

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

Sunday 26th April



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Sentence: 'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep,' John 10:11

Collect: Good shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, where you reign one God forever. Amen

Introit	42 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Gradual	455 Here from all nations, all tongues
Offertory	205 The king of love my shepherd is
Closing	77 All people that on earth do dwell

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 26th April

First Reading - Acts 2: 42-47

Epistle - 1 Peter 2: 19-25

Gospel - John 10: 1-10

Readers - Patrick and Gaylene

Acts 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

1 Peter 2: 19-25

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10: 1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

We remember in our prayers -Those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residents and parishioners in Midway Avenue, Parr Terrace, Rae Road, Rahopara Street, Seaview Road, Taumata Road.

Next Week

Tuesday 28th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00.
Wednesday 29th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 30th	10.00am Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 3 rd May	9.30am Holy Communion.

Upcoming Events for your diaries -

Quiz Night - We are organising a quiz night on Friday 22nd May. Join us for fun and friendship. Make up your own teams of 6 people or please sign the list at the back of the church and we will allocate you a table. In the meantime swat up on your general knowledge. We will supply a light supper half way through the evening. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

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 - possibly September.

Readings for next Sunday 3rd May

First Reading - Acts 7: 55-60

Epistle - 1 Peter 2: 2-10

Gospel - John 14: 1-14

Readers - Karen and Marion

Receipts: Receipts for donations made to the parish over the period of 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 are available on the table at the back of the church. If you would like an electronic copy so you can easily upload it to the IRD website, please email:

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The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:11-18



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 T B F L O C K P K M I U W E J
 Q V C Q K N O W F L F R I A Y
 L N B F O O H P J O E Q U T I
 Z G N L Q R I D Q V U C W N S
 A A I G O O D S T E T S A L S
 O S T M S J C N H S S D M L T
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 K G E C G B A O T R L S C V V
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ATTACKS	CARES	PEN	GOOD	RUNS
SCATTERS	VOICE	SHEPHERD	LIFE	KNOW