

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

Sunday 30th August



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Sentence: If you want to become a disciple of Jesus, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow him. Matthew 16: 24-25

Collect: God of unchangeable power, our strength at all times; guard us from all dangers and support us in all difficulties that we may live victoriously now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Introit 601 Lift high the cross

Gradual Korean Choir

Offertory 474 My God, now is your table spread

Closing 572 Christ is made the sure foundation

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 30th August

First Reading - Exodus 3: 1-15

Epistle - Romans 12: 9-21

Gospel - Matthew 16: 21-28

Readers - Megan and Mary

Exodus 3: 1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God

of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations".

Romans 12: 9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16: 21-28

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Please note – Today's service will conclude with the blessing of the relocated stained glass windows by The Right Reverend Ross Bay, Anglican Bishop of Auckland.

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residents and parishioners in Craig Road, Dallinghoe Crescent, Dodson Avenue, Fenwick Avenue, Frater Avenue, Frieston Road. Gordon Avenue.

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.

Readings for next Sunday 6th September

First Reading - Exodus 12: 1-14

Epistle - Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel - Matthew 18: 15-20

Readers - Ulo and Liz

Next Week

Tuesday 1 st	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00.
Wednesday 2 nd	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 3 rd	10am Mainly Music. Resumes today. \$5.00 per family
Thursday 3 rd to Saturday 5 th	Annual Auckland Diocesan Synod will be attended by Grant, Megan, and Mary.
Sunday 6 th	Holy Communion – 9.30am