



## Prayers

**There are people in our world that make us sad, Loving God!**

People who get hooked on gambling and lose the family home;  
People who use the Internet to take sexual advantage of young children;

People who take financial advantage of the unsuspecting and cause them to lose their life savings.

**And there are some situations that make us sad!**

The fact that some housing and industrial development takes place without regard to animal and plant habitats;

The fact that some children are denied basic health care and education;

The fact that some refugees are in camps for years before they are settled in safe countries.

***These things make us sad, Loving God.***

**Enable us to channel our anger into practical ways to bring change.**

***A candle is lit***

**There are situations among the troubled that make us angry, Loving God!**

When people who are poor or mentally challenged are given the run-around by bureaucrats;

When employers are insensitive to family needs that have to be met during working hours;

When sports professionals and company executives receive huge salaries and pensions, yet service workers struggle to get by on minimum wage;

When sick people are not given the attention they need because they are old and without family;

When people we know well won't admit that they are sick or seek help (*time of silent reflection*).

And we get mad when the bereaved are not treated with the gentleness they deserve or given the grieving time they need.

These things make us angry, Loving God. We pray for the sick

We remember Amanda, Hope, Bob, and Gabriel. And for

Parishioners and residence in Becroft Drive, Belmont Terrace,

Blakeborough Drive, Bond Crescent.

**Enable us to channel our anger into practical ways to bring change.**

***A candle is lit***

**There are some things about ourselves that make us ashamed!**

When we are called to respond to an unjust situation but haven't the courage to put our thoughts into words;

When there are family or community situations that need changing, but our apathy wins out over our will to act;

When the need to set priorities in life is clear, but we keep putting off the hard decisions;

When our loved ones are crying out for help and we do not know how to respond;

When our resolve to make a difference is overcome by fear of the trouble this change in heart and action will bring to our loved ones and us.

**Loving God, these things anger us. Enable us to channel our hard feelings into a renewed willingness to follow the example of Jesus, who spoke out and acted promptly and with confidence. Amen.**

***A candle is lit***

**Next Sunday – March 15th – Lent 4- Mothering Sunday – Harvest Festival- Annual General Meeting**

**9.30am – One service only  
Joyce will contact service helpers.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson – Numbers 21: 4-9**

**Epistle - Ephesians 2: 1-10**

**Gospel – John 3: 14-21**

- ❖ **Thank you** to those who attended the Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Great conversations have since occurred. There is study material on the issues raised, on the internet.
- ❖ **Thank you** to all who are helping with the Indaba Teams.
- ❖ **Remember to contribute ideas** in the Auckland City Planning. Saturday March 13 at Bruce Mason. There are two have a say events, either at 10-12 or 1-3 phone 09 3010101 to register or contact

[www.shapeauckland.co.nz](http://www.shapeauckland.co.nz).

- ❖ **Marlene Bowmar** sends her love to us all from a time in hospital.
- ❖ **Maureen Christensen** is recovering at home from recent hand surgery.
- ❖ **Recently Derek Firth** resigned as Chair of the Dilworth Trust Board. He has been on the Board for 40 years. What a wonderful period of service.
- ❖ **The 6 Lenten studies** this year are entitled Gratitude and Grace. Come on Wednesday 10.45am
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ Home Cleaning Services – general and spring cleaning.  
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### This Week

<b>Sunday 8</b>	One service only 9.30am so all parishioners can meet our guests.
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	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. 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Lillian Daniel, a St. John's visiting scholar Rigorous, Reasonable and Real. How can we change the church?
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	10.00am Holy Communion. Morning tea and Lenten Study.
<b>Thursday 12</b>	10.00am Mainly music, food, music, fun, and company for pre-schoolers and their caregivers. \$3.00 a family.
<b>Sunday 15</b>	Mothering Sunday, Harvest Festival, followed by the Annual General Meeting. Highlights are hearing the news of 2014, reporting back about the Building Project. Announcement of the Vicar's warden, elections of the People's Warden and Vestry Members. One service only. Please bring food gifts for the City Mission. We will be given a flower to honour our mothers.