

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

**Sunday 25 October 2015**  
**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**TODAY'S SERVICES**

8.00: NZ Prayer Book, p.404: *Thanksgiving of the People of God*

9.30: NZ Prayer Book, p.476: *Thanksgiving of the People of God* with Baptism

**TODAY IN OUR WORSHIP**

**Sentence:** The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;  
and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads. *Isaiah 51:11*

**Collect:**

O God, you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing, and in your Son you have given us a High Priest who has offered the true sacrifice for us and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness: hear the cry of your people and lead us home to our true country, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**Readings:**

**Lesson** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**Epistle** Hebrews 7:23-28

**Gospel** Mark 10:46-52

**Post-Communion:** Go, your faith has made you well. Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. *Mark 10:52*

**Today's Hymns**

<b>Introit</b>	634	Will you come and follow me
<b>Gradual (9.30)</b>	205	The King of love my shepherd is
<b>Offertory</b>	601	Lift high the cross (omit vv 3,4)
<b>Dismissal</b>	287	Firmly I believe and truly

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**Jeremiah 31:7-9**

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labour, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

### **Hebrews 7:23-28**

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

### **Mark 10:46-52**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our beautiful set of stations of the cross pictures have now been framed and are on display in the church. We have had them for some time but it seemed right to protect them, by having them framed in this way. Some churches keep them on display throughout the year, others only during Passiontide, others somewhere in between. The *Stations of the Cross*, sometimes referred to as the *Way of the Cross*, the *Via Dolorosa* (*Way of Sorrows*) or, simply, *The Way* refers to a series of images depicting [Jesus Christ](#) on the day of [his crucifixion](#) and also to the [prayers](#) Christians say when contemplating those images. There are often 14 images (but we have 16) which are arranged in numbered order around the [nave](#). The faithful travel from image to image, in order, stopping at each "station" to say the selected prayers and reflections. This is done individually or in groups especially on Good Friday. The style and form of the stations can vary widely and often reflect the artistic sensibility and spirituality of the time, place and culture of their creation. In Jerusalem, the [Via Dolorosa](#) is believed to be the actual path that Jesus walked, and the stations there, the actual places the events occurred. The tradition of moving around the Stations to commemorate the [Passion of Christ](#) began with [St. Francis of Assisi](#) and so it was fitting (and quite unintentional!) that we should have had them on display when we celebrated his life last Sunday, even though we were a fortnight late in doing so.

## LABOUR DAY

Tomorrow is a public holiday commemorating the struggle for an 8-hour working day. New Zealand workers were among the first in the world to claim this right when, in 1840, the carpenter [Samuel Parnell](#) won an 8-hour day in Wellington. Labour Day was first celebrated in 1890, when several thousand trade union members and supporters attended parades in the main centres. Government employees were given the day off to attend the parades and many businesses closed for at least part of the day. Now it is just another holiday. The Liberal Government's industrial conciliation and arbitration system, introduced in 1894, earned New Zealand a reputation of being a 'working man's paradise' and a 'country without strikes'. Today in our prayers we remember all people in the work force. We pray for industrial safety and note with shame the number of workplace accidents that still occur. We pray for good working relationships. Our recent diocesan synod took a strong stand against 'zero hours' contracts and so today is a good opportunity for us to affirm the dignity of human labour. We pray for those who endure poor working conditions and pay rates well below the required minimum.

## **TODAY IN OUR PRAYERS:**

### ***We pray in particular for***

The Church in this Parish and for Grant Robertson, our Vicar-elect.

The Diocese, especially for Ross and Jim, our Bishops.

The ministry units of Kerikeri, Paihia, Russell and Waimate North

The sick, especially Robyn Lynch, Briar Garraway, Amanda, Hope, Bob, Gabriel, Hilda Hutchinson.

Vincent Richard Rice, baptised today and his family

This community and especially those living in Milford Park Place, Milford Road, Napoleon Avenue, Ocean View Road.

On this Labour weekend for all work places, for safety at work, and for good working relationships.

**TODAY WE WELCOME** Vincent Richard, son of Scott and Natasha Rice, into the fellowship of Christ's Church through the sacrament of baptism.

## **This Week**

<b>Tuesday 27</b>	Selwyn Centre 9.30 to 12.00. Cost \$3.00. Join in good conversation, friendship and fun. 7.30pm Vestry meeting.
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	10.00am Holy Communion followed by morning tea.
<b>Thursday 29</b>	Mainly Music this week.

## **NEXT SUNDAY, 1 November is All Saints Day**

Services at 8.00 (old Prayer Book) and 9.30 (NZPB).

### **Readings:**

Wisdom 3:1-9; Revelation 21:1-6a; and John 11:32-44.

## **INSTITUTION OF NEW VICAR**

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. Mark in your diary now!

Noel finishes up next Sunday but will return for the weekday services on Tuesday 3 (Park Lane) and Wednesday 4.

It's about a month before Grant arrives and so provision has been made for the Sundays in between. We are grateful that the Revd Hilary Leith, Hospital Chaplain, the Revd Cate Thorn, and the Revd Joan McIntosh will bridge the gap in various ways.