

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

**Sunday 13 September 2015**  
**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Today**

8.00 NZ Prayer Book, p.404

9.30 NZ Prayer Book, p.476

**TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP**

**Sentence:** Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

**Collect:**

O God of mercy, help us to forgive as you have forgiven us, to trust you, even when hope is failing, and to take up our cross daily and follow you in your redeeming work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Readings**

**Lesson** The Book of the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 50, verses 4-9a  
(*read like a psalm by the congregation*)

**Epistle** The Letter of St James, Chapter 3, verses 1-12

**Gospel** The Holy Gospel according to St Mark, Chapter 8, verses 27-38

**Post-Communion:**

If you want to become one of my followers, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me.

**Today's Hymns**

Introit	90	O worship the King (omit vv.3,4)
Gradual	[645]	Take up your cross
Offertory	670	Lord Jesus Christ
Dismissal	676	O Jesus I have promised

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## **The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea**

*On 2 September each year our Church remembers those who died while serving as missionaries in Papua New Guinea in 1941. Their story relates very closely to today's gospel and so we pause to think about the courage shown by those men and women.*

Anglican missionaries arrived in New Guinea in 1891 with the backing of the Anglican Church in Australia. This followed Australian involvement in the administration of the south-east region of New Guinea.

In 1941 the Church there celebrated its jubilee. The war had so far had little impact on the area, and co-operation between all the missions, including German Lutherans in the north-east, continued unabated. The Japanese brought the war to Papua New Guinea in January 1942. Most Europeans were evacuated to Australia, but both the Roman Catholic bishop, Alain de Boismieu, and the Anglican bishop, Philip Strong, encouraged their staffs to remain. Bishop Strong, expressing the general feeling amongst the staff, said in a broadcast: 'We would never hold up our faces again, if, for our own safety, we all forsook him and fled when the shadows of the passion began to gather round him in his spiritual body, the church in Papua.' Most missionaries remained at their posts, avoiding the invading Japanese as best they could. A number survived the war but, in all, 272 Christians died during the war in Papua New Guinea including a number of Anglicans. They died in various incidents: May Hayman, a nurse, and Mavis Parkinson, a teacher, were executed at Ururu; Henry Matthews, a priest, and Leslie Gariadi, a Papuan teacher and evangelist, were killed at sea; John Barge and Bernard Moore, priests, died in New Britain. The largest group of martyrs was a group beheaded on the beach at Buna. This group included an English priest, Vivian Redlich, who had been on sick leave at Dogura when the Japanese invasion began. He insisted on returning to his base at Sangara. Although the Japanese were coming to destroy the mission station, he celebrated a final Sunday Eucharist with his people before moving off into the jungle. He and others were eventually captured and executed. They included Margery Brenchley, a nurse; Lilla Lashmar, a teacher; John Duffil, a builder; Henry Holland, a priest; and Lucian Tapiedi, a Papuan teacher.

The decision of the missionaries to stay was criticised in some circles, but after the war it was the missions whose staff remained who were welcomed back by the people of Papua New Guinea.

**Today we pray:**

Blessed are you eternal God, **to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church, and especially for others in this community who follow Christ.

**May we all be one that the world may believe.**

We pray for the Church, especially for Grant Robertson, our Vicar-elect; and for Ross and Jim, our bishops. Within the Diocese we pray for the Parishes of Howick and Pakuranga and for the Buckland Beach Co-operating Parish, and for the Seasons programme operating throughout the Diocese.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,

**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

We remember those who have died. We pray for Hilda Hutchinson as she mourns the loss of her husband Jack.

**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

We praise you for your saints, especially the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, and for all who have entered your eternal glory, **may we also come to share your heavenly kingdom. All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific, give to our God your thanks and praise.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble, and especially for Robin Norris, Robyn Lynch, Briar Garraway, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda Hutchinson.

**In your presence may they find strength.**

Look with your kindness on our homes and families and especially for those living in Quebec Road, Raines Avenue, Regal Place, Regent Street.

**Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Make us alive to the needs of our world community, and especially for all refugees, for those from Syria who will be settled in our nation.

**Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world,

**Guide us and all people in the ways of justice and peace.**

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

**Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

We pray in silence for our own needs ...

**Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's name; we pray that what we have asked for by faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## REFUGEE CRISIS

You will be hearing more about the churches' response to the crisis. The Anglican and Roman Catholic Archbishops wrote to the Prime Minister just a few days before the announcement was made about NZ accepting refugees. The Diocesan Synod resolved to press for an increase and called upon parishes to consider how they might be involved in supporting refugees. Christian World Service (CWS) has opened an appeal and we share the details they have given:

*“I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” Matthew 25:35.*

It has been wonderful to see New Zealand churches responding to the tragic situation facing refugees. There have been heart breaking images and stories in our media of people fleeing war and danger. Attention has focused on what is happening in Europe where more than 300,000 people have risked their lives crossing the Mediterranean Sea or travelled overland with the help of people smugglers.

There are many more refugees closer to Syria. Turkey is sheltering close to 2 million, Lebanon 1.1 million, Jordan 630,000 plus more in Iraq, Egypt and northern Africa. Most are living below the poverty line and are find it difficult to cope, especially with insufficient support from United Nations agencies. Intensified fighting in Syria and the difficult living conditions in the region are pushing more refugees to seek the fortune in Europe.

We are asking you to help us again. Our partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees is working with refugees in Jordan and Lebanon. With great compassion they are helping refugees and are working hard to build good relationships between very vulnerable people – Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian. They are distributing food, water, hygiene kits, healthcare and skills training as well as running programmes for children.

You can keep up to date with news and download an appeal leaflet.

Training and mobilising leaders from within the refugee community have been critical to the success of their work. They will stay until the work is done. Within Syria, ACT (Action by Churches Together) Alliance members are distributing what food and supplies they have where they are able. More funds are needed now to help people who have nothing left.

The tremendous support for Syrian refugees and the campaign to increase the refugee quota is a reminder that New Zealanders are compassionate and prepared to meet our responsibility to refugees under international law. Internationally churches are providing compassionate support to refugees and migrants in their countries. Together we want to help as many people as we can. Please support efforts in your community and our Syria Appeal. Please keep the refugees, those providing help and those who can bring an end to the war in your prayers.

Thank you.

In peace

Pauline McKay

National Director

**<http://cws.org.nz/what-can-i-do/emergencies/syria-appeal>**

### **Isaiah 50:4-9a** (to be recited like a psalm)

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher,  
**that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.**

Morning by morning he wakens—

**wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.**

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,  
**I did not turn backward.**

I gave my back to those who struck me,  
**and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;**

**I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.**

The Lord GOD helps me; **therefore I have not been disgraced;**  
therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to  
shame; **he who vindicates me is near.**

Who will contend with me? **Let us stand up together.**

Who are my adversaries? **Let them confront me.**

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; **who will declare me guilty?**

All of them will wear out like a garment; **the moth will eat them up.**

### **James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

## Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

## This Week

<b>Tuesday 15</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Join in good conversation, excellent morning teas, games. Cost \$3.00.
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 17</b>	10.00am Mainly Music. Cost \$3.00 per family.

## Next Sunday, 20 September

is the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Services at 8.00 and 9.30, both using the NZPB.

**Readings:** Wisdom of Solomon 1:16 - 2:1, 12-22; James 3:13 - 4:3,7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

**Food Basket** Please remember to bring food each Sunday for the City Mission. They have an endless demand for food and every item helps.

**Oranges** Jim would still like some oranges if you have any to spare

## INSTITUTION OF NEW VICAR

Word has just come through that the Institution and Induction of our new Vicar, the Revd Grant Robertson, will take place at St Paul's on Wednesday 2 December at 7.30pm. Please mark in your diary now!