

St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 11th February 2024

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Sentence - A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited his people. Luke 7: 16

Collect - Everliving God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, healed the lepers and brought good news to the despised and outcast: grant us your gifts of compassion and self-control, that in serving others in their need we may strive for the imperishable wreath that you bestow on all who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Introit 55 O for a thousand tongues to sing
Gradual 507 Just as I am, without one plea
Offertory 490 We cannot measure how you heal
Closing 179 Love divine, all loves excelling

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for next Sunday 11th February

First Reading - 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Gospel - Mark 1: 40-45

Readers - 8.00am -To be advised

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according

to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air, but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

Mark 1: 40-45

A man with a skin disease came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I am willing. Be made clean!" Immediately the skin disease left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country, and people came to him from every quarter.

We remember in our prayers - Lorraine, Anne, Tomas, Donna, Julie, Megan, Dianne, Noeline, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Margaret, Jeff, and Bryce. Residents and parishioners in Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road, Grenada Avenue.

Readings for next Sunday 18th February

First Reading - Genesis 9: 8-17

Epistle - 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel - Mark 1: 9-15

Readers - **8.00am** - To be advised

Readers - **9.30am** - Megan and Karen

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 13th	Selwyn Centre re commences today at 9.30am. Join us for fun, friendship and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 14th	Ash Wednesday. 10am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 15th	10.00am Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 18th	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion

Baptism –

On Sunday 18th February 2024, Bella will be baptised at St Paul's during the 9.30am service. After the service, we will have a morning tea. If you are able, please bring along some food to share as together we join in celebrating this very special occasion.

Dates for your diaries –

Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion and imposition of ashes.

Thursday 28th March

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Extinguishing the light and Communion.

Friday 29th March

Good Friday - To be advised

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am