

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

**Sunday 18th May 2025**

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**Sentence** - 'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord, 'that you love one another. As I have loved you, you also should love one another.'  
John13: 34

**Collect** - We behold your glory, O God, in the love shown by your Son, lifted up on the cross and exalted on high: be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

<b>Introit</b>	184 The kingdom of God
<b>Gradual</b>	179 Love divine, all loves excelling
<b>Offertory</b>	471 Jesus, the joy of loving hearts
<b>Closing</b>	180 Love is his word, love is his way

**9.30am** - NZPB 476

## **Readings for today Sunday 18th May**

First Reading - Acts11: 1-18

Epistle - Revelation 21: 1-6

Gospel - John 13: 31-35

Readers - Chris and Christine Maud

## **Acts 11: 1-18**

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

## **Revelation 21: 1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne

said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life".

### **John 13: 31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May we will be welcoming The Reverend Mark Napa from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Takapuna who will be preaching at St Paul's. The Milford and Takapuna ministers meet during the year, it will be St. Paul's first time having someone from the Catholic Church at our Sunday service. Please extend to Mark a very warm welcome. Out of these gatherings it was agreed that the clergy-ministers would swap the preaching roll that will take place once or twice a year.

### **Next Week**

Tuesday 20th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 21st	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 22nd	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 25th	Holy Communion 9.30am.

### **Readings for next Sunday 25th May**

First Reading - Acts 16: 9-15

Epistle - Revelations 21:10, 22:-5

Gospel - John 14: 23-29

Readers - Sarah and Edward

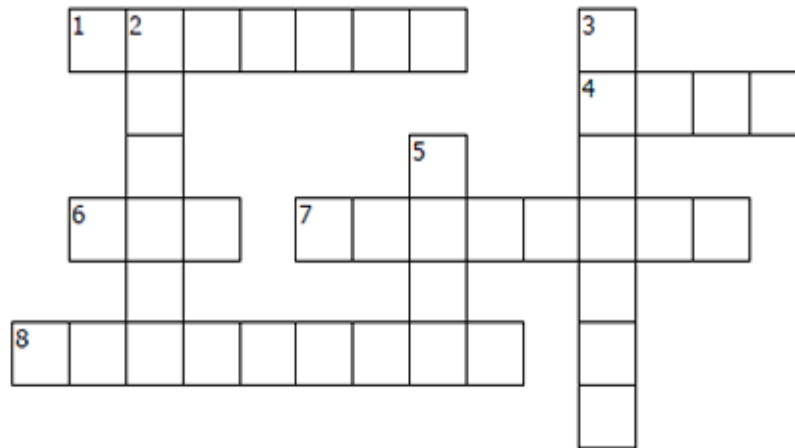
We remember in our prayers – those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Arrow Road, Bond Crescent, Catalina Crescent, Corunna Road, Curry Crescent, Forrest Hill Road, Grenada Avenue.

# A New Commandment

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

This puzzle is based on John 13:31-35 (NIV)

"Love one another as I have loved you."



## ACROSS

1. An order or a rule given with authority
4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
6. The opposite of old
7. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

## DOWN

2. People aside from oneself
3. To give praise and honour to God or a person
5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.

CHILDREN  
GLORIFY

COMMAND  
DISCIPLES

LOVE  
NEW

OTHERS  
TIME