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Sunday February 15th – Quinquagesima (50)

8.00am – Holy Communion

9.30am – Holy Communion and J Team

Sentence: The ransomed of the Lord will return; everlasting joy will crown their heads; gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. **Isaiah 51: 11**

Collect: God of compassion, deepen and increase our love for you so that we may leave behind the sins from which you have redeemed us, and serve you in perfect freedom. **Amen.**

1st Lesson – 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27

Gospel - Mark 1: 40-45

Prayer of the people

We pray for the decision-makers of our world, O God:

For the sensitive and selfless politicians, and for the tyrannical leaders;

For the careful and skilled teachers, and for those who simply wish to impose their own way;

For those who work toward a sustainable life, and for those whose concern is to take the most from the earth;

For the nurturers of the refugees and the poorest, and for those who could care less about nurturing them.

Enable us to support the faithful decision-makers, O God, and expose the selfish ones.

Followers of Jesus can do no less.

We pray for the decision-makers among the suffering, O God:

For care-bringers to youngsters and elders, and for those who disrespect the young and the elderly;

For vocation-driven nurses and doctors, and for those motivated only by profit;

For sick persons who know support, and for those who are alone;

For social workers who keep strictly to the rules, and for those who overflow with compassion;

We think of those in our own family and in our church family who are sick and troubled. We remember Amanda, Hope, Bob, and Gabriel. And for Parishioners and residence in Castor Bay Road, Eastcliffe Road, Gammons Way, Heathcote Road.

We remember the bereaved (time of silent reflection).

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We pray for ourselves for the decisions we make:

For the times we are willing to hear fresh ideas,
and for the times our ears are closed.

For the times we engage in a new adventure in faith or learning,
and for the times we lack the confidence to change.

For the times we refuse a foolhardy course of action, and for the
times we lack the courage to say no.

For the times we support family members and friends at great
cost, and for the times we find some excuse not to.

**We are followers of Jesus. Be with us when we are faced
with hard choices, O God.**

Next Sunday – February 22nd - Lent 1

1st Lesson – Genesis 9: 8-17

Epistle – 1 Peter 3: 18-22

Gospel – Mark 1: 9-15

8.00am – Bobbie Poll, Jim Cozens, Jack Weir, Rosemary Maire.

9.30am – Gaylene Hotchkiss, Joyce Burgess, Pam Martin, Liz
Powell.

This Week

Tuesday 17	Shrove Tuesday Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00pm.
Wednesday 18	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion service at 10am. Half hour Ecumenical Service at 6.15pm
Thursday 19	Mainly music. Preschool programme. \$3.00.
Saturday 21	Indaba trip to Russell.
Sunday 22	Services 8.00am and 9.30am.



LENT

We move to the Lenten season of 40 days from Ash Wednesday. Past years crosses are made into ash and people are anointed with ash and oil as a sign of sorrow for where they have missed the mark in Christian living. We have two services 10am Holy Communion and anointing and 6.15pm a short service with local Catholics using the anointing with Ash. We will not serve refreshments rather begin a short fast.

On February 22nd Joyce, Tania, Graeme, Pam and Priscilla will be visiting Russell Local Share Ministry Unit with 5 representatives from the Hillsborough parish to begin a sharing process. John will take the services at St. Paul's.

The 6 Lenten studies this year are entitled Gratitude and Grace. A group will meet Wednesdays from February 22nd. Others have asked for a book to use at home.

- ❖ **Sunday March 1st. 5.30 pm at the Bridgeway Fund raiser.** The second best exotic Marigold Hotel. tickets cost \$20.00. We make \$8.00 a ticket. See Joyce for tickets.
- ❖ **The Rev. Bryan Haggitt** will be licensed as Priest in Charge of the Glenfield Mission District at 7.30pm February 17th.
- ❖ **Jars for Jim** to make marmalade jam for the October fair. We are sure you know the size jar Jim likes. If not please ask him.
- ❖ **Certified and Qualified builder/carpenter.** Phone David on 0212 898654 or 488 9248.

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