

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

Sunday 27th July 2025

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Sentence - Ask, and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. Luke 11.9

Collect - Provident Father, with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips, we ask, we seek, we knock at your door: help us to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Introit	31 Christ is the king! O friends rejoice
Gradual	335 Come, O long expected Jesus
Offertory	299 For the fruits of his creation
Closing	311 We plough the fields, and scatter

9.30am - NZPB 404

Readings for today Sunday 27th July

First Reading - Hosea 1: 2-10

Epistle - Colossians 2: 6-15

Gospel - Luke 11: 1-13

Readers - Marion and Patrick

Hosea 1: 2-10

When the LORD first spoke through Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of prostitution and have children of prostitution, for the land commits great prostitution by forsaking the LORD.” So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. And the LORD said to him, “Name him Jezreel, for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.” She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the LORD said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the LORD their God; I will not save them by bow or by sword or by war or by horses or by horsemen.” When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.” Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered, and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”

Colossians 2: 6-15

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to

fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Luke 11: 1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

We remember in our prayers – those people in our parish in need of prayer. We remember Bryce, Lyn and Megan. We also remember residents and parishioners in Stanley Avenue, Strafford Avenue, Sudan Avenue, Sylvan Park Avenue, Thornton Road, Tobruk Crescent, Trafalgar Road.

Next Week

Tuesday 29th	Selwyn Centre at 9.30am. Join us for exercise, fellowship, fun, and morning tea. Cost \$5.00.
Wednesday 30th	Holy Communion at 10.00am. Followed by morning tea.
Thursday 31st	Mainly Music 10.00am. Cost \$5.00 per family.
Sunday 3rd	Holy Communion 9.30am.

Dates for your diaries – more information to follow.

17th September 10.00am - Blessing of windows by the Bishop of Auckland the Right Reverend Ross Bay. Followed by morning tea.

Friday 7th November - Quiz night in the parish hall.

Friday 21st November 11.30am - Op Shop thank you

Saturday 6th December - High tea 2.30pm.

Readings for next Sunday 3rd August

First Reading - Hosea 11: 1-11

Epistle - Colossians 3: 1-11

Gospel - Luke 12:13-21

Readers -To be advised