

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

Sunday 13th September

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Sentence: If you O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand? Here is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130 - 3-4

Collect: God of infinite mercy grant that we who know your pity may rejoice in your forgiveness and gladly forgive others for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Introit	24 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Gradual	188 There's a wideness in God's mercy
Offertory	479 Put peace into each other's hands
Closing	321 Crown him with many crowns

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 13th September

First Reading - Exodus 14: 19-31

Epistle - Romans 14: 1-12

Gospel - Matthew 18: 21-35

Readers - Megan and Hilary

Exodus 14: 19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they

give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residence and parishioners in Otakau Road, Penning Road, Pierce Road, Prestige Place, Prospect Terrace, Rangitoto Terrace. Richards Avenue, Saltburn Road.

Readings for next Sunday 20th September

First Reading - Exodus 16: 2-15

Epistle - Philippians 1: 21-30

Gospel - Matthew 20: 1-16

Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

Next Week

Tuesday 15th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00.
Wednesday 16th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 17th	10am Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 20th	Holy Communion 9.30am.

Upcoming Events

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.