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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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 October 2026

'Support Life Sunday'

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, Thursday, Friday, 9.00am

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

Akaroa: Wednesday, 10.00am

Akaroa has a Communion Service each Sunday, 9.30am.
(Mass on the First Sunday of the month)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Lincoln: Friday after Mass until Midday

Reconciliation: Saturday 10.00am at Lincoln

A Funeral Mass will replace the advertised mass in the same church.

Support for Life Sunday: The principle of the inherent dignity of every person is a key part of Catholic Social Teaching. On this 'Support Life Sunday', we are invited to renew our commitment to work for peace as well as a consistent ethic of life: defending the dignity of every human person, accompanying the vulnerable, working for justice and helping to build a society centred on peace where every person knows they are not just welcome at God's banquet table but that they are able to be there because the barriers of violence in all of its forms, especially wars, have been destroyed.

Darfield: Sunday Mass Time will remain at 9.00am for the whole year.
No Lincoln Mass on Thursday 22 October.

Is there a parishioner with a **Gun Licence** - who can store two .22 rifles ? Please contact Fr Brian.

RIP: Recently Deceased: Pauline Cervantes (Leeston); Kay Rivers (Lincoln); Fr Jack O'Connor; Nell Phelan (Rolleston);
Pauline Cervantes' Funeral Mass will be in St Patrick's Church, Lincoln, this Saturday, 10 October, at 11.00am.

- 2027 Calendars ordered from Rachel are available in the narthex of St Patrick's church. Please pick up your calendar. There are still 5 calendars to be up-lifted.
- **2027 Columban Calendars** are available at the doors of the churches: **cost $13** – same as last year. This is a good way to support the missionary efforts for the Columbans.

The ***Catholic Women's League*** would like to invite any parishioners to our next meeting this Monday, 12th October, in the Lincoln Church Centre, to hear our speaker - Caroline Fiddymont speaking on her time at a Benedictine Monastery in France.
The time for this is 2.00pm and you are very welcome to join us for afternoon tea.

The Catholic Church around the world will mark the **100th Mission Sunday, next Sunday, 18 October.**
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/

Donations, to help evangelisation and the work of missionaries, may be made online: https://missio.nz/donate/
There are Donation Envelopes at the entrances to the churches.
The donations are administered by the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Pope Pius XI established World Mission Sunday in 1926 to unite the Catholic Church in prayer and financial support for mission work.

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
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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 – **Selwyn Catholic Parish: 03-1592-0207180-022**

Praying for Vocations and for Priests: as in the past, the diocesan family dedicates Thursdays to pray for priests and vocations to the priesthood.
You might like to come to Mass on Thursdays, if possible, but all are invited to pray for this intention using a prayer for vocations written by Pope Francis.
Prayer cards are available at the back of your church or online at the Diocesan website.
For more information contact the Vocations Coordinator Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz
Matt O'Conneell will visit Darfield on Thursday 22 October to speak on this Intention after mass … before joining us for coffee at *Dalethorpe Café*.

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Prayer Vigil for the Unborn: Join us for an afternoon of prayer, hymns, and fellowship as we pray together. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in Hagley Park, Matai Street east entrance. Next gathering **Saturday, 7 November**. Contact: info@fftkingdom.com

Last advertising: a Catholic Cathedral College **jacket** was left in the presbytery garage. Come and pick it up.

St Michael's Troops: Saturday, November 7th. Do you long for authentic brotherhood and a space to grow deeper in faith alongside other men? St Michael's Troops is an event for men aged 16-35 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ. This morning event in Riccarton includes Mass and formation, physical activity, and shared BBQ. Join us, and bring a mate. Register now at fitforthekingdom.com.au

Combined Churches Women's Fellowship meets at **Trinity Church, Darfield** at 2pm this **Thursday, 15th October**. Our speaker will be Dorothy Innes from Springfield who is going to talk about "How to eat from your garden all year round'. Dorothy and Tom have an amazing food garden so it will be an interesting afternoon. Ladies from all churches and no church are all welcome.

Joanne Polk is offering her Yamaha baby grand piano for free. She is looking for a passionate music enthusiast who will appreciate and care for it. As She retires from music and needs someone who can take proper care of her grand piano. Please contact her via email @ jonnepolk798@gmail.com.

CONFIRMATION SESSION REMINDER: This **Sunday 11th October 4-5pm** Lincoln Church Centre
All registered candidates to attend please. Contact Brigid McIndoe pastoralassistantselwyn@gmail.com