

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

Sunday 16th August

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Sentence: Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.'

Collect: Come Holy Spirit with new fire; when our prayers seem to fail, when we hear no voice nor any answer, rouse us and light our way. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Introit	77 All people that on earth do dwell
Gradual	26 Amazing Grace
Offertory	474 My God, now is your table spread
Closing	54 Now thank we all our God

9.30am - NZPB 456

Readings for today Sunday 16th August

First Reading - Genesis 45: 1-15

Epistle - Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Gospel - Matthew 15: 21-28

Readers - Patrick and Gaylene

Genesis 45: 1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 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 now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residence and parishioners in Maddison Place, Meadowvale Avenue, Merrifield Avenue, Newport Place, Nile Road, Pax Avenue, Quebec Road, Raines Avenue.

Readings for next Sunday 23rd August

First Reading - Exodus 1:8- 2:10

Epistle - Romans 12: 1-8

Gospel - Matthew 16: 13-20

Readers - Chris and Christine

Next Week

Tuesday 18th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00.
Wednesday 19th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 20th	10am Mainly Music. Resumes today. \$5.00 per family
Sunday 23rd	9.30am Holy Communion.

Upcoming Events

Blessing of windows - By the Bishop of Auckland on Sunday 30th August at the 9.30am service.

High Tea - We also hope to have a High Tea date to be advised possibly September.

Parish Quiz night - We will reschedule the quiz night. Probably later in the year maybe October/November when the weather gets warmer. Thank you to those who put your names down to attend.