

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford
Sunday 14th February

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Sentence - A great prophet has arisen amongst 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 251 Our cities cry for you, O God
Gradual 624 Jesus Christ is waiting
Offertory 242 Be still
Dismissal 638 Guide me, O my great Redeemer

8.00am - Blue Book
9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 14th February

1st Reading - 2 Kings 5:1-14

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Gospel - Mark 1: 40-45

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Liz and Denis

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 leprosy. 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 leprosy." 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 leprosy." 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 leprosy? 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 leprosy! 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 leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you choose, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately the leprosy 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 - Noeline, Bob, Gillian, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel. And residents and parishioners in Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road.

Readings for next Sunday 21st February

1st 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 - Priscilla and Erika

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 16th	9.30am Selwyn Centre. Join us for friendship and fun. Cost \$4.00.
Wednesday 17th	Ash Wednesday. 10.00am Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes service. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 18th	10.00am Mainly Music.
Sunday 21st	Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am

Date to put in your diaries – Vestry has planned a High Tea for **Saturday 20th March**. Please keep this Saturday free for an afternoon of friendship and fun.

Family Sunday Roast

Too often our lives are described as 'busy'. A constant battle to find the important balance, desperately needed by all. Family time, sitting down and talking with the kids, making time for the grandparents, or just catching up with friends. All without the hassle of preparing, cooking, and cleaning up afterward.

An exciting addition to our annual calendar, the Family Sunday Roast. Set-up in the Thomas Vaughan Function Room, with beautiful views over Long Bay beach.

A buffet-style roast lunch, comprising two meats, starch, and an array of vegetables, all accompanied by scrumptious gravy.

A variety of teas and/or fresh plunger coffee and fruit juices available from our self-help station.

\$35 per adult

\$25 per child under 10

Book now as spots are limited.

Email admin@vaughanpark.org.nz to book now!

Terms and Conditions

Full, non-refundable payment is required to confirm a booking.

Numbers are limited to the capacity of the room and other confirmed bookings.

For catering purposes, the final cut-off is COB Wednesday before the event.