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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 September 2026

Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-27
Matthew 20:1-16

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/

There will be **NO Lincoln Thursday masses until 1 October.**

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 ?????????
We'll have a 'straw vote' this Sunday.

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

RIP: Recently Deceased: Nell Phelan (Rolleston) | **Anniversary:** Arthur Healy 25/9

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

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.
The pilgrimage will be approximately 18 days & will include time in Vietnam before joining pilgrims for the *World Youth Day* celebrations in South Korea. 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

Vinnies Youth Holiday Programme: 28 September - 2 October; @ Vinnies, Manchester Street, Years 6 – 9;
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

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: Thursday, 24 September,** 7:00pm - 8:45pm; @ St Bede's College Performing Arts Centre.
   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: this 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

John Pridmore is coming to Christ the Redeemer Parish for a Parish Mission in September.
Once involved in London's criminal underworld, John's life was dramatically transformed through an encounter with Jesus Christ. For more than 30 years he has travelled the world sharing his powerful story of conversion, hope and God's mercy, inspiring thousands to rediscover their faith. Each evening will include John's testimony, prayer and an opportunity to deepen your relationship with Christ.
This week: Mon, 21 Sept: 'God's Love'; Tue, 22 Sept: 'God's Mercy'; Wed, 23 Sept: 'God's Healing'.
All events will be held at 7:30pm - 8:30pm and will be held at St Gregory's Church, Bishopdale.
There will be a Koha to help cover costs.

A Jacket from Catholic Cathedral College was left in the presbytery garage. Come and pick it up.

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.
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. Youth leader Kalani will be hosting this event.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: This **Sunday 20th September 10.30am-4.00pm**
St Patricks Church Centre Lincoln. All registered candidates should have received an email confirming what to bring. Any enquiries please email Brigid on pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com

Annual Secondhand Catholic Book Sale - 26th/27th Sept
Next weekend, St. Augustine's Bookshop is holding its annual Catholic Secondhand Book Sale at Christ the King Pastoral Centre (90 Greers Rd, Burnside): 9am-4pm Saturday and 10am-3pm Sunday. Come and have a look as there will be over 2,000 Catholic books for sale at cheap prices covering a huge range of categories. EFTPOS will be available. God bless :). Dan

Sacred Heart School/Addington Convent School 150th Jubilee Newsletter
In 2027, Sacred Heart Primary School, the old Addington Convent School will mark 150 years! We are currently in the early planning stages and need your help to gauge interest and estimate guest numbers across a proposed 3-day schedule. Completing this short survey is non-binding and does not commit you to purchasing tickets or attending. It simply helps us plan the right venues and activities for our community.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4D_T7BFw4w8zNNW6shtekVyq_BMZzS1t58lKOGUwpFLbFHw/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=108289944531141440426