27 September after Mass for an hour in the Church Centre.
Clodagh Ward will present a Workshop for parishioner in ministries. If you haven't attended a Safeguarding Workshop over the past 3 years, then please attend.
Darfield - Safeguarding Workshop - Sunday after Mass - 10am - 11.3am - Parish Centre | Safeguarding

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Sunday 13th September 4pm
Our Confirmation preparation begins for registered candidates this Sunday ,13th September 4-5pm ,Parish Centre St Patricks Lincoln. Please arrive by 3.50pm so we can commence at 4.00pm.
Enquiries, please contact Brigid McIndoe -Pastoral Assistant -pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

YOUTH MASS-& YOUTH GROUP YEAR 7-12 Rolleston **Sunday 27th September 11am**
We invite all families to come along to the youth mass in Rolleston and encourage your young people to be actively involved in the mass. We need readers, greeters, singers, musicians so email Brigid on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com if your child would like to be involved.
We will have some food and games after Mass for years 7-12 our youth team lead by Kalani will be hosting this event.

Darfield Combined Churches Women's Fellowship is meeting again now that Spring has arrived **at 2pm Trinity Church on Thursday, 17th September.**
Our speaker will be Wayne Lawson who will share with us how the historic Hilgendorf Wing at Lincoln University was destroyed by the earthquakes and has now been replaced by a wonderful new teaching block, the Waimarie building. Wayne was the project manager for the construction and has a very interesting power point to illustrate the whole process which was finished on time and on budget (90 million).
All ladies welcome to join is for a relaxing afternoon of fellowship.

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This year NZ remembers the **centenary of Suzanne Aubert's death**. When she died in Wellington on 1 October 1926, many already regarded her as a holy woman. Her funeral at St Mary of the Angels drew thousands of mourners and has been described as probably the largest funeral held for a woman in New Zealand - a powerful sign of the esteem, affection, and gratitude in which she was held.
Suzanne's enduring legacy of compassion continues to inspire NZ. Through her care she showed a practical and courageous love that still speaks to our Church and our communities today.

On this day, a national centennial Mass will also be celebrated at St Mary of the Angels, Wellington, where we will give thanks for Suzanne Aubert's life and witness. The Sisters of Compassion pray for her beatification and for the grace to continue her mission of compassionate service.

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During the month of August, the Diocese has a Mass Count
The average mass attendance at the 4 mass centres in the Selwyn Parish over age was:

	Adults	Primary Age Children	Total 2026	Total in 2025
Lincoln	237	60	297	323
Leeston	41	4	45	38
Darfield	86	20	106	60
Rolleston	216	65	281	253
Total	580	149	729	674

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