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

Sunday 25th October

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Sentence: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22: 37-40

Collect: Almighty God, you teach us in your word that love is the fulfilment of the law: grant that we may love you with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Introit	24 All hail the power of Jesus' name
Gradual	663 Come down, O love divine!
Offertory	471 Jesus, the joy of loving hearts
Closing	299 For the fruits of his creation

9.30am - NZPB 476

Readings for today Sunday 25th October
First Reading - Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
Epistle -1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Gospel - Matthew 22: 34-46
Readers - Karen and Liz Powell

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22: 34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord", saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" '? "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residents and parishioners in Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent. Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Currey Crescent, Forrest Hill Road, Grenada Avenue, Havelock Avenue.

Readings for next Sunday 1st November

First Reading - Revelations 7: 9 to end

Epistle - 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12

Readers - Megan and Mary

Next Week

Tuesday 27th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. $5.00.
Wednesday 28th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 29th	10am Mainly Music. $5.00 per family.
Sunday 1st	Holy Communion 9.30am.

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Matthew 22:37-40

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