

PARISH OF MILFORD
St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

Sunday 25th October

Thank you to the Rev'd Hilary Leith for taking our services today

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Sentence – You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all you 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 - O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit , one God, now and forever. Amen

Introit 646 What a friend we have in Jesus
Gradual 663 Come down, O Love divine
Offertory 483 Welcome to another day!
Dismissal 24 All hail the power of Jesus name

8.00am - Blue Book

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 25th October

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Epistle - 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Gospel - Matthew 22: 34-46

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am - Patrick Jackson and Erika Halliday

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 Negev, 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 was buried 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, a lawyer, 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 – Bob, Scott, Ray, Barrie, Lesley, Lorna, Shobha, Jessica, Pat, Hazel, Shelley, Cynthia, Logan, Kelvin, Bob and Gabriel. And residents and parishioners in Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace, Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent.

This Week

Tuesday 27th October - Selwyn Centre 9.30 – 12.00.

Cost \$4.00. Join us for fun, friendship and a very happy morning.

Wednesday 28th October -10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.

Thursday 29th October - Mainly Music 10.00am.

Sunday 1st November - Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am.

Recladding Update

While we haven't communicated progress since the AGM, many things have been occurring 'behind the scenes'. Auckland Council has granted an extension to our Building Consent so now work must commence before September 2021. We've also been working with the Diocesan Property Manager to refine the project and have now submitted an application to the Diocese for permission to undertake the repairs. We hope this will be approved before Christmas. The Diocesan Property Manager required us to upgrade the type of cladding as our chosen material would not be approved by the Faculties Committee, adding \$12,000 to the project price. You may not realize that although the Diocese has overall control of the buildings and what we can and cannot do –they do not contribute anything to the cost of the work .

The Quantity Surveyor's report indicates \$94,350 as the cost of the full project (gst exc). Over the past two years we have raised \$51,980 through donations from parishioners (\$41,180) and from High Teas and Mid-Winter dinners (\$10,800). Regular transfers from the Op Shop bank account boost the Cladding account every month. The various professional reports and the Building Consent have so far cost \$18,568. Currently we have \$44,700 in the Cladding account for the project. The Op Shop account could provide an additional \$12,000 and Vestry intends to apply to Foundation North for a grant. Assuming we receive around \$12,000 (although we will ask for more than that) from Foundation North, **there is a shortfall of approximately \$25,600**. If you have a stunning fundraising idea for this final hurdle please talk to Megan (phone 4105117 or email: meganbowden@xtra.co.nz).

Readings for next Sunday 1st November

1st Reading - Revelation 7: 9 to the end

Epistle - 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12

Readers 8.00am - To be advised

Readers 9.30am – Gaylene Hotchkiss and Karen Stubbs