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Dear Parishioners,

in the last two months we have attended to the advent activities, enjoyed the Christmas Celebrations and sweltered in the summer heat.

We gave thanks for the life of Kath Montgomery, such a caring person of her family, students, neighbours and church. At her funeral service I spoke of her generosity in paying for the pizza oven, support of mainly music, arranging for new linen at All Hallows and her love of Castor Bay and Milford. Kath taught me to make chocolate ginger and she would make Christmas puddings for the Christmas dinner. We will miss Kath's family also. Robert and Mere were regular attenders at St. Paul's when visiting in Auckland.

My brother Keith died on December 23 and my family went to Nelson for his funeral and to catch up with family. Several parishioners had their first Christmases without loved ones.

The Selwyn Centre have enjoyed a summer trip to lunch at Waiheke.

Vestry have approved a replacement safe for the current one. We can then start replacing communion vessels. You may like to give sanctuary vessels in memory of loved ones. Our insurance excess is such that we cannot replace all that was lost last year from insurance.

The church had a major leak under the altar floor. We discovered it when it was a few days old. The female bathroom now has an attractive sink and vanity. Thanks to Ricky. The Opportunity Shop has resumed with a good number of helpers and we are learning to use the eftpos machine. We do need more shop assistance. See Mary if you wish to join the roster. Liam, Tom and Kieran helped one day of the holidays. Thank you.

This term is a busy one for the church. Shrove Tuesday is being celebrated on February 15th with a brunch of pizzas and pancakes. Bring mixes or toppings for the pancakes and toppings for the bases.

On Ash Wednesday, the 17th February there will be a 10.00am service where a cross of ashes is placed on people's foreheads to remind them of preparing for the discipline of Lent. We may

also have a short evening service with the catholic community. Each person will be given a collection of 40 words and we are invited to read one a day through Lent and think on that word. The Lenten study covers the passages in John that are read with Mark this year. The study book is called Gratitude and Grace. One group will meet on Wednesdays at 10.45 in church. If 5 people wish for an evening group we will have one.

The Indaba team for this parish are Graeme Thomas, Tania Manuel, Pam Martin, Priscilla Phillips and myself. We travel to Russell on the 21st and 22nd of February to mix with that parish and Hillsborough. If others wish to visit Waitangi or Oihi they could make their own arrangements to travel. We need to offer 10 billets on the 21st of March. Are you able to help?

The A.G.M this year will be on March 15th at 10.45am. Megan has worked very hard to have the books already at the auditors. She commented to vestry that the practice of having a monthly mission focus has meant we have over \$1,000 more funds given to the projects of the board of Missions. This year again we invite you to name particular charities you would like the church to donate to. Thank you.

Look at all the events in Lent and plan to enjoy this season. There were 15 people working on sorting clothing and goods for the garage sale in the heat on the 30th. Others unpacked the stage. What great teams of helpers.

With good wishes, Joyce.

Lord give me faith to live from day to day.
The future is your gift.
And so, holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother, may we see you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly.
Amen.

Prayers for the sick – Please remember in your prayers: Julie, Hope, Margaret, Jack, Lesley, Esther, and Bethany.



As the first day of Lent season, Ash Wednesday is a key turning point in the Church's year, and many churches mark it with a special penitential Eucharist.

There are key and unique dimensions of Ash Wednesday which flavor it and make it special. The imposition of Ashes' dates from pre-Christian times, but first appears in the Spanish Mozarabic rite of the sixth century, with the signing the forehead with ashes for penitence.

The ashes imposed are traditionally made of burned palm crosses from the previous year-palm leaves formed into crosses, blessed and handed out as tokens of passion, kingship and salvation on Palm Sunday when Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week is commemorated.

February 2015

Tuesday 3	10am Park Lane Holy Communion. 9.30am – 12.00 Selwyn Centre – Fun, friendship, food, discussion and scrabble. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 4	Oil for healing and Holy Communion at 10am. Bible Study 10.45.
Thursday 5	Mainly music resumes. A preschool activity of music, dance, singing and morning tea. \$3.00 per family.
Friday 6	Waitangi Day
Sunday 8	Sexagesima Sunday. Services at 8am and 9.30am.
Tuesday 10	Lady Allum Holy Communion 10.30am Selwyn Centre 9.30am to 12.00. Join us for companionship, quizzes, scrabble, laughter and morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 11	10am Holy Communion and Bible Study morning tea.
Thursday 12	10am Mainly music. Preschool activity, music, food. \$3.00.
Sunday 15	Quinquagesima Sunday. After 8am service Pancakes. Bring your favorite fillings. After 9.30am pizzas and pancakes. (instead of Shrove Tuesday).
Tuesday 17	9.30am – 12.00 Selwyn Centre Shrove Tuesday – Fun, discussion, food and scrabble. Cost \$3.00. 4pm Takapuna, Milford Ecumenical group, at St Peter's.
Wednesday 18	Ash Wednesday 10am Holy Communion and anointing with ashes.

Thursday 19	Mainly music. Music, dance and fun for preschoolers and their caregivers. Cost \$3.00 per family.
Saturday 21	Indaba trip to Russell.
Sunday 22	Lent One. Services 8am and 9.30am.
Tuesday 24	Selwyn Centre 9.30am – 12.00. Friendship, fun, good conversation for older people. Cost \$3.00.
Wednesday 25	10am Holy Communion and Lenten Study One.
Thursday 26	Mainly music. A weekly gathering for preschoolers and their families. Cost \$3.00 per family.
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Friday 6	World Day of Prayer
Sunday 15	One Service. A.G.M, Harvest Festival, Mothering Sunday.
Sunday 22	One Service. Our team is hosting the Indaba teams.
Sunday 29	Palm Sunday

Poem

As Christ was called by God so are we called,
to be spirit-touched people,
the bearers of good news that floods and flows into
all the corners of the world.

Where there is conflict and war, may there be the
floating waters of peace.

Where there is heartbreak and sorrow, may we be the
soothing waters of balance and composure.

Where there is illness and disease, may we bring
the cooling waters of healing.

Where there are prisons and cages of oppression,
may we bring the cleansing waters of freedom

Retirement for Joyce.

Graeme and Pam announced the retirement of Joyce, happening on May 1st. John and Joyce moved into the vicarage on the 25th January 2005 and have enjoyed living in the parish and the Milford community. The next three months will include Lent, Easter and Anzac Day as well as the church Annual General Meeting on Sunday March 15th the parish will need to appoint nominators to meet with diocesan representatives to choose the next vicar. The parish is in a good financial position and is blessed with its buildings.

We give thanks for 10 years of ministry of Joyce (and John) in Milford. Bless them as they prepare to journey and we pray for each parishioner that they will be encouraged and open to mission together

‘Wilderness’



Poem

Here,
in this demanding place,
accompanied by wild things,
and nourished by nature,
considerations are made clear.
Here,
the echo
of your bodily claimed words
'you are my beloved,'
reside with me these 40 days,
and I know these words
are not just for me,
but are for all things
and is the good news
that I will proclaim.

Parnell History Tour - Sunday 15th February 3pm – 6pm

A tour which takes in the buildings of historical significance to the church, in Parnell: Selwyn Library, Neligan House, St Stephen's Chapel, St Mary's and Holy Trinity Cathedral. The tour will conclude with Evensong at 5pm in the Chancel of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Peter Lineham is Professor of History at Massey University's Albany campus, with a particular focus on New Zealand's Religious History and current religious patterns. *Numbers are limited*

Contribution to the collection at Evensong

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Worship every Sunday:

8am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Eucharist (NZPB)

9.30am J Team – Karen Stubbs – 410 8089

Weekday Communion -10am - Every Wednesday at St. Paul's

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