

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

Sunday 26th July 2015
Social Services Sunday

This is a toucan, an exotic bird found in Central and South America



But so is this (these) - One Can: Two Can. Much more useful today!



Today we support the work of the Auckland City Mission

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TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP

Sentence: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Amos 5:24

Collect:

God of compassion, you thirst for justice; give to all who follow Christ the vision of your kingdom and the gifts of your Spirit to work for its coming; through the one who alone satisfies all our thirst, Jesus Christ the Saviour.

Amen.

Readings (at both services)

Lesson The Book of the prophet Micah, ch.6, verses 8-12

Psalm 72:1-7 (NZPB page 277)

Epistle The Epistle of St James, ch.2, verses 14-17

Gospel The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew ch.25: verses 31-45

Sentence after Communion

Jesus said, 'I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you'.
John 13:15

Today's Hymns

Introit	619	Brother, sister let me serve you
Gradual	[631	When the church of Jesus]
Offertory		When I needed a neighbour
Dismissal	668	Jesus calls us in the tumult

SUPPORT OUR WINTER WARRIORS

The Auckland City Mission's team of Winter Warriors are working hard this season to provide vital services to people living in desperate need, but they need your help! This winter, we'll be:

Fighting hunger with 2,250 emergency food parcels

Fighting hypothermia by providing hundreds of items of warm clothing

Fighting illness by administering 500 free flu shots

Fighting loneliness by serving 53,000 hot drinks

We can only do this with your help. Support our Winter Warriors today by making a donation now.

Here's how your gift can make a difference:

\$20 provides 100 hot drinks at our Homeless Community Centre.

\$50 pays for emergency food for two people for four days.

\$100 pays for four activity sessions, enabling homeless people to participate and learn new skills.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION click

<http://www.aucklandcitymission.org.nz/>

PRAYERS FOR USE ON SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, look with tender mercy upon the multitudes of our day who bear the indignities of injustice everywhere.

Lord, lead us to help others who need our help.

Lord Jesus, raise up leaders in every land dedicated to your standards of order, equity, and justice.

Lord grant holy wisdom to those in positions of responsibility and leadership.

Grant unto us, Lord Jesus, the grace to be worthy members of your Kingdom.

Lord help us to work unceasingly to fulfil our vocation in meeting the needs of your Church and our community.

Lord, sharpen our minds to pierce the pettiness of prejudice; to perceive the beauty of true humanity

Lord help us to recognise and respond to the signs of your calling.

Lord, guide our hearts and minds so that we have a meaningful understanding of the needs of others.

Lord help us to hunger and thirst after justice always. Amen

TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember:

The sick, especially Robin Norris, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda and Jack Hutchinson

Our community, especially those living in Rahopara Street, Seaview Road, Taumata Road.

Our Church, especially for the Vestry meeting on Tuesday, for the Nominators. For Ross and Jim, our Bishops, and for the mission districts of Northern Wairoa, Paparoa and Mangawhai.

On this Social Services Sunday, we pray for all Anglican Social Services and especially the Auckland City Mission, Selwyn Foundation, the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, for the Seasons programme, for food banks and other ways of helping people in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

This Week

Tuesday 28	Selwyn Centre 9.30-12.00. Fun, friendship, activities and morning tea. Cost \$3.00. 7.00pm Vestry meeting at Mary's.
Wednesday 29	10am Holy Communion. Morning tea.
Thursday 30	10am Mainly Music. Music and fun for preschoolers and their care givers \$3.00 per family.

Next Sunday

2 August, the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (at both services):

Exodus 1: 2-4, 9-15

[Ephesians 4: 1-16]

John 6: 24-35

A Retreat: Open the Doors to Prayer

The Parish of Takapuna is arranging a one-day retreat at Vaughan Park on Saturday 29 August. They have invited us to take part.

This will be an excellent introduction to prayer - helping to choose the best method(s) of prayer for you. More on this later but refer to the white-board at the back of the church.

THE CITY MISSION AND ITS FOUNDER

The Auckland City Mission, established in 1920 under the dynamic leadership of the Reverend Jasper Calder, quickly became one of the most significant providers of charitable aid in Auckland. Today it still is. It was originally conceived as a religious enterprise to spread the word of God amongst the poor and working class of Auckland. However the imprint of Calder, the first City Missioner, who saw the church as a social as well as an evangelistic entity, was strong. The coincidence of his tenure with the depression years made clear the overwhelming need for social assistance rather than spiritual guidance. While "winning souls for Christ" was still on the agenda, so was engaging in social work for the welfare and benefit of youth; meeting the physical needs of sick, aged and poor persons; and

generally promoting the welfare of the needy and relieving distress. Over time the Mission has changed from being seen as 'the City Mission of the Anglican Church' to 'Auckland's City Mission', supported by church congregations and secular organisations alike to provide needed social and health services.