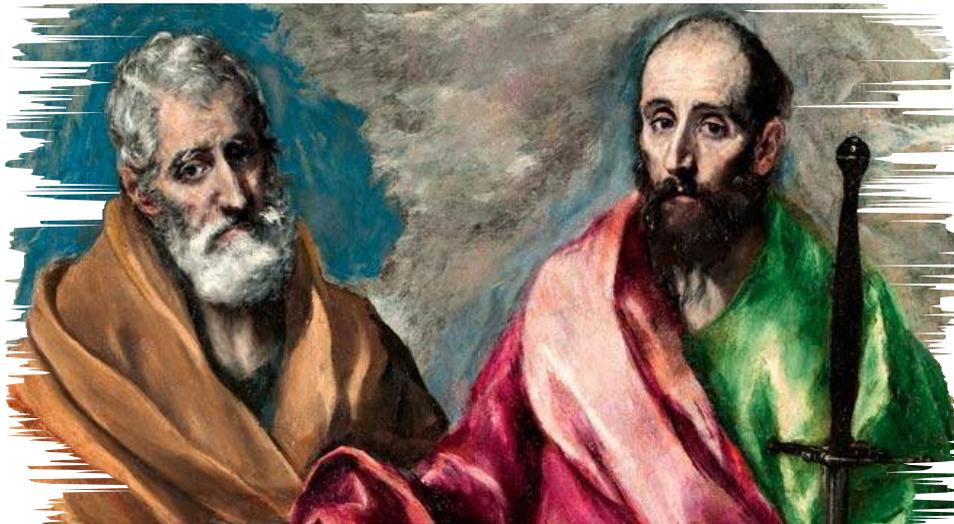


## ANGLICAN PARISH OF MILFORD St Paul's-by-the-Sea, Milford

There is currently no vicar at St Paul's. Until an appointment is made, worship and pastoral care is the responsibility of the Priest-in-charge appointed by the Bishop. The process for the appointment of a new vicar has begun but it will be several months before a new priest is in residence. **Please remember to wear your name tag at church!**

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**Sunday 28th June 2015**  
**Patronal Festival St. Peter and St. Paul**



This painting by El Greco in the National Art Museum in Barcelona portrays the meeting of the apostles Peter and Paul after their falling out. This fact is implied by the greeting hands, which cross each other but do not enter into contact. Peter, depicted as a tired old man seems to be making a yielding gesture, or one of acknowledgement, to Paul, who is proudly wielding the sword, a common feature of his iconography. Behind them, the clouds opening out onto to blue sky highlight their aura of saintliness. The work reflects the great richness of colour and plot for which the Cretan master is famous.

## TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP

### Sentence:

Peter says to Jesus, 'Lord, you know that I love you.'

*John 21:17*

### Collect:

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their deaths as in their lives, grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**Lesson** The Book of the Prophet Jeremiah, ch.1, vv:4-10

**Epistle** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of Paul to Timothy, ch.4, vv.6-8, 17-18

**Gospel** The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, ch.16, vv.13-19

### Today's Hymns

Introit **636 – For all the saints (omit vv.4,5)**

Gradual 417 - *Thine be the glory*

Offertory 14 - *Christ is our corner stone*

Dismissal 678 - *Take my life and let it be*

### People helping in the service today.

**Sides people** Jim Cozens, Maureen Christensen.

**Lesson Reader** Marion Chiswell.

**Gospel Reader** Jack Weir.

**Server** Patrick Jackson.

**Intercessor** Pam Martin.

**Chalice bearers** Megan Bowden, Mary Griffiths.

### Worship at 8.00am

It has been suggested that we should use the NZ Prayer Book at 8.00am, at least occasionally. With that in mind, for the month of July we will use the service beginning on page 404. That will be more effective than, say, once a month. At the end of the month we can decide on its future use. Nothing is 'set in concrete' and it will be over to the parish and the new vicar to make a longer-term arrangement. A transitional ministry can be a useful time for trying things out.

<b>Tuesday 30</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30–12.00. Friendship, sharing, morning tea. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	10am Holy Communion and healing with oil. Morning tea.
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Mainly Music 10am. Music and fun for pre schoolers.
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Refugee Sunday. Services at 8am and 9.30am.

### **This Week**

## **Prayers of the Church**

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church.

We pray for this parish, its clergy and lay leaders, giving thanks for those who have gone before us.

We pray for Ross and Jim, our bishops, and for the Anglican schools (King's College, King's School, Diocesan School for Girls, and Dilworth School) and Kristin School.

We pray for churches dedicated to St Peter and St Paul, especially our neighbour, St Peter's, Takapuna. We pray also for the local Roman Catholic parish, its priest and people. In the Anglican Communion we pray for the Diocese of Osaka in Japan.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and friends and upon the communities in which we share. We pray for those living in Aberdeen Rd, Beach Rd, Bevyn St, Braemar Rd.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on those who yearn to hear the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing. We pray for Robin Norris, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda and Jack Hutchinson

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PROBABLY THE GREATEST

St Peter and St Paul were undoubtedly the greatest of the saints in the early church. They are also commemorated separately on other days: Peter for his confession of Jesus as Messiah (February 22) and Paul for his conversion (January 25). We remember them together on June 29 because of their martyrdom in about 64AD.

Tradition tells us that they both perished at the hands of Nero who found the Church a convenient scapegoat for problems in the city. Christians were useful targets for scorn. It is said that Peter was crucified with his head downwards and that Paul was executed by the sword, being a Roman citizen. The places where they were buried became shrines to which pilgrims visited. St Peter's in the Vatican is associated with Peter and St Paul's, outside the walls of Rome, with Paul. Both in their own ways expended themselves in the mission of the Church, which extended from Jerusalem to the major cities around the Mediterranean by the middle of the 1st century. Others were involved in the preaching of the gospel, but Peter and Paul dominate the Acts of the Apostles. Both reached Rome: Paul as a prisoner of the Roman authorities. We know nothing of Peter's work in Rome but Luke tells us that he lived there for two whole years.

The great cathedral at Dogura in Papua New Guinea is dedicated to SS Peter and Paul. In the heart of New Zealand's tourist industry, the churches in Queenstown and Arrowtown are dedicated to St Peter and St Paul respectively. Even closer to home, we at St Paul's, Milford can relate to St Peter's, Takapuna, as it was our mother church until we became a separate parish in 1971. We have exchanged messages to recognise this historical association.

### A SERIES OF SPECIAL SUNDAYS

June and July have a number of 'special' Sundays. They help to lift our spirits and raise our consciousness. Throughout July we will observe Refugee Sunday, Sea Sunday, Bible Sunday (on July 19) and Social Service Sunday. **Sea Sunday** (July 12) will be a celebration of the sea with lots of nautical music and reflections on the sea, on seafarers and on ships. If you have some nautical items suitable for display and decoration (a small anchor? some nets?) we'd like to hear about it. Just mention to Noel or Mary in the office. **Refugee Sunday** (July 5) is less an opportunity for celebration than for reflection and action. The world is in the midst of the biggest refugee crisis ever. **Social Service Sunday** (July 26) will give us an opportunity to help the City Mission's One Can-Two Can appeal. Details in the monthly magazine due out soon.

