

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

Sunday 2nd August

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Sentence: The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desire of all that fear him, hears their cry, and saves them. Psalm 145: 18-19

Collect: God of the hungry, make us hunger and thirst for the right, till our thirst for justice has been satisfied and hunger has gone from the earth. Hear this prayer for your love's sake. Amen.

Introit	497 dear Lord and father of mankind
Gradual	312 Let us gladly with one mind
Offertory	458 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Closing	179 Love divine, all loves excelling

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 2nd August

First Reading - Genesis 32: 22-31

Epistle - Romans 9: 1-5

Gospel - Matthew 14: 13-21

Readers - Sarah and Edward

Genesis 32: 22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

Romans 9: 1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Matthew 14: 13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residence and parishioners in Arrow Street, Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road, Grenada Avenue, Havelock Avenue.

Financial News: Back in 2022 four parishioners kindly made loans amounting to \$95,000 to the parish to assist with paying for the recladding of the church building. These loans were for a 5-year period, with instalments being repaid annually. Vestry is delighted to advise that all 4 donors have now been fully repaid, within 4 years, thanks to the success of our Opportunity Shop.

Of course, the recladding project quickly became a major renovation costing almost \$700,000 and the Diocesan Council provided an interest-free loan of \$490,000 to the parish. On 01 August we will commence monthly repayments of this major loan over a 25 year period, again from the Opportunity Shop sales.

Readings for next Sunday 9th August

First Reading - Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28

Epistle: Romans 10: 5-15

Gospel - Matthew 14: 22-33

Readers - Karen and Liz P

Next Week

Tuesday 4th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00.
Wednesday 5th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 6th	10am Mainly Music. Resumes today. \$5.00 per family
Sunday 9th	9.30am Holy Communion.

Thank You – To those of you who put your names on the list to help vestry at any parish events. Our first event will be Sunday 30th August for the blessing of the windows. We are thinking a small plate for morning tea. And some kitchen duties. Please let Mary know if you will be attending and can help.

Upcoming Events for your diaries -

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.