

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

Sunday 6th September

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Sentence: 'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.' Matthew 18:20

Collect: Creator God, you have made us not in one mould, but in many: so deepen our unity in Christ that we may rejoice in our diversity. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Introit	93 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven
Gradual	201 Jesus, lover of my soul
Offertory	458 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Closing	179 Love divine, all loves excelling

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 6th September

First Reading - Exodus 12: 1-14

Epistle - Romans 13: 8-14

Gospel - Matthew 18: 15-20

Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

Exodus 12: 1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance."

Romans 13: 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18: 15-20

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

We remember in our prayers those people in our parish in need of prayer. We also remember residence and parishioners in Inga Road, Keldale Place, Kitchener Road, Marsh Avenue, Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road.

Readings for next Sunday 13th September

First Reading - Exodus 14: 19-31

Epistle - Romans 14: 1-12

Gospel - Matthew 18: 21-35

Readers - Megan - Hilary

Next Week

Tuesday 8th	Selwyn Centre 9.30am. Join us for fellowship, fun and conversation. \$5.00.
Wednesday 9th	Mid - week 10.00am Holy Communion. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 10th	10am Mainly Music. \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 13th	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.