

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

Sunday 23rd February 2025

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Sentence - Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. You will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Luke 6: 35

Collect - God of compassion, keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son, who prayed even for his enemies. In our words and deeds help us to be like him, through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Introit 261 For the healing of the nations
Gradual 535 Jesus, priceless treasure
Offertory 442 The head that once was crowned with thorns
Closing 678 Take my life and let it be

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 23rd February

First Reading - Genesis 45: 3-11, 15
Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50
Gospel - Luke 6: 27-38
Readers - 8.00am - To be advised
Readers - 9.30am - Karen and Liz

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him", 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body. So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body,

there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being" the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man. I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Luke 6: 27- 38

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

NEXT WEEK

Tuesday 25th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 26th	Mid - week Holy Communion 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 27th	Mainly Music 10.00am resumes today. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 2 nd March	8.00am - Holy Communion 9.30am - Holy Communion

Readings for next Sunday 2nd March

First Reading - Isaiah 55: 10-13

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Gospel - Luke 6: 39-49

Readers - 8.00am - To be advised

Readers - 9.30am - Ulo and Liz

We remember in our prayers - Those people in our parish in need of prayer we remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Arrow Road, Bond Crescent, Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road.

St Paul's AGM - Sunday 30th March

Our AGM will take place during the 9.30am Service. There will be no 8.00am service this Sunday.

World Day of Prayer – Friday 7th March 2025

“I Made You Wonderfully”

A service prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee
from the Cook Islands.

Place - St Joseph's Catholic Church, Takapuna.

Time - 11.00am